

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2022 / 6:28 PM / NMDGF

Attendees

-Phillip Pruett	-Jim Ramsey	-Preston Benfield	-Fritz Lawrence
-Brock Hammond	-Scott Gardenhire	-Ray Bundy	-
-Mark Parmeter	-Karen Parmeter	-Rich Robinson	-

1 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 4/7/2022.

2 Discussion

2.0 Mr. Harley Reece passed away on Monday 4/25/22. His grandson, Mr Reece Dickson, is a member of our club. Phillip has reached out to him to offer our condolences. His daughter, Ms Ginger Dickson also lives in Las Cruces. Rich said he knows of her and will try to get her contact information.

2.1 **Construction.** The new skeet safety walls will not be painted. The skeet shooters do not have an issue with the gray cmu walls. If the walls were to be painted it would become a maintenance issue in the future.

2.2 **Financial.** Brock presented a "Statement of Financial Position" dated 5/5/22 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$69,707.53 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2022 showing a total income of \$18,735 and a total outgo of 19,013.85 which equals a deficit of \$278.85 for the current year.

2.3 Status of MVSS club tokens in Phillip's Possession.

1825

195 In from Trap 5/5/22 (Jim Ramsey)

2020 Total

2.4 **Skeet.** Our "Mesilla Valley Open" registered skeet shoot is coming up at the end of this month, May 27 through 29, 2022.

- We have enough "orange top" targets for the shoot. We will have to move the pallet of 63 from sporting clays to skeet in the first week of June.
- 1 or 2 volunteers will be needed to keep the machines stocked during the shoot.
- Water bottles in ice chests will be at each skeet field - Temporarily use new benches/gun racks from Sporting Clays. Possibly increase the gun rack capacity on the existing gun racks.
- Lunch will be provided to the shooters on Saturday and Sunday. The lunch will be handled by Irene Slugaj and Roxie.

2.4.1 The two refurbished skeet machines will be delivered by Kendall Jackson on Saturday 5/14/22. If Kendall is willing, we will send another two back with him to get refurbished.

2.4.2 Wireless remotes would be a great asset to the skeet fields. Brock said a wireless remote for one field would be approximately \$700. It would take \$2,100 to get a wireless remote for each skeet field. The brand Brock recommends is "clay delay". We will table this for now and hopefully make it happen within the next year.

2.5 Trap.

2.5.1 Last Tuesday Tyler and Woody put 20 cases of targets in Trap 1 and 20 cases of targets in Trap 2. When they get back from Raton next week they will stock the balance of the pallet.

2.5.2 Ray Bundy will reach out to Mr Jim Fowler from Silver City and see if he is willing to look at our trap machines and teach 2 or 3 of our members some tips and tricks on repairs and maintenance.

2.5.3 Registered trap shoot - Mike Smelker will try to get some registered trap shoots for us. He said that it would be easier to use "spreadsheets" vs buying the computer program for our first time. He said he would get with Rick and come up with a date for a registered shoot within the last quarter.

2.6 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand - We need 5 additional gun rack/benches for the sporting clays course. Rough estimate is \$210 each x 5 = \$1050. Phillip will purchase materials and make them. Order was placed with Mesilla Valley Metals for 4" C Purlins. Order will be picked up tomorrow. Amount due \$946.38.

2.7 Current membership list. 94 members. We would like to have the "current" membership list posted on the website. However, we want the list to show only the members name and the date of expiration.

2.8 Scott Gardenhire placed the order for the memorial plaque for John and Joe. Brock has received the plaque. We will schedule a fun shoot on October 8, 2022 at which time we will have a plaque dedication ceremony. Suggestion of activities;

- Open with Star Spangled Banner
- 10 gun salute from the 4h kids
- Speech by Rick Richardson - plaque dedication
- Skeet Shooting game with colored targets coming from the low house.
- Immediate Token award for whoever hits a flash target.
- Lunch - Green Chile Cheese Burgers

2.9 Repair entry road. The Parks and Rec Advisory Board meeting was held on 4/21/22. Phillip attended the meeting and pointed out to the Board and to the director of Parks and Rec that the entrance road was in dire need of repair. Subsequent to that meeting the director of Parks and Rec, Ms Sonya Delgado, has received permission from BLM to perform a temporary fix on the road. She advised me that Parks and Rec does not have the equipment necessary for road repairs. She submitted a requisition to the Las Cruces Public Works department. Her assistant, Mr Franco Granillo has been dealing with Public Works on our behalf. They have come out to the range and assessed the road. They advised Mr Granillo that for the short term "sweeping the entry road and filling the potholes will be the best route to take" and that the long term solution would be discussed shortly. Public Works said they had several large orders to complete then they would handle our entry road.

2.10 Facility Grounds Care

- Ray Bundy is trying his best to keep our grass alive from the P field to Trap #4. Please thank him and offer to help if you can.
- Mowing - The club agrees to compensate Tyler Smelker to keep the grounds mowed.
- We need to water the grass on Skeets fields 2 - 4 or let it die and go back to natural dirt. It was agreed to let it die. Brock said he would research some alternative ground cover.

2.11 Target Status: We have enough to last through September at our current consumption rate . We will double check inventory in May and adjust order as needed. Brock will check with our target distributor and find out the time frames involved from time of order to actual delivery.

3 Shoot Schedule

- 3.1 Skeet/Trap - Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 to 12:00
- 3.2 Skeet Club Shoot - Last Sunday of every month.
- 3.3 Trap Club Shoot - Second Sunday of month. 5/8/22 shoot moved to 5/15/22 due to Mother's Day.
- 3.4 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of every month. Next shoot 5/21/2022.
The August Sporting Clays will move from 8/20 to 8/13 due to conflict with State SC Shoot.
- 3.5 5 Stand - First Saturday of every month - 9:00 to 12:00. Next shoot 5/7/22.
- 3.6 Mesilla Valley Open Registered Skeet Shoot. May 27 - 29, 2022.
- 3.7 FireCracker Open Registered Skeet Shoot. July 8 - 10, 2022.
- 3.8 State Skeet Shoot - September 2 - 4, 2022.
- 3.9 Noons Lions club fundraiser shoot October 1, 2022.
- 3.10 John and Joe Memorial Shoot October 8, 2022.

Next month's meeting (6/2/2022) will be held at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish located at 2715 E Northrise Dr. It will commence at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm