

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

March 6, 2025 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett -Karen Parmeter -Vic Babin
 *Rick Richardson -Tom Greenling -Jerry Teufel
 *Jason Browning -Preston Benfield -Ron Miller
 *Brock Hammond -Jim Ramsey
 *Randy Toepfer

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 2/6/2025

2.0 Financial

2.1 "Statement of Financial Position" dated 3/3/25 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$69,609 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2025 showing a total income of \$15,035 and a total outgo of \$31,915 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of **(\$16,880)**.

2.2 Club House Fund Balance \$28,232

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

2550

17 5 stand 2/15/25 and 3/1/25

(920) \$4,600 Wild West Trucking invoice for last two target shipments. Woody Crawford donated to the NMSU Shotgun Team. 920 tokens given to Mike Smelker 2/23/25.

88 Skeet, Preston 2/23/25

99 Trap, Jimmy 2/26/25 (Jimmy turned in 100 tokens but one was damaged and disposed of).

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3.0 Skeet

3.1 Phillip ordered 5 new door knobs for the skeet house doors. They are supposed to be delivered 3/8/25. Phillip will try to install on 3/9/25.

3.2 Our Beomat skeet machines are getting worn out. They were used when we originally purchased them. They are breaking down and the target consistency is not good. We have not been able to find a Beomat repairman that can rebuild our machines. Our last repairman could not find the parts needed for proper rebuilds. We would like to replace 4 Beomat machines with new skeet machines. That would handle two of our four fields. We should plan to replace the 4 remaining Beomats in the next year or two.

We discussed what brand of machine we should purchase. Brock said that Albuquerque likes their new Lincoln's. Phillip noted that the Lincoln's only have a 3 year warranty and weigh in at 130lbs. Phillip said that

MVSS already owns about 20 MEC traps that are used on the sporting clay range. We have had phenomenal success with them. MEC skeet machines have a lifetime warranty and weigh in at 250lbs.

Ron Miller noted that we should make sure that whatever machines are purchased, we have to make sure that their height is compatible with our skeet windows. We definitely don't want to have to modify the window.

Brock said he would take all this into consideration and make a recommendation.

The cost to purchase 4 new machines is expected to be around \$18,000. Karen Parmeter donated \$2,000 towards this purchase. THANK YOU Karen!!

4.0 Trap

4.1 Phillip will open the trap fields this Sunday for Rick.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 4/5/25.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays - 3/15/25

5.3 We wanted to set up a practice station for sporting clays at the existing station #9. We moved two of our small containers there to house the machines and targets. Ken Hunter said he would purchase and donate to the club two new MEC clay machines and accessories to make it happen. Phillip got a quote from MEC for two new machines in the amount of \$7,524. Ken donated \$7,500 and the order was placed. The machines should be delivered in about 2-3 weeks.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 78 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'.

7.3 Faucet broke on trap field #4. Phillip has notified the City.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 **-No Change-** Mike Smelker to advise on the progression of our Master Plan with the City.

8.2 A couple weeks ago Preston requested money to rent a table at the Las Cruces Outdoor Expo on March 29-30, 2025. We would have to have the display made. Jason said he could handle that. He said that the backdrop would be designed so that it could be used at the range and be the same backdrop where pictures are taken of shoot winners. It was discussed that \$2,000 would pay for the table and cover Jason's cost for the display. Randy made a motion to allocate \$2,000. Brock seconded the motion and all board members were in favor.

8.3 Goals for 2025

1. Mine Lead.
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. (To be done 3/9/25)

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
- 12 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
- 15 New Mexico State Skeet Shoot - October 17-19, 2025
- 16 Bag A Bird - Registered Skeet - November 7-9, 2025

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday April 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm