

MSC Board Meeting January 21, 2014

Call to order 7: 00 PM Dennis Vierling

Roll Call Present: Dennis Vierling, Joe Ebsen, Mark Cameron, Randy Voss, Terry Correll, Cal Munkvold, Bob Smith, Dick Bienapfl, Al Duce, Scott Davis

Amendments to the Agenda: 1) Range Owner representation on the MSC Board
2) World FITASC discussion

Officer Reports:

Present – Dennis Vierling - see new business below
Vice Present – Anna Webber - recovering from surgery
Treasurer – Joe Ebsen \$8409.06 in Checking Account
Secretary – Scott Davis – sees minutes

2013 Committee Reports:

Budget – Dick Bienapfl. Based on the preliminary MSC schedule there will be a \$4700 cash flow deficit

Circuit Shoot – Randy has lined up some sponsors. Game Unlimited has requested to host a circuit shoot this year. Randy moved and Cal seconded a motion to award Game Unlimited a circuit shoot. Motion passed. Cal will call all the clubs to see if they would want to have a circuit shoot. The requirement of the club raising \$500 in prizes was discussed. It was also discussed that the Circuit shoots need to be promoted see discussion of budget above.

Hall of Fame: no news

Raffle – Terry Correll. The already purchased guns for this year's gun raffles were destroyed in the MHHC fire. It is anticipated that they will be replaced with insurance money. Terry will handle purchasing a rifle for no more than \$750 to begin selling raffle tickets right away at a cost of \$20 per ticket as well as purchasing appropriate raffle tickets.

Website – see below

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Clays Cart Purchase – done
- 2) Gun Purchase – see above
- 3) Shoot and Circuit Point System Review – The Tournament Point Schedule for the Grand Prize (Clays Cart) and the Circuit Shoots was reviewed. Terry moved and Mark seconded to accept and implement the schedule as in the attachment. Motion carried. The importance of promoting the MSC was emphasized.
- 4) Gaming License - The Gaming License form has been obtained and will be filled out by Dennis.

New Business

- 1) Shoot Schedule – The 2014 proposed MSC shoot schedule was reviewed. Cal will call all the range owners and ask if they wish to host a circuit shoot. Paper fliers of the shoot schedule will be mailed out.
- 2) Authorized Check Book Signature's – Randy moved and Bob seconded a motion for Dennis to be the second person on the checkbook. Motion carried.
- 3) Website – A bid was received from Bill Dires to build and maintain a new MSC website Terry moved and Cal seconded a motion to table the decision on the bid until next meeting. Motion passed.
- 4) Website advertising. The present website banner is available for sponsors. Dennis will take care of managing this.
- 5) Circuit Shoot schedule – see above
- 6) Promoting MSC – Dennis discussed the importance of promoting MSC tournaments and activities. Terry will provide MSC a list of MSC property that was destroyed in the MHHC fire.
- 7) Range Owner Vacancy. Discussion was held in regards to the ongoing range owner vacancy on the MSC board. Terry moved and Mark seconded for Al Duce to be on the board as a range owner rep. Motion carried with the two range owner reps present.
- 8) World FITASC- Randy Voss gave an update on the 2015 World FITASC event that will be held at Caribou. Discussion was held in regards to MSC supporting Caribou for this event.

Adjournment 9:05 PM

Next meeting will be in March

MSC Board Meeting March 11th, 7PM



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Roll Call Present:

Dennis Vierling, Anna Webber, Joe Ebsen, Al Duce, Bob Smith, Mark Cameron, Randy Voss, Terry Correll, Bob Steffens.

Reading of Minutes from January meeting, discussion about the 4,700.00 deficit. Joe Ebsen thought it was accurate. Motion to approve Minutes by Mark Cameron and second Bob Smith.

2014 committee reports:

Anna Webber, nothing at this time

Joe Ebsen, budget.

Expense for creating the shoot schedule is 342.50. Joe will send a check to Horse and Hunt for that amount.

Circuit Shoot Committee:

Bob Smith is working on Ahlmans for sponsorship.

Bob Steffen indicated Rugged Gear will give a push cart and gun rack for the golf cart

Discussion on other people who could donate products.

Bob Smith discussed shooting accessories from Pakistan

Randy Voss has a wine person that will donate.

Bob Steffens asked for additional help to find sponsors from the board. People like Fleet Farm, Gander Mountain, Northern Tool.

Al Duce will contact Fleet farm and Gander Mountain to see what they are willing to do.

Bob Steffens discussed getting products from Vexilar at maybe dealer cost.

Dennis Vierling ended saying everyone should keep working on sponsors.

HALL OF FAME;

Jim Ingvalson presented and updated list for resident high score for Minnesota State Champions. Also presented a spread sheet for all other shoots.

RAFFLE;

More discussion about Vexilar and Bob Steffens will get a price sheet from them.

Raffle continued:

Dennis asked if we should go beyond shooting and into other categories like fishing.

Consensus seemed that we should look outside of shooting products for items to have sponsored.

Bob Steffens suggested calling Clam direct for products

Bob Steffens indicated that the golf cart is purchased and done. Bob will put the sponsor stickers on the cart as product gets received.

Bob Steffens asked to pay 295.00 remaining to pay off the clays cart.

Discussion about possible getting a trailer donated for the golf cart. Sponsor would get recognition on cart, flyers, and website.

Fees to be part of the MSC:

There was discussion from the responses from several of the Club Members. The consensus was they would be willing to pay a fee into the MSC as long as it didn't exceed the NSCA Dues.

MSC does not currently have fees for clubs to be a member. Dennis asked about charging each club a fee to be part of the MSC. We are trying to elevate the MSC and the clubs have had no membership fees to this point.

This is part of creating a comprehensive website with current and ongoing content.

Randy Voss discussed an option of the fees for membership being on a schedule menu and the fees would increase for the more services provided to the club. Terry Correll agreed to charging 100.00 fee for a basic charge and higher for other levels of support.

Dennis Vierling suggested to start we set the fee at 100.00 to get it going.

Bob Steffens made a motion for a 100.00 annual fee for each club to be listed on the website. Bob Smith seconded and motion carried.

Dennis Vierling will create a letter to each club and send it to the board member to proof before it goes out. Letter will state the 100.00 membership fee and the benefits. Terry said he would create a form to send with the letter. Will include where to send the check, target fees, and any other important information.

Dennis also suggested keeping the clubs updated on what the MSC is doing.

WEBSITE;

Jerry does not want to work on the website anymore, Costs are too high and he has other priorities.

Al Duce brought up the website that Cal Munkvold found. Discussion went to using Bill Diers to do the website. He did the Website for Randy Voss and is very satisfied with the job Bill did.

Bill Diers said he can do a comprehensive website. He indicated it would not take very long to get it up and going. He also discussed doing a Facebook page.

Dennis Vierling asked for a motion to hire Bill Diers to construct a website per his contract with the MSC

Bob Smith made the motion, Bob Steffens seconded, motion carried.

GUN PURCHASE;

Terry purchased the gun and raffle tickets have been sent out to each board member.

Terry also needs to purchase 2 more shotguns to replace those lost in the fire. Terry indicated that the insurance company will reimburse the MSC for the guns and then the MSC will need to reimburse Horse and Hunt.

Dennis indicated that the gambling license was approved.

2015 SHOOT DISCUSSION ON CIRCUIT SHOTS;

Bob Steffens discussed that each club should get a chance to get a shoot on an equal basis. Randy Foss suggested each club should get 1 circuit shoot offered to them. The number of total circuit shoots we have for 2015 would depend on each club electing to have a circuit shoot or not.

Motions were made for 2015 that each club will get one circuit shoot offered to them to accept or not. The total number of circuit shoots for 2015 will depend on how many clubs agree to hold a shoot. Motion seconded and passed.

Anna Webber brought up that the MSC has one piece of information it puts out and that is the shoot schedule. Anna noted that the MSC has no budget for this set aside.

COMMITTEE PLANNING IN ADVANCE;

Dennis said we need to plan well in advance. State Shoot Flyers need to get advertised well ahead to get the best results for the shoot.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION;

Dennis suggested a meeting between the clubs and the MSC to discuss how to promote the MSC better. Randy suggested January is a good time to meet.

STATESMALL GAUGE SHOOT:

Discussion on reassigning the State Small Bore shoot.

Dennis will call Nate to confirm he does not want to still keep the shoot and change the date to a better time.

Randy Voss made a motion to change the State Small bore shoot to South St Paul and keep the date of the shoot on the original April 5-6 dates.

An email vote will be sent out after discussion with Nate and dates are confirmed.

Jim Ingvalson handed out a draft of the State Sporting Clays Shoot to be held at Caribou Gun Club. Discussion about the number of events and overall schedule.

Dennis asked when the next meeting should be held. Consensus was in May. Any other business between then could be done via email.

Adjourned: 9:25 approx.

Next Meeting May 2014, date set by Dennis.

Minutes of the October 10, 2014 MSC Board of Directors Meeting
Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club 7:00 PM

President Dennis Vierling called the meeting to order at 7:06

Roll Call: Dennis Vierling, Anna Webber, Al Duce, Terry Correll, Bob Smith, Bob Steffan, Gary Borchardt, Randy Voss, Cal Munkvold, Greg Grazzini
Guests: Jack Webber, Bill Diers, Ann Osborne, Jim Ingvalson

Minutes of the previous meeting were submitted. Bob Smith moved and Anna seconded to accept minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

President: See below agenda

Vice President:

Member votes from the State shoot indicate members want both Facebook and discussion boards. Anna to pursue a discussion board to be linked to the MSC website.

Treasurer - Not present

Secretary – Not Present

2014 Committee Reports

Budget: See financial report – Agenda item #3

Circuit Shoot:

Bob Smith suggests we send Circuit shoot sponsors thank- you letters. Greg will draft and send to board for review.

Hall of Fame – See agenda item #9

Gun Raffle:

Terry declines to handle the raffle tickets this year. Anna will do it this year.

Gun Purchase Update:

We will purchase 5 guns this year, we have a rifle from last year. CZ has a buy 2 get 1 free program, we need to get form for this from Randy Voss.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1) State Medals :

Shooters are still owed medals from the State Small Gauge event at SSP.

MSC needs to order more gold medals. Quote obtained from Blue Ribbon Awards in Chippewa, WI is for \$5.00 per medal when 100 are ordered. These are cast medals not struck medals. Previous medals were struck, Terry will obtain a prototype of the cast medals for the board to review.

VOTE: Board votes to keep current medal design for next year.

2) Website: Presented by Bill Diers

Bill submitted the website analytics and a record of his hours spent.

Greg suggests an email blast on Monday for the upcoming weekends' events.

3) Financial Report: Presented by Dick & Joe

Dick submitted the current bank ledger for review.

SSP and possibly Game Unlimited still owe MSC money from 2014 events.

Guns and Medals for 2015 will be purchased from the 2015 budget, not the previous years' budget as had been done in the past.

MHHC needs to be reimbursed for guns purchased before the fire.

Cal suggests Yes for MN as a program for MSC to consider as a way to support youth shooters. Cal to send a proposal to the board for review.

4) Officer elections: Results

2015 President – Anna Webber

2015 Vice President – Greg Grazzini

2015 Secretary – Al Duce

5) Changes in programs for 2015:

Sponsorship levels were discussed as follows. \$2000. = Bronze, \$3000. = Silver, \$4000. = Gold, \$5000. = Platinum. Gary and Cal to propose a sponsorship package and will send out for review in 1 month.

A proposal is made to purchase the Clays Cart as raffle item with 300 \$20. Tickets to be sold.

VOTE: Board votes to implement the Clays Cart proposal. Cal motions, Bob S. seconds.

6) 2016 Shooting Bids:

State Sporting – Caribou

State 5-Stand – SSP

State FITASC – MHHC

VOTE: Board votes to grant these bids. Cal motions, Terry seconds.

7) Combining State Shoots:

Denny proposes we hold only 3 State Shoots in 2016 (Sporting, 5-Stand & FITASC). Clubs hosting one of the 3 State events will have the discretion of holding the Small Gauge and/or Super Sporting events concurrent with the Main State event, MSC will sponsor these events.

VOTE: Board votes to implement the above proposal. Cal motions, Bob seconds.

8) Circuit Shoot Numbers:

Denny proposes to reduce the number of Circuit Shoots from 11 to 4.

VOTE: Board votes to implement the above the above proposal. Anna motions, Greg seconds.

9) Hall of Fame:

Denny submitted a proposed revision for the Hall of Fame criteria. Discussion ensued. Further discussion to follow.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Webber

Minutes of the December 2nd, 2014 MSC Board of directors Meeting
Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club 7:00 PM

President Dennis Vierling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Bob Smith, Bob Steffens, Al Duce, Dennis Vierling, Anna Webber, Mark Cameron,
Randy Voss, Gary Borchardt, Gregg Grazzini, Randy Travalia

Guests: Curt Halbakken, Jim Ingvalson, Dick Bienapfl

Minutes of the previous meeting were submitted, Motion to approve by Al Duce, 2nd Bob Smith.
Motion carried.

Proposed agenda changes: Dennis Vierling proposed by law changes. Notice requirements
were discussed and quorum requirements according to the bylaws need 9 people.
Several changes were discussed. **See change recommendations under New
Business**

Officer Reports:

President: Dennis expressed thanks and appreciation to board members for their help and
support while he was President of the MSC.

Vice President: Anna Webber, no report

Treasurer: Joe Ebsen, not present

Secretary: Scott Davis, not present

Committee Reports:

Budget:

Dick Bienapfl reviewed the budget for 2014 and presented the budget for 2015. Discussion that
Dick felt some of his income assumptions, for next year, could be conservative because of the
Grand Prix and World Fitasc events being held at Caribou.

Randy Travalia discussed issues with fees for the World FITASC. Fees should be expected for
the side events.

SSP has not sent in shoot money for Halloween 2014 shoot at this point.

Suggestion was made to spend excess dollars down, before the end of the year, to show a
break even. Amount to be determined, but was about \$800.00.

ACTION: Dennis Vierling will contact Terry Correll to purchase a gun.

Al Duce will contact SSP to send in the Halloween 2014 shoot money.

Budget for 2015 was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports continued:

Circuit Shoot:

Discussion, should the shoots be at larger or smaller shoots. Decision was made to hold at larger events. A total of 4 circuit shoots will be awarded.

Decision was made to have SSP St Patty Day, Northwoods 200, Wild Marsh Dixie cup, and Shooters state Super Sport be circuit shoot events, 4 total.

ACTION: Need to confirm with each club and dates they want to use as a circuit shoot.

Jim Ingvalson will contact Northwoods, Al Duce will contact SSP, Anna Webber will contact Shooters, and Gary Borchardt will contact Wild Marsh.

Motion made by Dick Bienapfl to approve circuit shoot suggestions based on Club accepting and providing the \$500.00 sponsorship. 2nd Mark Cameron,

Vote: passed Unanimously

Anna Webber confirmed that Dominic Giulliani from Palm Bay International will sponsor and provide wine and liquor to all 4 circuit shoots and the State Shoot.

Dennis Vierling also asked that other sponsors be contacted to make the circuit shoot event as successful as possible.

Hall of Fame:

Discussion and recommendation to table to the next meeting.

ACTION: Motion was made to table discussion to the next meeting by Gary Borchardt, 2nd by Anna Webber.

Vote: passed.

Gun Raffle:

No report

GOLF CART:

Gary Borchardt and Bob Steffens will work on the vehicle. Wolf Motors will do the painting and Versatile Vehicle will provide the cart. Cart will be raffled for 2015.

ACTION: Motion made to approve getting the cart by Anna Webber, and 2nd by Bob Smith

Voted: Passed

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Thank you letters for 2014 have not been sent out.

ACTION: Bob Steffens will have the letters sent out.

- 2) State Medals. Prototypes for the new medals are coming.

New Business:

By laws:

Discussion on potential bylaw changes. Key suggestions are:

- 1) No changes or posting can be made to the website without prior approval from either the sitting President or Vice President.
- 2) Discussion on not putting an actual amount for club dues or state target fees in the bylaws and having language that “the then sitting state MSC board has the right, from time to time, to access dues and fees to the members as needed”.
- 3) Current bylaws have no provision for dues and the fees are shown as .02 cents per target. New club dues are 100.00 payable by January 15th and increase on target fees to .03 cents. 1/3 cent to set aside for youth program. These actual amounts, it is recommended, should not be stated in the bylaw revisions proposed.
- 4) Proposed change, the annual MSC meeting should be held within 30 days after the state shoot.
- 5) Proposed to include language to allow electronic voting by the MSC board.
- 6) Propose change in the current quorum requirements for bylaw change voting. Discussion on changing the bylaws to state “a quorum will be made from 2/3 of the total number of the then sitting board members.

ACTION: Bylaw changes need to be submitted to the secretary or Administrator 30 days before a meeting for which proposed changes shall be voted on. Each board member will then be notified 15 days prior to the meeting of exactly what the proposed changes are being submitted. These bylaw changes will be moved to the next board meeting with 15 days prior notice.

Shoot Schedule:

- 1) Discussion that the state shoot schedule needs to be in from the clubs by November 1st and should be published by the MSC by January 1st for the year.
- 2) Mark handed out the tentative schedule for the 2015 shoots. Changes to the schedule, as handed out, is the State FITASC will move dates to May 1-3. The State Super Sporting (shooters) date is still open. South St Paul would like to have the State Small Bore be part of their Summer Sizzler event August 15th.
- 3) There are a number of events not on the schedule for 2015. They are the Spring Break 100, 25yrs of Wild Marsh, GU Lienenkugel shoot, Players Cup, Crookston Fun Shoot, and the TLC Foundation at HHC.

- 4) Mark suggested this would be a great opportunity to promote the Operation Enhance 2015 program on the shoot posters at each club.
- 5) Poster layout was discussed for 2015. The current layout is fine but need to include the new logo from Scheels. Also design a separate poster specifically for the new Operation Enhance for the State shoot.

Operation Enhance 2015

Curt Halbakken presented the Operation Enhance program 3 part program on behalf of Scheels, Wolf Motors and Bob Christensen Foundation.

- 1) Wolf Motors Youth Shoot is designed to attract only non-registered NSCA youth shooters. This will be a 50 bird shoot at each Championship to coincide with Scheels and Bob Christensen Foundation events. Kids can shoot as many times as they want to. There will be \$1,000.00 in prizes for participants. Probably tee shirts and hats. Discussion was made on using the \$1,000.00 to purchase shells for the kids for one round or for the first kids that show up. Discussion on how we could have the cost to the kids be free on some basis. Curt suggested having the club make the decision on what they want to do.
Getting volunteers for each station was discussed.
Please refer to the handout for more details on the Wolf Motors Youth Shoot.
- 2) Discussion on Bob Christensen Prelim. Shoot to be reoccurring to build long term growth of shooting in Minnesota.
\$4000.00 in total prizes will be sponsored by Bob Christensen Foundation
A request for the MSC to help offset the 80.00 cost of daily trap rental. Randy Travalia asked that the MSC cover this cost.
Randy Travalia felt because of the money involved you would need adequate volunteers to man the stations. There is an issue of getting people and training. Also an issue of getting machines.
Randy T. committed to running the event the first year to see what happens, multiple days including Saturday.
Randy asked for the MSC to provide about 2,080.00 dollars for 26 trap machines.
If the MSC commits to supporting the cost of machines, he will make sure all the other needed items he would take care of like people, training, etc.
- 3) Scheels Title Sponsorship:
Scheels will bring \$5,000.00 in market value prizes. Scheels will work with the club to determine prizes. Will be cash prizes and other prizes TBD. The kick off year should make sure special emphasis is made to promote the event to make it "shock and awe". Curt discussed requirements from the MSC. This will include 1) Scheels will be to sole top name sponsor at each state shoot. Proposed logo was presented for all things dealing with the Minnesota state Championship. 2) Scheels will work directly with each

club hosting the Championship. All funds will go directly the club and not through the MSC. 3) The new logo will be used on all promotion and shoot materials. Curt discussed the picture inside the logo could change every year and a person would be awarded, on some basis, to have his or her picture in the next year.

Clarification was made by Dennis V. that this sponsorship pertains to the main Minnesota Sporting Clays Championship shoot only.

This will include focus within the MSC website as well.

While there are other sponsors for other events and even the state Championship, Scheels will be the title sponsor at the event.

Other talking points are:

MSC promote on their website.

Clubs get involved to help promote the event with posters, as an example.

Curt Halbakken wants to **proof all flyers** that are produced so there are no issues.

Scheels State Championship, Bob Christensen Prelim, and Wolf Motors will be featured by each club awarded the Championship.

Each club has their own sponsors that donate and this will be added to increase the overall prize pool. It is at the discretion of the club to add their information to the flyer.

Curt ended with a personal note that he is doing this because of how he feels about sporting clays. He started when he was young. He feels that Minnesota is underperforming as a state and that this should help grow the sport overall.

Discussion was called for with many thoughts expressed. How the MSC could put money towards promotion the overall effort. At the next MSC meeting we should discuss promoting the package with all member clubs to grow the sport.

Motion:

Dennis Vierling asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented by Curt Halbakken on the Operation Enhance 2015 program

Mark Cameron made the motion to accept, Dick Bienapfl second.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dick Bienapfl, 2nd by Gary Borchardt. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.