

Minutes

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.

Annual Meeting

February 7, 2019

Attendees:

- John Moen
- Roseann Moen
- Mark Parmeter
- Karen Parmeter
- Joe Fries
- Ray Bundy
- Ron Miller
- Scott Garderhire
- Fritz Lawrence
- Phil Pruett
- Rick Richardson
- John Query
- Jim Ramsey

The meeting was held at the classroom building at Butterfield Shooting Range 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 a director, for the expiring term of Pat Mathis.

Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer, made the following statement: "I certify that 18 votes were received and were as follows: Phil Pruett 11 and Pat Mathis 7. Therefore, Phil Pruett is elected to a three year term as director on the Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. His term will expire at the Annual Meeting in 2022."

John then read the *Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018, Business and Financial Health of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.* There were no exceptions to the report made. It is therefore accepted as is.

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

Joe Fries then gave the treasurer's report stating that \$76,382.19 was the current balance of the organization's cash asset.

John then summarized the plans for 2019 as follows:

- The Southern NM Youth Clay Target Challenge is scheduled for March 2 and volunteers are needed.
- The High School Registered Trap Shoot will be held on Saturday, March 30, followed by a skeet shoot on Sunday, March 31. It is anticipated that 80 students will participate.
- Registered Skeet shoots will be held over Memorial Day weekend and 4th of July weekend.
- The Boy Scouts fundraising sporting clays shoot is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, and will be followed on Sunday by our regular monthly sporting clays shoot.
- Will work with the City and NMDGF on Skeet Field 5 funding.
- Went through the calendar for 2019 discussing the near term events.

John then conducted a general discussion as follows:

- Targets are scheduled to be delivered on February 23 at noon.
- A discussion on hours of operation and public access outside of normal hours.
- Range keys were discussed and those range officers that need the miscellaneous keys (such as side gate by classroom building) will contact Joe to get what is needed.
- A request was made to provide an explanation of what is covered by our liability insurance. Joe will provide the details at the next monthly meeting.
- Dates for night shoots will be decided at the next monthly meeting.
- A brief discussion of a potential future club house and those present thoughts on what would be desired.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

**Annual Report
for
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018
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. The mission of MVSS, as stated in their by-laws and articles of incorporation, is the following:

- 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 three independent skeet fields, four independent trap fields, and one combination skeet and trap field. It also has a sporting clays range and a 5-Stand range which are normally set up on a once-a-month basis.

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
- 2016 – 304,800
- 2017 - 306,405
- 2018 - 327,650
- Total – 2,200,705

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 competition each of the last seven years with between 15 and 20 kids participating in this competition each year. We also support on an annual basis the 4-H/FFA Expo shotgun competition. This year was the second year that we provided support for 60 kids competing in a Statewide High School Trap Competition. We have helped kids prepare for competitive events such as the National Rifle Association (NRA) Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) at the state and international level. On the other end of the age spectrum, we host the Senior Olympics shotgun competition on an annual basis.

I believe our most successful youth program has been the Annual Southern New Mexico Youth Clay Target Challenge that we sponsor jointly with NMDGF, City of Las Cruces, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife New Mexico and Turner Ranch Properties, Dallas Safari Club International - New Mexico, White Flyer Targets, New Mexico Quail, and Salopek Farms. This past year's event was held on March 3, 2018, where 86 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. This brings the total of kids served in this event over the six years it has been held to 549.

This year we also held a youth skeet camp that followed an NSSA Skeet Instructor training certification program. Twenty-two kids participated in the youth camp.

This past year was our seventh full year of being operational. The major improvements that were completed for the range this past year included adding our fourth skeet field which included a shade structure and added a shade structure to the sporting clays range. We also added an improved range safety alert system.

In 2018, three registered skeet shoots were held, that included the New Mexico State Championships, along with one registered trap shoot. A total of three fundraising trap shoots were also hosted that supported Dona Ana County 4-H Foundation, Sunrise Lion's Club, and Las Cruces Host Lion's Club. A fundraising sporting clays shoot was also hosted that supported the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Two handicapped skeet leagues and a night trap league were also managed this past year. This year also continued the monthly club handicapped skeet shoot held on the last Sunday of each month and culminating in the club championship skeet shoot in October.

For the year, between sporting clays, 5-stand, skeet, and trap, a total of 327,650 targets were thrown. This was the greatest number of targets thrown, by about 20,000, since we opened. At the end of the year, there were 120 club members, which is the same as the previous year.

A grant application for Pittman-Robertson funds to support the addition of the fifth Skeet field with an additional storage building was submitted to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish by the City of Las Cruces, following their grant application guidelines in September. While we thought that it was possible to get this project approved for 2019, it appears that it might be approved for 2020.

Other accomplishments in 2018 included many volunteer hours in the following areas:

- Maintaining target throwing machines and the target release systems
- Instructing youth shooters
- Operating the range
- Offloading target pallets
- Loading target carrousel
- Sweeping and vacuuming the skeet and trap houses
- Disposing of hulls
- Recycling cardboard from target boxes

- Set up of monthly Sporting Clays shoots
- Set up of monthly 5-Stand shoots
- Running trap and skeet shoots
- Managing skeet and trap leagues
- 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 1, 2018
 - The Directors elected to a 3 year term were
 - John Moen
 - Ron Miller
- The Officers elected by the Board were as follows
 - John Moen - President
 - Phil Pruett - 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 \$3,419.12
- 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 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 2018:

- The officers elected were as follows:
 - John Moen, President
 - Phil Pruett, Vice President
 - Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer
- Approved supporting the Boy Scouts sporting clays fundraiser
- Approved purchase of Laptop Computer
- Implementation of Animal Control Rule
- Approved purchase of equipment for an improved Range Safety System

Depreciable Property added to assets in 2018 was as follows

• Dell Laptop Computer	1,023.00
• Freezer for Classroom	216.00
• Cease Fire Safety System	3,449.00
• WW Trap Conversions	3,069.00
• Total	7,757.00

Financial activities and financial position from January 1 to December 31, 2018

• Revenue -	\$67,817
○ Dues -	4,915.00
○ Cash Donations -	8,853.00
○ Gross amounts derived from activities	54,049.00
• Expenses -	\$74,752
▪ Operations	11,552.00
▪ Equipment (Depreciable Property)	7,757.00
▪ Target Inventory	28,557.00
▪ Infrastructure Development	23,059.00
▪ Donations	3,827.00
• Excess of Revenue over Expenses -	(\$6,935)

• Assets -	\$7,014
○ Cash -	(6,935.00)
○ Inventory -	6,192.00
○ Depreciable Property -	7,757.00
• Liabilities -	0
• Net Assets -	\$7,014

Financial activities and financial position from inception to end of 2018

Revenue	\$589,927
Expenses	\$519,343
Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$70,584

Assets	\$171,584
• Cash	\$70,584
• Inventories	\$6,192
• Depreciable Property	\$94,808
Liabilities	0
Net Assets	\$171,584

In conclusion, I continue to believe that we should all be proud of what we have accomplished for our community. I want to once again thank all the volunteers at MVSS that make it possible to have such a great facility for our members and our local community. Without these dedicated individuals it would not be possible to sustain the operations of the skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges.