

## Minutes

### **Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.**

#### **Annual Meeting**

**February 4, 2021**

##### Attendees:

- John Moen
- Mark Parmeter
- Joe Fries (by phone)
- Ron Miller
- Rick Richardson
- Phil Pruett

The meeting was held in the showroom of Trophy Country, with attendance restricted due to Covid, and began at 6:01 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 John Moen and Ron Miller.

Joe Fries, Secretary/Treasurer, made the following statement: "I certify that 17 votes were received and were all for John Moen and Rick Richardson, the only nominees. Therefore, John and Rick 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 2024."

John then read the highlights of the *Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020, Business and Financial Health of Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.* There were no exceptions to the report made. It is therefore accepted as is.

Joe Fries then gave the treasurer's report stating that \$76,717.73 was the current balance of the organization's cash asset as of February 4, 2021.

John then thanked Ron Miller for his service on the Board and presented him with a Board of Directors Eagle trophy.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Immediately following the general meeting a Board meeting was held.

# **Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

February 4, 2021

Board Members Present:

Joe Fries (by phone)

John Moen

Mark Parmeter

Rick Richardson

Phil Pruett

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

- Motion was made and passed unanimously to retain the current officers of John Moen as President, Phil Pruett as Vice President, and Joe Fries as Secretary/Treasurer.
- A discussion on the increasing cost of targets was brought forth.
- Motion made and passed unanimously to increase the charge per round of skeet and trap to \$5 for members and to \$6 for non-members. Increase the charge per 50 target round of sporting clays to \$20 and \$40 per 100 target round. The effective date of the change will be April 1, 2021.
- Although not part of the discussion on the charge per round of targets, the charge for sporting clays will be the same for members and non-members. Also, the charge for a 25 target round of 5-Stand will remain a token plus \$1 which means it will be \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.
- Motion was made and passed unanimously to purchase a forty foot Conex for the sporting clays range for up to \$6,000.00.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

**Annual Report  
for  
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020  
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. 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 three 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, equipment provided by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and from operational income. 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
- 2017 - 306,405
- 2018 - 327,650
- 2019 - 294,625
- 2020 - 177,150
  - Total – 2,672,480

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, with the exception of this 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 competition each of the last nine years with between 5 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 have sponsored jointly with NMDGF, City of Las Cruces, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife New Mexico and Turner Ranch Properties, Dallas Safari Club International - New Mexico, White Flyer Targets, New Mexico Quail, Sportsman's Warehouse, and Salopek Farms. This past year's event was held on March 7, 2020, where 88 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. This brings the total of kids served in this event over the eight years it has been held to 718.

This year we also held a youth skeet camp that followed an NSSA Skeet Instructor training certification program. Twenty-two kids participated in the youth camp.

This past year was our ninth full year of being operational. Although there were no infrastructure improvements made to the range this year, significant equipment improvements were made by adding four additional sporting clays traps.

In 2020, due to the Covid-19 restrictions there were no registered skeet or trap shoots. Also due to the restrictions there were no fundraising trap shoots. A fundraising sporting clays shoot that supported the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America was cancelled as well.

For the year, between sporting clays, 5-stand, skeet, and trap, a total of 177,150 targets were thrown. This was down significantly from our normal target count due to Covid-19 restrictions. At the end of the year, there were 105 club members, which is a down from 126 in the previous year.

**Other accomplishments in 2020 included many volunteer hours in the following areas:**

- Maintaining target throwing machines and the target release systems
- Instructing youth shooters
- Operating the range
- Offloading target pallets
- Loading target carousels
- Sweeping and vacuuming the skeet and trap houses
- Disposing of hulls
- Recycling cardboard from target boxes
- Setup of monthly Sporting Clays venue
- Setup of monthly 5-Stand venue
- 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:**

- Annual report prepared
- The annual meeting of the Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc. was held on February 6, 2020
  - The Directors elected to a 3 year term were
    - Joe Fries
    - Mark Parmeter
- The Officers elected by the Board were as follows
  - John Moen - President
  - Phil Pruett - 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 \$1,799.70
- 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 annual report to City for submittal to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish that is required for use of the Pat Traps and Beomat set of traps

**The following items were passed by the Board in 2020:**

- Motion was made and passed unanimously to retain the current officers of John Moen as President, Phil Pruett as Vice President, and Joe Fries as Secretary/Treasurer
- Approved purchase of four sporting clays traps and 5-Stand controller
- Motion was made and passed unanimously to ban pistol grip shotguns without shoulder stocks from use at the shotgun range

**Depreciable Property added to assets in 2020 was as follows**

• 4 MEC 300 Sporting Clays Traps w/carts and Transmitters	8,835.00
• T-8 Transmitter with 8 receivers set for Sporting Clays and 5-Stand	1,400.00
• <b>Total</b>	<b>10,235.00</b>

**Depreciable Property sold in 2020:**

• 6 Lincoln Traps	(1,200.00)
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**Financial activities and financial position from January 1 to December 31, 2020**

• <b>Revenue -</b>	<b>\$44,116</b>
○ Dues -	3,865.00
○ Cash Donations for Sporting Clays Equipment	6,000.00
○ Cash Donations for Youth Shoot	1,250.00
○ NMDGF Grant for Youth Shoot	2,000.00
○ NSSA Grant for Skeet Camp	750.00
○ Allocation from NMSTA	965.00
○ Gross amounts derived from activities	28,086.00
○ Gain from sale of 6 Lincoln Traps	1,200.00
• <b>Expenses -</b>	<b>\$38,683</b>
○ Operations	9,601.00
○ Equipment (Depreciable Property)	10,235.00
○ Target Inventory	11,576.00
○ Infrastructure Development	0.00
○ Donations	7,271.00
• <b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses -</b>	<b>\$5,433</b>
• <b>Assets -</b>	<b>\$17,730</b>
○ Cash -	5,433.00
○ Inventory -	18,660.00

○ Inventory at Start of Year	(15,398.00)
○ Depreciable Property -	10,235.00
○ Depreciable Property Sold -	(1,200.00)
○ Liabilities -	0
<b>• Net Assets -</b>	<b>\$17,730</b>

**Financial activities and financial position from inception to end of 2020**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$698,267</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$625,557</b>
<b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$72,710</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$205,291</b>
• Cash	\$72,710
• Inventories	\$18,660
• Depreciable Property	\$113,921
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$205,291</b>

In conclusion, I continue to believe that we should all be proud of what we have accomplished for our community. I want to once again thank all the volunteers at MVSS that make it possible to have such a great facility for our members and our local community. Without these dedicated individuals it would not be possible to sustain the operations of the skeet, trap, and sporting clays ranges.