

Minutes

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.

Annual Meeting

February 2, 2017

Attendees:

- John Moen
- Mark Parmeter
- Karen Parmeter
- Joe Fries
- Ray Bundy
- Jim Ramsey
- Pat Mathis
- Ron Miller
- Preston Benfield
- Scott Gaderhire
- Fritz Lawrence
- Scott Ramsey
- John Querry
- Ryan Hiles
- Tammy Smith
- Owen Lockwood
- Frank Rocha
- Phil Pruett
- Randy McDaniel

The meeting was held at the classroom building at Butterfield Shooting Range and began at approximately 6:30 p.m. John Moen chaired the meeting.

John began the meeting by requesting the certification of the results of the ballots to elect two directors, for the expiring terms of Joe Fries and Mark Parmeter.

Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer, made the following statement: "I certify that all votes were received were for the nominees Joe Fries and Mark Parmeter. There were no write-in candidate votes received." Therefore, Joe Fries and Mark Parmeter are elected to three year terms as directors on the Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. Their terms will expire at the Annual Meeting in 2020.

John then read the *Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016, Business and Financial Health of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.* There were no exceptions to the report made. It is therefore accepted as is.

The Secretary accepted the action to email the minutes of the annual meeting, that will include the annual report, to all members.

Joe Fries then gave the treasurer's report stating that \$64,022.99 was the current balance of the organization's cash asset.

John then summarized the plans for 2017 as follows:

- Awaiting grant application approval from New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to construct skeet field 4. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is demanding a new Environmental Assessment before they will release Pittman-Robertson funds.
- First registered ATA event at our range will be held April 29 and 30.
- The Southern NM Youth Clay Target Challenge is scheduled for March 4 and volunteers are needed.

John then conducted a general discussion as follows:

- Discussed operational problems observed with the shutdown of trap fields and skeet fields. Emphasized that everyone in charge needs to make sure that everything is shutdown properly.
- John has talked to the City Manager on the condition of the road coming into the range in an attempt to get it fixed.
- Discussed the cattle on the range problem and pointed out that it is the City's responsibility to fence out the cattle.
- Preston discussed the need for new members and support for the Scholastic Clay Target Program. It was pointed out that Michael Smelker is working to get trap shooting setup in the high schools.

- Targets are scheduled to be delivered on February 18 at noon.
- Joe read through the calendar of events coming up in the next few months. The calendar is attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

**Annual Report
for
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016
Business and Financial Health
of
Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.**

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. was formed in August 2009, to oversee the development, operation, and maintenance of skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges at the Butterfield Shooting Range. Membership is open to any citizen of the community who can legally possess a firearm. Receipts are derived from membership dues, donations, grants, fund-raisers, and proceeds from the sale of targets. Disbursements are made for the purchase of targets, purchase and maintenance of target throwing equipment, improvements to the range grounds and buildings, and miscellaneous operating expenses. None of the organization's income will result in a benefit or advantage to private individuals.

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. operates the shotgun range under a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports (MVSS), and Picacho Gun Club. Under this agreement, MVSS is responsible for overseeing the development and operation of the shotgun range and maintaining the target throwing equipment.

The facility was opened to the public June 25, 2011 and was officially opened on October 8, 2011. The normal hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday with the hours changing somewhat during the winter months. The mission of MVSS, as stated in their by-laws and articles of incorporation, is the following:

- a. To oversee the development, operations, and maintenance of the skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges at the City of Las Cruces, Butterfield Shooting Range.
- b. To provide the opportunity for a wide cross section of people to engage in shotgun sports both competitively and recreationally.
- c. To provide area youth the opportunity to learn shotgun proficiency and gun safety.

The shotgun range is handicap accessible and contains two independent skeet fields, four independent trap fields, and one combination skeet and trap field. It also has a sporting clays range and a 5-Stand range which are normally set up on a once-a-month basis.

The shotgun range has been developed using a combination of funding sources including capital outlay funds from the State, private funding for infrastructure and equipment, and

equipment provided by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Also, many hours of volunteer labor were used in the development of the infrastructure. The City of Las Cruces has also made significant contributions to the development of the shotgun range by providing materials and labor from the Parks, Streets, and Electrical Departments to make the range what it is today.

As a measure of public shooting opportunities, the number of targets thrown has been as follows:

- 2011 – 106,375
- 2012 – 299,275
- 2013 – 285,775
- 2014 – 278,025
- 2015 – 292,400
- 2016 – 304,800
 - Total – 1,566,650

The range has supported a number of youth programs. Since our inception, we have been working closely with the county 4-H program, hosting the Dona Ana county 4-H shotgun competition each year where about 30 4-H shooters compete for a position on the county 4-H state team. Before and after the county competition, expert shooting instructions are given to 4-H shooters who so desire.

In addition to the 4-H youth program, we have supported the High School Rodeo Association shotgun completion each of the last six years with between 15 and 20 kids participating in this competition each year. We also support on an annual basis the 4-H/FFA Expo shotgun competition. We have helped kids prepare for competitive events such as the National Rifle Association (NRA) Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) at the state and international level. On the other end of the age spectrum, we host the Senior Olympics shotgun competition on an annual basis.

I believe our most successful youth program has been the Annual Southern New Mexico Youth Clay Target Challenge that we sponsored jointly with NMDGF, City of Las Cruces, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife New Mexico and Turner Ranch Properties, White Flyer Targets, New Mexico Quail, and Salopek Farms. This past year's event was held on March 12, 2016, where 79 kids each shot 50 trap and 50 skeet targets competitively in three different age groups. This was completely free for the kids and included targets, ammunition, lunch, and numerous

medals, trophies, and plaques as awards. The participation was less than it was for the 106 kids who shot competitively in 2015 due to numerous conflicts with other youth activities.

This past year was our fifth full year of being operational. The major improvements that were completed for the range this past year included adding three wireless Canterbury voice release system for Trap Fields 2, 3, and 4, purchasing four additional automatic trap machines for sporting clays, installing a first class public address system, purchasing 5 small conex containers for the sporting clays range, and purchasing 4 used Beomat Skeet Machines. In addition, all five trap fields were certified to be compliant to ATA standards which enables us to hold ATA registered trap shoots. The City also placed a cardboard recycling container on the range which eliminated the transport of the cardboard target cases to in-town recycling centers by organization members. We are working with the City to obtain a recycling container on the range for the shotgun hulls.

In 2016, two registered skeet shoots were held along with one registered sporting clays shoot. A total of four fundraising trap shoots were also hosted that supported our organization, Dona Ana County 4-H Foundation, Las Cruces Host Lion's Club, and Cowboys for Cancer Research. Three handicapped skeet leagues were also managed this past year.

For the year, between sporting clays, 5-stand, skeet, and trap, a total of 304,800 targets were thrown. At the end of the year, there were 131 club members which is roughly the same as the previous year.

A grant application for Pittman-Robertson funds to support the addition of the fourth Skeet field was submitted to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish following their grant application guidelines in January 2015. While the NMDGF approved the project, as of the end of the year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife has not given their approval due to their demand for a new Environmental Assessment. We are working with the local BLM office to get that accomplished.

Other accomplishments in 2016 included many volunteer hours in the following areas:

- Raking rocks and leveling the fields
- Maintaining target throwing machines that included replacing a main spring on one skeet machine and working through numerous problems with the Pat-Traps. The problems were mostly associated with the target elevator and loose wire nuts. Also, a second brush was added to all Pat-Traps to ensure consistent doubles targets.
- Instructing youth shooters
- Operating the range
- Offloading target pallets

- Loading target carousels
- Sweeping and vacuuming the skeet and trap houses
- Recycling hulls
- Recycling cardboard from target boxes
- Set up of monthly Sporting Clays shoots
- Set up of monthly 5-Stand shoots
- Running trap and skeet shoots
- Watering the grounds
- Mowing and edging the grounds
- Killing and pulling weeds
- Performing the administrative duties of the organization
- Many other miscellaneous items

From an organizational point of view, the following summarizes the activities and accomplishments:

- The annual meeting of the Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. was held on February 4, 2016
 - The Director elected to a 3 year term was
 - Pat Mathis
- The Officers elected by the Board were as follows
 - John Moen - President
 - Pat Mathis - Vice President
 - Joe Fries - Secretary/Treasurer
- Submitted Form 990-EZ informational tax return to the IRS
- Submitted annual report to NM Secretary of State
- Filed CRS-1 reports as required each month and paid Gross Receipt Taxes of \$3,330.07

- Renewed club memberships in NSSA and NSCA
- Renewed club liability insurance with Sportsman's Insurance Agency, Inc. with City of Las Cruces and NM Department of Game and Fish as an additional insured
- Submitted quarterly Range Operational Reports to the City
- Submitted annual report to City for submittal to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish that is required for use of the Pat Trap and Beomat set of traps

The following items were passed by the Board in 2016:

- The officers elected, who also serve as directors on the Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. were as follows:
 - John Moen, President
 - Pat Mathis, Vice President
 - Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer
- Keep hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. until Noon year-round
- Purchase 4 MEC traps for sporting clays for \$8,258.00 based on receiving \$4100.00 in donations for the same.
- Accept donations from Fritz Lawrence and Rich Norton for the purchase of 2 Canterbury Voice Release systems and purchase same
- Purchase an additional Voice Release system and a spare stand with mic and transmitter
- Purchase 4 Beomat Skeet Machines from Amarillo Gun Club
- Purchase a Public Address system
- Make Rich Norton a Lifetime member
- Make Fritz Lawrence a Lifetime member
- Purchase 5 small Conex Containers for sporting clays range based on selling the trailer used for sporting clays
- Conduct night shoots on the second Friday of each month during the summer

Depreciable Properties added to assets in 2016 were as follows:

• 3 Voice Release systems plus Spare stand w/mic and transmitter	6,707.00
• PA System	2,400.00
• 4 Beomat Skeet Machines	3,000.00
• 5 Conex Containers 5ft x 8ft	3,000.00
• Tilt bases for 2 MEC Traps	225.00
• 4 MEC Traps	8,258.00
• Total	23,590.00

Depreciable Property sold in 2016:

- 2006 Cargo Vector Trailer used for sporting clays **(5,000.00)**

Financial activities and financial position from January 1 to December 31, 2016

• Revenue -	\$79,234
○ Dues -	5,890.00
○ Cash Donations -	17,676.00
○ Gross amounts derived from activities	52,668.00
○ Gain from Sale of Trailer	3,000.00
• Expenses -	\$56,862
▪ Operations	10,764.00
▪ Equipment (Depreciable Property)	23,590.00
▪ Trailer Sold Asset Value	5,000.00
▪ Target Inventory	13,329.00
▪ Infrastructure Development	0
▪ Donations	4,179.00
• Excess of Revenue over Expenses -	\$22,372
• Assets -	\$36,017
○ Cash -	30,549.00
○ Inventory -	(13,122.00)
○ Depreciable Property -	18,590.00
• Liabilities -	0
• Net Assets -	\$36,017

Financial activities and financial position from inception to end of 2016

Revenue	\$475,104
Expenses	\$399,939
Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$75,165
Assets	\$148,887
• Cash	\$60,078
• Inventories	\$5,498
• Depreciable Property	\$83,311
Liabilities	0
Net Assets	\$148,887

In conclusion, I continue to believe that we should all be proud of what we have accomplished for our community.

2017 Calendar

- *January 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Skeet League Luncheon**
- February 5 Super Bowl**
- February 17 - 19 NM Outdoor Adventure Show & Governor's Hunt Auction**
- February 18 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- February 25, 26 Sunrise Lions Gun Show**
- *March 4 all day **Southern New Mexico Youth Clay Target Challenge**
- March 11 National Archery in Schools State Tournament**
- March 18 Senior Olympics Trap and Skeet**
- March 18 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- *March 25 all day **DAC 4-H Fundraising Trap Shoot**
- *April 2 all day **DAC 4-H County Competition Shoot**
- *April 5 all day **4-H State Coordinators Training (will use combo field)**
- April 8, 9 NRA Level I Shotgun Instructors Class, Live fire on 9th**
- April 15 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- *April 29, 30 all day **Registered Trap Shoot**
- *May 13 all day **DAC 4-H Novice and Junior classroom only no shotgun shooting**
- May 20 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- *May 26, 27, 28 all day **Registered Skeet Shoot**
- June 17 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- *June 30, July 1, 2 all day **Registered Skeet Shoot**
- July 15 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- August 2 beginning at 4:00 p.m. **4-H & FFA Expo Shotgun Competition**
- August 19 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- September 16 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- *October 7 all day **TX vs NM Trap Shoot**
- *October 14 all day **Host Lions Club Trap Shoot**
- October 21 Sporting Clays Monthly Shoot**
- October 21, 22 Sunrise Lions Gun Show**

* denotes classroom required