

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2024 / 6:30 PM / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Jim Ramsey	-Jerry Teufel
*Jason Browning	-Preston Benfield	-
*Rick Richardson	-Tom Greenling	-
-Karen Parmeter	-Ray Bundy	-

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 3/7/2024

2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 4/2/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$92,665 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$24,179 and a total outgo of \$6,700 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$17,479.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance \$28,067**

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

1833

165 In from trap, Jimmy 3/13/24

 3 Sporting Clays 3/16/24

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

3.0 Skeet

3.1 The 4H youth shoot is scheduled for this Saturday. It was pointed out that high winds are forecast. Rick said that they will have the shoot regardless of the wind.

3.2 The Club Skeet Shoot will be this Sunday. This is actually the make-up shoot for March, which had been postponed two weeks due to high winds once and Easter the other time.

4.0 Trap

4.1 Last Friday, 3/29/24, Jimmy, Rick and Jerry spent most of the day replacing the rubber bands with metal spring kits on traps #1 through #4. They also cleaned and vacuumed each trap house to get it ready for the next target delivery. Thank you guys very much for making it happen!

Rick is still in the process of locating and ordering 5 new speakers for the Canterbury systems along with test kits.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - Our regular first Saturday of 4/6/2024 is canceled due to the high wind forecast for that date. It is rescheduled for 4/13/24. An email will be sent notifying our members.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays will be on April 20, 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, Industrial Weed Control Co, Inc. They quoted \$905 to apply herbicide “zero” vegetation around the trap houses and apply herbicide on grass areas from the “P” field through trap #4. Preston said that skeet fields 2 thru 4 should be included in the “zero” vegetation coverage. Phillip made a motion that we hire this company to provide the weed control accordingly with the cost NTE \$1,300. Rick amended the motion and said the cost should be revised to NTE \$1,500. The three board members present voted “yes”. Ray will get the company to revise their quote, and if under \$1,500, he will authorize them to proceed.

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.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Our alarm/camera system has been installed for a couple of months now. Preston said he would like a camera added that would show the skeet parking areas. Phillip agreed and said that two additional cameras should be added, one showing the Skeet parking area and one showing the Trap parking area. Also that the gate camera should be located closer to the gate for better motion detection. Tom said that we needed a camera at Sporting Clays. Phillip will contact our alarm company and see what kind of costs are involved.

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. Within the week he will have his crew remove the old sign, take it to their shop, cover it with the new vinyl and reinstall it at the range.

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. Dona Ana 4H approved \$300 towards the repair. We will reimburse PGC \$150.

8.6 Next target order/delivery will be scheduled Sunday April 28, 2024. An email will be sent requesting help that day. Phillip will secure the forklift through Sunbelt, trucking through Wild West Express and the actual order through our target vendor, Mack's Prairie.

8.7 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.

The City was going to discuss this issue in their "in house" meeting today. We have not heard the outcome.

8.8 Jimmy took pictures of our old "Western" trap machines. We have 11 that are 110v and 6 that are 12v. Jimmy said Zia Gun Club in Albuquerque was interested in buying them. He sent pictures to them today with the price set at \$300 each.

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 5/2/2024. 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