

Team Meeting

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. and Las Cruces City Parks and Recreation

18 October 2023 / 1:30 PM / 1501 Hadley

Attendees

Phillip Pruett

Franco Granillo

Jason Browning

Ralph Martinez

Johnny Valenzuela

Discussion

1. **Shotgun Range incurred 2 break ins within one week.**
 - A. Skeet house low 5. Wood window kicked in and 15 boxes of shotgun ammo were stolen.
 - B. Skeet house low 1. Wood window removed and following items are missing; EGo battery with charger, radar gun and controller for trap field #1.
 - C. Trap field #1 - The cease fire horn and red light was taken from its mounting at the canopy. The electrical box it was housed in was torn apart and laying on the sidewalk.
 - D. Sporting Clays Range - The turbine vent on top of our battery charging container was torn off.
2. **Increase Security.**
 - A. Reinforce 5 low house windows. It was agreed that metal sliding windows would help deter break ins. Franco and Ralph said they could possibly provide the metal windows/material if MVSS could install them. Phillip will get the measurements/design to them to see how they can help.
 - B. Camera surveillance. Phillip asked if the City Parks & Rec. would be opposed to us installing a camera surveillance system. Franco said that would not be an issue. Phillip will set up an appointment with Eagle Security to get ideas and a quote. Franco said they may be able to help with the cost such as providing cameras. Phillip will share the quote with Franco to see how they can help.
 - C. Complete the West fence so it terminates/connects at the North fence. Right now vehicles can access the shotgun range by simply driving around the West fence. Approximately 2,450 feet (Phillip looked up the dimension on Google Earth after the meeting) of new fence would have to be installed. Franco thought that they could provide the material if MVSS could install it. Franco was going to discuss with Paula from BLM to make sure that have no opposition. Franco also said they might be able to add it to the current Public Works "work authorization". Franco said he would let us know.

3. Status of Entry Road

Phillip noted that the entry road has been graded and is now way better than it was. He asked if they planned to pave it. Franco was not sure because it was being handled by Public Works. Because they were stockpiling asphalt millings in the parking lot of the rifle range we all assumed that their plan was to pave the entry road.

4. Shotgun Range Clean-up

MVSS would like to clean up the lead from the shotgun trap and skeet ranges for the betterment of our environment and our shooters. The EPA issued recommendations for shooting ranges in 2003. Their guidance was to have the lead removed every 4-6 years. MVSS opened the shotgun range within Butterfield Park in 2011. Franco said he would discuss this with Paula at BLM and let us know.

5. Rumors of LCPD Range at Butterfield

Phillip said that we are hearing rumors that the LCPD is putting a range within Butterfield for their dedicated use and our worries are it will impede the shotgun range. Franco said there will be no dedicated LCPD range within Butterfield and that BLM would not allow them to do this. BLM advised the City that the land was to be used exclusively for public recreation.

6. MVSS Expansion

A. Skeet Field #5 - Phillip said that our past president, John Moen, had noted several times in our club meetings that Las Cruces City owed MVSS the construction of skeet field #5, either through a grant or some other kind of deal. Phillip noted that half of skeet field #5, the low house, was completed when we installed skeet field #4 and that all we needed was the other half, the high house side. Franco said he would review this and let us know.

B. MVSS Clubhouse - Phillip asked if there would be any opposition from BLM or the City if we built a Clubhouse. He noted that MVSS has raised approximately \$19,000 towards this goal and asked if the Parks & Rec. could match our funds or help us out in any way. Franco said there would be no opposition from BLM or the City and that they could not match funds without the Las Cruces City Council approval. He thought a better way to achieve our goal would be to secure a grant. He said that their people are great at obtaining grants and he would look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05

Phillip Pruet, President, Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc