

# Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

## Monthly Meeting

October 3, 2024 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

### Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Fritz Lawrence
*Brock Hammond	-Tom Greenling	- Scott Gardenhire
*	-Preston Benfield	-Jerry Teufel
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#### 1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 9/5/2024

#### 2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 10/3/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$84,608 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$48,607 and a total outgo of \$39,045 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$9,601.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance**     **\$28,186**

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

1,827

   14 5 Stand 9/7/24 & Sporting Clays 9/21/24.

1,841

#### 3.0 Skeet

3.1 Our next night shoot for Skeet and Trap is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024. Gates open at 5:30. Skeet is going to throw solid orange targets from skeet field 1 and 2. Trap is going to throw white targets from trap field 1 and 2..

3.2 Paul Giambrone will be at the range on March 7, 2025 through March 10, 2025 to give skeet lessons. The available slots are almost filled. Please contact Preston if you wish to schedule lessons.

3.3 The Skeet Club Final, along with awards and lunch, is scheduled for Sunday November 3, 2024.

#### 4.0 Trap

4.1 A switch needs to be replaced at trap #1. It was agreed to hold off replacing the switch until it completely failed.

4.2 Rick purchased 4 small orange cones and placed them at the trap houses.

**4.3** The Lions Club Trap Shoot was on Saturday, September 28, 2024. It was their biggest turnout with 21 teams of 5! Approximately 5,000 targets were thrown. The range was hopping and the parking lot was completely full. A successful day for the Lions Club and MVSS. Much thanks to our volunteers, Rick, Jerry, Jim, Randy, Karen, Brock and Phillip plus the NMSU shooting team and the UTEP ROTC. Phillip read Patty Kirkpatrick's email thanking MVSS.

Next year we have to better organize the volunteers. The scorekeepers/pullers were never relieved.

## **5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand**

**5.1** Next 5 Stand - 11/2/24.

**5.2** Next Sporting Clays - 10/19/24.

**6.0 Current membership list.** 91 paid members for 2024 (includes 14 Life members).

## **7.0 Facility Grounds Care**

**7.1** There are eight more benches that need to be installed on the skeet fields. Another work day will be scheduled to complete these.

**7.2** Phillip received the parts for the new zero turn mower, repaired it and delivered it to the range. The mower works great! It took less than 1.5 hours to mow the entire range. Rick brought his tractor out and we made an entrance ramp at the west conex so we could store the mower inside.

**7.3** The City sent out 2 workers from their carpenter shop to repair our doors. They claimed they were only allowed to work on one door! I had them fix the classroom south door (it was very sloppy when locked) and then they finally agreed to work on one more. They tighten the latch set on skeet #1 high house.

Because of the lack of response/help from the City with our lock problems it might be wise to replace all of our 6 brass padlocks (main gate and all trap houses) with new keyed alike padlocks and redistribute the keys. And do the same for our exterior latch sets on all the skeet houses.

**7.4** Phillip replaced Skeet high house #2 toggle switch.

## **8.0 Discussion**

**8.1** The City started clearing the brush from the new fence line today.

**8.2** We have to prepare a Master Plan for the MVSS shotgun range to help secure grants. Mike and Tyler Smelker were taking drone videos of the range a couple weeks ago. Mike will enhance our Master Plan with this drone video. Mike is currently trying to get a meeting with the City to review/approve it. No change since 9/5/24. (subsequent to the meeting, Mike informed me that the meeting is scheduled for 10/18/24)

**8.3 Website** - On August 5, 2024, Jason, Phillip and Joe Pfeiffer met at Jason's office to discuss the website.

- Jason thought it would be a good idea to have a drone video of the range and of people shooting. His contact was at the range on 8/28/24. She was going to edit the footage and go over it with Jason. 10/3/24 still pending.
- Upcoming Events - In tonight's meeting, Jason said it would be nice to have an "Upcoming Events" tab. Preston agreed and noted this would be a good place to have the phone number of the person running the event to help cut down on the confusion. It was suggested that each event should have a flier which would include the contact information. 10/3/24 still pending.

**8.4** Preston is concerned that spectators, members and nonmembers, are not wearing eye protection. It is a range rule that eye and ear protection must be worn at all times. To help reinforce and educate our members it was discussed to include on the membership form the range rules along with some liability waiver language. The subject was tabled for now and Rick said he would work on the liability waiver language. 10/3/24 still pending.

**8.5 Founders Day Shoot** - This Saturday is our Founders Day Shoot. Phillip will mc the event.

- Star Spangled Banner
- Short speech
- Remembrance of Mike Slugaj - Plaque dedication (still on order)
- Flashers in skeet field 1 & 2 along with trap fields 1 & 2. Break a flasher and receive a token. Cost, \$12 for two rounds (or 2 tokens).

**8.6** We are completely out of MVSS caps. General thought was positive. Phillip will get some quotes.

## **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 - Preston to advise dates via email
- 3 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding Nov., Dec. and Jan.)
- 4 5 Stand - First Saturday of the month - 9:00 to 12:00. October shoot canceled.
- 5 MVSS Founders Day Shoot - October 5, 2024
- 6 Night Trap & Skeet Fun Shoot -October 12, 2024
- 7 Registered Trap Shoot - October 19-20, 2024
- 8 Cowboy Church Trap Shoot - November 2, 2024
- 9 Club Skeet Shoot Final, Awards, Lunch - November 3, 2024
- 10 Bag-A-Bird Skeet Shoot - November 8 - 10, 2024
- 11 Southwest Youth Shoot - December 6,7 & 8, 2024 (expect 40 kids)
- 12 NM Clay Target Association - Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays - Jan 31- Feb 2, 2025 (expect 100 kids)
- 13 Host Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 27, 2025 (21 teams in 2024)

**Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday November 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF**

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm