

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

April 6, 2023 / 6:30 PM / NMDGF

Attendees

-Phillip Pruett	-Brock Hammond	-Preston Benfield	-Fritz Lawrence
-Mike Smelker	-Scott Gardenhire	-Ray Bundy	-Rich Robinson
-Rick Richardson	-Jerry Teufel	-Jim Ramsey	-
-Randy Toepfer	-Karen Parmeter	-	-

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 3/2/2023

2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** Brock presented a "Statement of Financial Position" dated 4/6/23 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$74,823 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2023 showing a total income of \$26,014 and a total outgo of \$25,069 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$945.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance** **\$15,022**

Mark Donations **\$ 3,150**

\$18,172

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

591

125 In from Skeet - Brock - 4/6/23

148 In from Trap - Jim Ramsey - 4/6/23

10 In from 5 Stand - 4/1/23

(24) Given to Eric Benfield for material costs for 1 redwood bench. He donated labor.

850

3.0 Skeet

3.1 The County 4H shoot was this past Saturday. Rick said there were 10 shotgun shooters. Each shot 2 rounds of skeet and 2 rounds of trap.

4.0 Trap

4.1 Mike Smelker will try to schedule a 2 day registered trap event for December 9th and 10th.

4.2 Mike picked up the Canterbury parts from Belen and brought them to the range. Jim Ramsey has sorted through the parts and organized them in plastic containers.

4.3 We have a request from the NMSTA to donate \$50 to help fund the ATA Life Membership for junior shooters in the championship singles event. All agreed to make a donation on behalf of MVSS. Brock will write a check and get it to Mike Smelker.

4.4 Rick said that Trap machine #1 started hanging to the left again. He is going to try a couple of things he researched online. Hopefully it works.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand will be Saturday 5/6/23.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays will be Saturday 4/15/23.

6.0 Current membership list. Last month there were 72 paid members for 2023 (includes 15 Life members). Rick will update the list prior to the next meeting.

7.0 Facility Grounds Care

7.1 The City repaired the leak and replaced the faucet at Trap Field #4 .

7.2 Fritz said there are numerous mesquites that need to be eradicated throughout the grounds. Mike said he would contact Boyd to see if he could handle our mesquite problem.

7.3 Benches - Eric Benfield made a redwood proto-type bench for us. He removed the weathered wood from one bench and replaced it with redwood. It is presently on skeet field #2. It looks great. However, his cost to do each bench would be around \$320, they would require maintenance every 2 years and their life expectancy is 8 years. We decided to go with plastic benches (similar to our picnic tables). We ordered 16 benches, including taxes and delivery for \$6,800 (\$425 per bench). They have a 50 year lifetime expectancy with no maintenance required. Delivery of benches is estimated in May.

7.4 Score Keep Chairs - After consulting with Eric Benfield, we agreed that these chairs would best be fabricated in metal. Phillip located a picture of a score keep chair and reviewed it with Ruben Garcia. Ruben quoted to fabricate 4 chairs for the amount of \$3,400 (\$850 per chair). Phillip met Ruben at Mesilla Valley Metal on 5/31/23 and purchased the metal required for \$1,100. These chairs should be done in 3-4 weeks.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Mining Lead. Brock discussed with Lee Abbott to review our options. Lee said that he believes BLM is the pivotal player because he believes the "mineral rights" belong to the land owner. Lee is going to research a little and give us a more solid answer.

8.2 Board Member Election. Only 12 votes were received during our last election. I believe we need to revise our voting method to help garner more votes from our members. Ron said he would look into the way his old club handled their voting and report back to us. Ron was not present at this meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

8.3 2023 Range Improvement - Ideas

- Shade over skeet divider walls - No action
- Gravel skeet fields 2-4 - No action
- Waterproof trap houses - No action
- Benches - See 7.3
- Score Keep Chairs - See 7.4
- New stands for 5 Stand - Randy and Phillip working on design.
- Increase parking area for big shoots. - No action

8.4 Karen Parmeter donated a nice gun safe to MVSS. We decided we could store it in the old 5 Stand con-ex for the eventual installation in our future club house. **Thank you very much Karen!**

9.0 Shoot Schedule (Always refer to the calendar on the MVSS website for the latest information.)

- 1 Skeet/Trap - Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 to 12:00
- 2 Skeet Club Shoot - Last Sunday of the month.
- 3 Trap Club Shoot - Second Sunday of the month.
- 4 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding Nov., Dec. and Jan.)
- 5 5 Stand - First Saturday of the month - 9:00 to 12:00.
- 6 MVSS Open (Skeet) - May 26-28, 2023
- 7 FireCracker Open (Skeet) - July 7-9, 2023
- 8 Senior Olympics - Trap and Skeet - 4/8/2023
- 9 Dona Ana County Fair - Trap and Skeet - July 21-22, 2023.
- 10 Mark Memorial Shoot - October 7, 2023
- 11 Lions Club Shoot - October 2023
- 12 MVSS Registered Trap Shoot - Dec 9-10, 2023

Next month's meeting will be held on 5/4/2023. The meeting 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 7:15 pm