

**Minutes**  
**Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**February 4, 2016**

Attendees:

- John Moen
- Mark Parmeter
- Karen Parmeter
- Joe Fries
- Ray Bundy
- Dennis Moll
- Jim Ramsey
- Pat Mathis
- Ken Mompellier
- Rich Norton
- Kate Maynard
- Jim Maynard
- Tom Lightfoot
- Jim Chaput
- Jim Mues
- Fritz Lawrence
- Owen Lockwood
- Frank Rocha
- Phil Pruett

The meeting was held at the Game and Fish conference room on Northrise Blvd. and began at approximately 6:30 p.m. John Moen chaired the meeting.

John began the meeting by requesting the certification of the results of the ballots to elect one director, for the expiring term of Dennis Moll, to the Board of Directors.

Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer, made the following statement: "I certify that 17 valid votes were received for the nominee Pat Mathis. There were no write-in candidate votes received." Therefore, Pat Mathis is elected to a three year term as a director on the Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. His term will expire at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

John then read the *Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015, Business and Financial Health of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.* There was only one grammatical exception to the report made. It is therefore accepted with the grammatical revision.

The Secretary accepted the action to email the minutes of the annual meeting, that will include the annual report, to all members.

John then summarized the plans for 2016 as follows:

- Awaiting grant application approval from New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to construct skeet field 4.
- Certification by ATA of our facilities to become sanctioned to hold registered trap shoots is expected by early March.
- February 6 – Dona Ana County 4-H Fundraising Trap Shoot
  - At the time of the meeting 19 teams were expected (the most ever for a MVSS fundraising trap shoot) and numerous extra meals had been requested making the cooking of 200 green chili cheeseburgers a significant task.
  - A sign-up sheet was passed around and 14 people signed-up for various needed duties
- February 20 – Sporting Clays resumes
- March 12 - Southern New Mexico Youth Clay Target Challenge
- March 19 - Senior Olympics Trap Competition
- April 2 - Registered Sporting Clays Shoot that will be an event on the New Mexico Circuit Shoot competition
- April 3 – Dona Ana County 4-H Competition

- May 27-29 – Registered Skeet (Mesilla Valley Open)
- July 1-3 – Registered Skeet (Firecracker Open)

Items on the Calendar that have firm dates for 2016 that were not mentioned include:

- August 3 - 4-H and FFA Expo Shotgun Competition
- October 15 – Host Lions Club Trap Shoot

John then briefly discussed the master plan for the complex that included skeet field 4 and skeet field 5/5-Stand combination field with an additional storage building. He stated that someday a club house is desired but the \$200,000.00 needed is just not available at this time but it certainly will be highly desirable in the future.

A general discussion on membership and everyone doing their part at the range was entered into and it was emphasized that Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports is an all volunteer organization and everyone needs to pitch-in to help keep the range up and running.

Rich Norton then presented a donation of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of an additional Canterbury Wireless Voice Release system.

Fritz Lawrence indicated that he would make a donation to cover the purchase of another Canterbury Wireless Voice Release system.

A big thank you to Dennis Moll, whose three year term as a director expired at the meeting, was made for not only his service as director but also his service to the operation of the trap ranges.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Annual Report  
for  
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015  
Business and Financial Health  
of  
Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.**

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. was formed in August 2009, to oversee the development, operation, and maintenance of skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges at the Butterfield Shooting Range. Membership is open to any citizen of the community who can legally possess a firearm. Receipts are derived from membership dues, donations, grants, fund-raisers, and proceeds from the sale of targets. Disbursements are made for the purchase of targets, purchase and maintenance of target throwing equipment, improvements to the range grounds and buildings, and miscellaneous operating expenses. None of the organization's income will result in a benefit or advantage to private individuals.

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. operates the shotgun range under a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports (MVSS), and Picacho Gun Club. Under this agreement, MVSS is responsible for overseeing the development and operation of the shotgun range and maintaining the target throwing equipment.

The facility was opened to the public June 25, 2011 and was officially opened on October 8, 2011. The normal hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday with the hours changing somewhat during the winter months. The mission of MVSS is stated in their by-laws and articles of incorporation as:

- a. To oversee the development, operations, and maintenance of the skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges at the City of Las Cruces, Butterfield Shooting Range.
- b. To provide the opportunity for a wide cross section of people to engage in shotgun sports both competitively and recreationally.
- c. To provide area youth the opportunity to learn shotgun proficiency and gun safety.

The shotgun range is handicap accessible and contains two independent skeet fields, four independent trap fields, and one combination skeet and trap field. It also has a sporting clays range and two 5-Stand ranges which are normally set up on a once-a-

month basis. The expansion of the facility from two to four independent trap fields began in 2014 and was completed in early 2015.

The shotgun range has been developed using a combination of funding sources including capital outlay funds from the State, private funding for infrastructure and equipment, and equipment provided by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Also, many hours of volunteer labor were used in the development of the infrastructure. The City of Las Cruces has also made significant contributions to the development of the shotgun range by providing materials and labor from the Parks, Streets, and Electrical Departments to make the range what it is today.

As a measure of public shooting opportunities, the number of targets thrown has been as follows:

- 2011 – 106,375
- 2012 – 299,275
- 2013 – 285,775
- 2014 – 278,025
- 2015 – 292,400
  - Total – 1,261,850

The range has supported a number of youth programs. Since our inception, we have been working closely with the county 4-H program, hosting the Dona Ana county 4-H shotgun competition each year where about 30 4-H shooters compete for a position on the county 4-H state team. Before and after the county competition, expert shooting instructions are given to 4-H shooters who so desire.

In addition to the 4-H youth program, we have supported the High School Rodeo Association shotgun completion each of the last five years with between 15 and 20 kids participating in this competition each year. We have sponsored with the Department of Game and Fish a kids shoot free day where kids of all ages get one-on-one instruction in trap and skeet shooting. A total of 20 kids from 13 to 17 years old participated in this event. We have also helped kids prepare for competitive events such as the National Rifle Association (NRA) Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) at the state and international level.

I believe our most successful youth program has been the Annual Southern New Mexico Youth Clay Target Challenge that we sponsored jointly with NMDGF, City of Las Cruces, Armendaris Ranch, Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Chapter, White Flyer

Targets, New Mexico Quail, and Salopek Farms. This past year's event was held on February 28, 2015, where 106 kids each shot 50 trap and 50 skeet targets competitively in three different age groups. This was completely free for the kids and included targets, ammunition, lunch, and numerous medals, trophies, and plaques as awards. The participation was about the same as it was for the kids who shot competitively in 2014.

This past year was our fourth full year of being operational. The major improvements that were completed for the range this past year included adding lights to an independent skeet field, adding two more trap fields, equipping the new trap fields with new Pat Trap wobble traps, adding a wireless Canterbury voice release system to Trap Field 1, erecting two additional shade structures, and providing gun racks and scorer's chairs to the new trap fields.

In 2015 three registered skeet shoots were supported that included the New Mexico State Skeet Championship. A total of three fundraising trap shoots were also hosted that supported Dona Ana County 4-H Foundation, Las Cruces Host Lion's Club, and Cowboys for Cancer Research.

For the year, between sporting clays, 5-stand, skeet, and trap, a total of 292,400 targets were thrown. At the end of the year, there were 129 club members which is roughly a 11 percent decrease from the previous year.

A grant application for Pittman-Robertson funds to support the addition of the fourth Skeet field was submitted to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish following their grant application guidelines. While the NMDGF approved the project, as of the end of the year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife has not given their approval although their feedback on the project has been positive.

**Other accomplishments in 2015 included many volunteer hours in the following areas:**

- Raking rocks and leveling the fields
- Maintaining target throwing machines that included replacing a main spring on one skeet machine and replacing a sprague bearing on another skeet machine
- Instructing youth shooters
- Operating the range
- Offloading target pallets
- Loading target carrousel
- Sweeping and vacuuming the skeet and trap houses

- Recycling hulls
- Set up of Sporting Clays shoots
- Set up of 5-Stand shoots
- Running trap and skeet shoots
- Watering the grounds
- Mowing and edging the grounds
- Killing and pulling weeds
- Performing the administrative duties of the organization
- Many other miscellaneous items

**From an organizational point of view, the following summarizes the activities and accomplishments:**

- The annual meeting of the Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. was held on February 5, 2015
  - The Directors elected to a 3 year term were
    - Scott Gardenhire
    - John Moen
- The Officers elected by the Board were as follows
  - John Moen - President
  - Scott Gardenhire - Vice President
  - Joe Fries - Secretary/Treasurer
- Submitted Form 990-EZ informational tax return to the IRS
- Submitted annual report to NM Secretary of State
- Filed CRS-1 reports as required each month and paid Gross Receipt Taxes of \$3,331.98
- Renewed club memberships in NSSA and NSCA

- Renewed club liability insurance with Sportsman’s Insurance Agency, Inc. with City of Las Cruces and NM Department of Game and Fish as an additional insured
- Submitted quarterly Range Operational Reports to the City
- Submitted annual report to City for submittal to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish that is required for use of the Pat Trap and Beomat set of traps

**The following items were passed by the Board in 2015:**

- To submit grant application to NMDGF to construct an additional skeet field.
- To retain the current officers, who also serve as directors on the Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. They are as follows:
  - John Moen, President
  - Scott Gardenhire, Vice President
  - Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer
- Change hours of operation on April 1 and December 1 each year
- Start a Handicap Skeet League on June 3, 2015 and a Trap League on July 15
- Have League shooting limited to League shooters (i.e. no general trap or skeet shooting when range is open specifically at off hours for League shooting).
- Purchase two carports for trap fields 3 and 4.
- Life membership for Rich Norton for donation (\$2800) to purchase Canterbury wireless voice release system
- Price of 5-Stand at night will be token plus \$2

**Financial activities and financial position from January 1 to December 31, 2015**

• <b>Revenue -</b>	<b>\$84,541</b>
○ Dues -	4,395.00
○ Cash Donations -	29,318.00
○ Gross amounts derived from activities	50,828.00
• <b>Expenses -</b>	<b>\$85,739</b>
▪ Operations	10,356.00
▪ Equipment (Depreciable Property)	24,595.00
▪ Target Inventory	23,310.00



▪ Infrastructure Development	22,540.00
▪ Donations	4,938.00
• <b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses -</b>	<b>(\$1,198)</b>
• <b>Assets -</b>	<b>\$18,442</b>
○ Cash -	(2,479.00)
○ Inventory -	(3,674.00)
○ Depreciable Property -	24,595.00
• <b>Liabilities -</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Net Assets -</b>	<b>\$18,442</b>

**Financial activities and financial position from inception to end of 2015**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$395,870</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$343,077</b>
<b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$51,512</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$112,870</b>
• <b>Cash</b>	<b>\$29,529</b>
• <b>Inventories</b>	<b>\$18,620</b>
• <b>Depreciable Property</b>	<b>\$64,721</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$112,870</b>

In conclusion, I continue to believe that we should all be proud of what we have accomplished for our community.