

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

December 7, 2023 / 6:30 PM / NMDGF

Attendees

-Phillip Pruett	-Preston Benfield	-Jim Ramsey	-Vic Babin
-Brock Hammond	-Karen Parmeter	- Jerry Teufel	-
-Mike Smelker	-Scott Gardenhire	-Tom Greenling	-
-Randy Toepfer	-Ron Miller	-Fritz Lawrence	

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 11/2/2023

2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 12/7/23 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$72,672 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2023 showing a total income of \$66,216 and a total outgo of \$66,752 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of **(\$536)**.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance** **\$15,044**

Mark Donations **\$ 7,019**

\$22,063

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

1533

24 11/5/23 & 12/2/23 - 5 Stand

117 11/29/23 & 12/6/23 - Skeet - Preston

100 12/6/23 - Trap - Jimmy

1774

3.0 Skeet

3.1 Skeet instructor, Paul Gamboni, is scheduled to be here 4 days in March 2024. If you would like to schedule with him please notify Preston.

3.2 As part of our security upgrades, MVSS purchased the materials to replace the 4 skeet house windows. The new windows will be made out of metal. The materials for 4 windows were purchased on 11/29/2023 for \$412 and Phillip fabricated and installed the first window on skeet low house #1. This window works great and seems secure. It will allow our alarm company something solid on which to mount an entry sensor. Phillip will continue with the fabrication and installation of the remaining 3 windows.

3.3 On December 26th and 27th Preston is offering skeet instructions/clinic. It will be at regular cost per round. However, donations to the Bullseye 4H would greatly be appreciated.

3.4 The Bullseye 4H monthly competition with Silver City is this Sunday, 12/10/2024. They will occupy 2 skeet fields.

4.0 Trap

4.1 There is a registered trap shoot on December 16-17, 2023. Mike Smelker will be the shoot director. He has all the scorekeepers and pullers lined up. However, if you can volunteer that would be great. Trap fields #1 - 4 are reserved for this shoot. Mike will send the shoot program to all members. If you are going to shoot, please sign up as soon as possible. Fritz and Jimmy will get the traps ready on Wednesday, 12/13/23.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand will be Sunday 1/6/2024.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays will be on February 24, 2024. This was pushed back one week due to the registered trap shoot.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 88 paid members for 2023 (includes 14 Life members).

7.0 Facility Grounds Care

7.1 There are numerous mesquites that need to be eradicated throughout the grounds. Ray Bundy is going to meet a company at the range to review the mesquite problem.

7.2 On Saturday November 18, 2023 eight benches were installed on trap fields #1 - #4. Thank you very much to the volunteers. There are eight more that need to be installed on the skeet fields. Another work day will be scheduled to complete these.

7.3 MVSS Board approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower, not to exceed \$4,000. This purchase will be put off until next spring.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Rick Richardson is absent due to his ankle surgery. He did complete the MVSS Fee Schedule. It is approved with one exception. MVSS will provide scorekeepers and pullers at an additional \$5.00 per round (trap and skeet). Rick will revise the Fee Schedule and distribute to the board members.

8.2 The City Parks & Recreation agreed to purchase the alarm system components. When received, the components will be turned over to Organ Mountain Cabling and Technology LLC for installation. Their original quote to furnish and install was \$2,246.52. Now with the City kicking in, MVSS cost will be around \$1,000.

8.3 The Las Cruces Police Department plans to have a dedicated pistol range in the Northeast corner of the Butterfield Range. They would access it through our Sporting Clays parking lot. Phillip has given MVSS approval to proceed. There will be some issues to resolve. However, it should be safe and positive for all concerns.

8.4 We continually have pistol and rifle shooters entering the Trap and Skeet ranges and wanting to shoot. We believe that 99% of this problem could be handled with proper signage. Randy agreed to take this problem on and get it resolved.

8.5 Mike Smelker is working on our Clubhouse drawings. A few ideas were discussed. Mike should have some preliminary drawings to review soon.

8.6 There are 2 board members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year. Those are Rick Richardson and Mike Smelker. Nominations for these two positions are open.

- Rick Richardson nominated by Scott Gardenhire
- Mike Smelker nominated by Phillip Pruett
- Jerry Teufel nominated by Jim Ramsey
- Jason Browning nominated by Rick Richardson (via email).

All candidates accepted their nomination. Votes for board members are due on or before 2/3/2024. Members in good standing (paid membership) are eligible to cast two votes, one for each vacant position. Randy Toepfer has agreed to receive the votes and read the results in the 2/8/2024 Annual Meeting. Please forward your votes to his email address "jrtoeph@gmail.com".

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 Registered Trap Shoot - Dec 16-17, 2023
- 7 NM Clay Target Association - Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays - Jan 12-15, 2024 - **PENDING-**
- 8 MVSS Registered Trap Shoot - Feb 17-18, 2024
- 9 Noons Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 28, 2024
- 10 MVSS Founders Day Shoot - October 5, 2024

Next month's meeting will be held on 1/4/2024. 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 7:34 pm