Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

May 01, 2025 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett -Karen Parmeter -Scott Gardenhire -Bob Kirkpatrick

*Brock Hammond -Jim Ramsey -Fritz Lawerence

* -Preston Benfield -Tom Greenling

* -Ron Miller -

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 4/3/2025

2.0 Financial

2.1 "Statement of Financial Position" dated 5/1/25 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$91,081 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2025 showing a total income of \$38,971 and a total outgo of \$36,689 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$2,281.

2.2 Club House Fund Balance \$28,270

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

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(500) Sold to Bullseye 4H on 4/5/25

(24) Reimburse Phillip for purchase of lithium grease 4/28/25

100 Trap, Jimmy 4/16/25

19 Sporting Clays and 5 Stand 4/19/25

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3.0 Skeet

- **3.1** Remington McBee has been training his young olympic client at our skeet field #4. He threw 39 rounds last weekend. He was able to convert the machines to throw "international" skeet (faster birds). We agreed to charge him \$6.00 per 25 birds. Remington has also been working with the Bullseye 4H kids.
- 3.2 Our Mesilla Valley Open (registered skeet tournament) is scheduled for this weekend. Brock said there were only 13 shooters signed up.
- 3.3 The door knob on low 3/ high 2 broke. Phillip had to install a hasp and padlock. The padlock is keyed the same as our gate padlock. We discussed installing a hasp and padlock at all of our exterior doors. It was agreed that Phillip would order 10 more padlocks, keyed the same as the gate and trap houses, and install them at each exterior door.

4.0 Trap

- **4.1** The Quail Forever fundraiser trap shoot is scheduled for 5/10/25. Bob Kirkpatrick asked for volunteers to help pull and score. They have sold 10 teams but believe there are only enough shooters to fill 8 teams. Registration starts at 8:00 that Saturday. Phillip will play the National Anthem over the PA, give the MVSS safety briefing and then turn the mic over to the Quail Forever MC.
- **4.2** The trap houses are running low on targets. We agreed to meet at the range on 5/7/25 at 10:00 and stock the remaining two pallets of targets in the trap houses.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

- **5.1** Next 5 Stand 6/7/25
- 5.2 Next Sporting Clays 5/17/25
- **5.3** We still need to set up a practice field near SC Station #9. We will use two of the small capacity MEC's.
- **6.0 Current membership list.** 80 paid members for 2025 (includes 13 Life members). Note that all members (including life members) need to fill out the new form with the liability language.

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** Flagpole rope/pulley system broken. Jason will see if he has equipment that can lift a man approximately 40'.

8.0 Discussion

- **8.1 -No Change-** Mike Smelker to advise on the progression of our Master Plan with the City.
- 8.2 Goals for 2025
 - 1. Mine Lead. (Pending approval of our Master Plan)
 - 2. Enlarge sporting clays parking lot Relocate Station #1 Set up a practice station.
 - 3. Enlarge parking lot at skeet fields.
 - 4. Figure out a new trash disposal system at trap and skeet ranges. (Jason said he will figure something out and let us know.)
 - 5. Replace the door knobs on the skeet fields. (Completed)
- **8.3** Preston said we should limit squads from starting a round of trap or skeet after 11:15, especially if they are not going to be done by 12:00.
- **8.4** Preston said that we should be open every Wednesday through Sunday, with Saturday and Sunday being open a full day. He believes that increased hours will increase the number of birds we throw.

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.
- 5 NM 4H Seniors County Contest March 29, 2025

- 6 Senior Olympics April 19, 2025 This date is tentative.
- 7 NM Novice/Juniors County Contest April 26, 2025
- 8 Mesilla Valley Open Registered Skeet May 2-4, 2025
- 9 Quail Forever Fundraiser Trap Shoot May 10, 2005
- 10 4H District Contest May 21, 2025
- 11 FireCracker Open Registered Skeet July 11-13, 2025
- Dona Ana County Fair Shooting Events July 25-26, 2025
- 13 Host Lions Club Trap Shoot September 27, 2025 (21 teams in 2024)
- 14 Members Appreciation/Founders Day Shoot October 4, 2025
- New Mexico State Skeet Shoot October 17-19, 2025
- Bag A Bird Registered Skeet November 7-9, 2025

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday June 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm