

# Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

## Monthly Meeting

March 7, 2024 / 6:30 PM / NMDGF

### Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	*Jason Browning	-Jim Ramsey	-Vic Babin
*Brock Hammond	-Preston Benfield	-Jerry Teufel	-Dan Parrott
*Rick Richardson	-Scott Gardenhire	-Tom Greenling	-Rick Morawitz
*Randy Toepfer	-Karen Parmeter	-Fritz Lawrence	-

### 1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 2/1/2024

### 2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 3/6/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$90,103 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$20,630 and a total outgo of \$5,562 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$15,067.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance**     \$27,508 Donations on behalf of John and Mark

   \$ 500 Mike Slugaj Donations

   \$28,008 Statement dated 3/6/24

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

1551

    37 5 Stand 2/4/24 and 3/2/24

    5 Sporting Clays 2/17/24

240 In from Skeet, Preston 2/14/24, 2/28/24 and 3/7/24.

1833

Note: 800 tokens owed to Bullseye 4H for Promatic trap machines.

### 3.0 Skeet

3.1 Skeet instructor, Paul Gamboni, was here last week. Preston said Paul was really on his game this year and that his clients really received a great value. During the lessons they threw 122 rounds of skeet. There are already plans in the works to schedule him back during kids 2025 Spring Break.

3.2 On Sunday February the 18th we had a Tribute Shoot to honor Mike Slugaj. All went well. Thank you Preston for making it happen, Mike would have been pleased.

**3.3** Peston mentioned that if MVSS could drum up some sponsors for our November registered skeet shoot we could enhance the awards to the shooters. That coupled with advertising should bring in more shooters.

**3.4** On Saturday March 8, 2024 the Silver City kids are coming over to have a competition with the MVSS kids. They will be on two skeet fields. Preston asked for help to run the other two skeet fields that will be open to the public. Randy agreed to help.

#### **4.0 Trap**

**4.1** The rubber bands on the trap machines are breaking. There is a kit that replaces the rubber bands with springs. These kits are \$200 each. Since three of our trap machines are owned by NMDGF, I reached out to Mr. Cody Johnston, the shooting sports coordinator for NMDGF, to see if they would purchase 3 of the kits and he said that they would not. He claims this falls under the heading of "maintenance" even though I told him that it was an "upgrade" and not "maintenance". Jim Ramsey ordered the 4 kits and they should arrive within the week. Rick will order the 5 new Canterbury speakers along with test kits for the Canterbury systems.

**4.2** The trap houses are very low on targets and will not last to the next target order. We scheduled this Saturday at 11:00 to retrieve about 100 cases of orange dome from sporting clays and stock the trap houses.

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

**5.1** Next 5 Stand will be Saturday 4/6/2024.

**5.2** Next Sporting Clays will be on March 16, 2024.

**6.0 Current membership list.** 70 paid members for 2024 (includes 14 Life members).

#### **7.0 Facility Grounds Care**

**7.1** There are numerous mesquites that need to be eradicated throughout the grounds. Ray Bundy has met with a contractor and they are preparing a quote to handle the mesquite problem.

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

**7.3** MVSS Board approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower, not to exceed \$4,000. This purchase will be put off until this spring.

**7.4** Rick said he had to turn the water on for a few minutes the other day and discovered that water is bubbling out of the ground at the Trap field #2 water faucet. We figure the cows have damaged another one. Phillip will notify the City.

#### **8.0 Discussion**

**8.1** Our alarm system is installed. The City provided the components (approximately \$1,500) and they were turned over to Organ Mountain Cabling and Technology LLC for installation. OMCT has invoiced us \$1,080.63 for installation and this invoice was given to Brock for payment.

**8.2** We continually have pistol and rifle shooters entering the Trap and Skeet ranges and wanting to shoot. We believe that 99% of this problem could be handled with proper signage. Randy agreed to take this problem on and get it resolved. Randy and Phillip met with the City on January 16, 2024. Johnny Valenzuela presented our sign recommendations to his superiors and was approved to proceed. All 24 signs have been fabricated. We met with the City and their sign installer on January 30th. The sign installer (Summit Enterprises) will submit a quote to the City, the City will issue a purchase order to them, and they will begin installation. Still not done as of this meeting. The City is in process of issuing a PO to the installer.

**8.3** Jason Browning said that he would replace/renew the large 4' x 8' MVSS billboard at our entrance as a donation to the club. He said they have the vinyl sign designed and would make and install it soon.

**8.4** Mike Smelker completed a preliminary floor plan for our Clubhouse. Copies of the floor plan were distributed to all attendees and Phillip asked that they review and add any notes on the drawing and return it to him. Phillip will consolidate all the notes and get the information to Mike.

**8.5** Phillip, Randy, Tom and Rick installed the new AC unit in the classroom. Total cost paid by MVSS was \$866.63. Picacho Gun Club gave us a \$450 check to cover half. If Dona Ana 4H approves money towards the repair then we will split the total cost in thirds. At that time we would have to reimburse PGC approximately \$150.

**8.6** Next target order/delivery will be scheduled at the end of April or early May.

**8.7** Toilet in the women's bathroom at the Classroom is not working right. Cindy asked if we would repair it before the 4/6/24 4H shoot. Rick said he would get it done.

**8.8** Pastor Doug Cowan requested that we open on Tuesday June 11, 2024 so they could bring a group of 15 people out to shoot trap. He guaranteed 20 rounds. I agreed and put it on the schedule and told him we would charge \$7.00 per round.

**8.9** Cows are still a big nuisance on the Butterfield Range. The cows continually break our water faucets and leave cow pies all over our trap and skeet fields. Phillip has discussed this problem with the City several times. Phillip took the City worker on his UTV and showed him 3 specific spots where they were getting in. Johnny (with the City) says they are continually working on the fences. Dan Parrott said that they are also causing issues at the rifle ranges. He will bring this up at the Picacho Gun Club meeting next week. A few ideas were discussed;

-New 800 yard fence running south to north located west of our skeet fields. This would segregate the shotgun range from the pistol/rifle range.

-Review the old electric fencing installed north of the rifle range to see if it could be repaired.

-Get the City to do major repairs on all perimeter fencing.

## **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 Trap Club Shoot - Preston to advise dates via email
- 4 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding Nov., Dec. and Jan.)
- 5 5 Stand - First Saturday of the month - 9:00 to 12:00.
- 6 Dona Ana County 4H - two skeet fields and two trap fields - April 6, 2024
- 7 Senior Olympics - One round Trap & Skeet - April 13, 2024
- 8 Memorial Open Skeet Shoot - May 24 - 26, 2024
- 9 Cornerstone Baptist Church - Tuesday June 11, 2024 (approximately 30 rounds of trap)
- 10 Firecracker Open Skeet Shoot - July 12 - 14, 2024.
- 11 County Fair Shoot - One trap field - July 27, 2024
- 12 Noons Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 28, 2024
- 13 MVSS Founders Day Shoot - October 5, 2024
- 14 Registered Trap Shoot - October 19-20, 2024 - **PENDING**

- 15 Bag-A-Bird Skeet Shoot - November 8 - 10, 2024
- 16 Registered Trap Shoot - December 7-8, 2024 - Confirmed and on ATA schedule

Next month's meeting will be held on 4/4/2024. The meeting will be held at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish located at 2715 E Northrise Dr. It will commence at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm