

# Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

## Monthly Meeting

September 5, 2024 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

### Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Jim Ramsey	- Ken Hunter
*Jason Browning	-Tom Greenling	- Ray Bundy	- Vic Babin
*Brock Hammond	-Preston Benfield	-Fritz Lawrence	
*Rick Richardson	*Randy Toepfer	-Jerry Teufel	

### 1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 8/1/2024

### 2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 9/1/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$80,638 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$43,832 and a total outgo of \$38,230 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$5,602.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance**     **\$28,127**

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

1,846

16 5 Stand 8/3/24 & Sporting Clays 8/24/24.

( 35) Payment to Phillip = \$210. Parts for new mower, 8/30/24.

1,827

### 3.0 Skeet

3.1 Our night shoot for Skeet and Trap is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024. Gates open at 6:30. Skeet is going to stay with the standard orange dome targets. Trap may change out to white.

3.2 Paul Giambrone will be at the range on March 7, 2025 through March 10, 2025 to give skeet lessons. The available slots are almost filled. Please contact Preston if you wish to schedule lessons.

3.3 The Skeet Club Final, along with awards and lunch, is scheduled for Sunday November 3, 2024.

### 4.0 Trap

4.1 A switch needs to be replaced at trap #1. It was agreed to hold off replacing the switch until it completely failed.

4.2 The 4 orange cones need to be replaced at the trap houses.

4.3 The registered trap shoot on December 7-8, 2024 has been canceled. Mike Smelker has reached out to Penny to get a new shoot scheduled for 1st quarter of 2025.

4.4 The Lions Club Trap Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024. We need volunteers to keep score and load machines. Rick, Jerry, Jim, Randy, Karen, Brock and Phillip volunteered to help. Thank you!

## 5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 9/7/24.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays will be on 9/21/24.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 91 paid members for 2024 (includes 14 Life members).

## 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 MVSS Board approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower, not to exceed \$4,000. Phillip purchased a zero turn mower, Cub Cadet 54" mowing width, from the Deming Tractor Supply for \$1,364. They had dropped the mower while unloading it in June 2024 and offered a 65% discount from the \$3,599 sticker price. Phillip has the mower at his shop and has ordered the parts needed to get it going, \$210.

7.3 Preston said the door threshold at high house 4 is letting sand pour in. Also, two lock cylinders are loose at high 3 and high 2. Jerry said that the padlock on trap 4 is difficult to open. We also need 5 additional "master" keys made. Phillip spoke to the City today. They have a locksmith on board. They will call me when he is scheduled for a range visit.

7.4 Skeet high house #2 toggle switch is not working properly. Tom and Phillip determined that the switch needs to be replaced. Phillip has 5 new switches on order.

## 8.0 Discussion

8.1 Cows are still a big nuisance on the Butterfield Range. BLM finally approved the new west fence. MVSS received 3 quotes from fencing contractors. The low bidder is Vaquero Fence Co. Their installation quote is \$4,298. We have a preconstruction meeting with the City, BLM, Vaquero and MVSS scheduled for 9/12/24. The City will clear an 8' swath and provide the material and Vaquero will install the fence.

8.2 We have to prepare a Master Plan for the MVSS shotgun range to help secure grants. Mike and Tyler Smelker were taking drone videos of the range a couple weeks ago. Mike will enhance our Master Plan with this drone video. Mike is currently trying to get a meeting with the City to review/approve it.

8.3 **Website** - On August 5, 2024, Jason, Phillip and Joe Pfeiffer met at Jason's office to discuss the website.

- Google search - When you search for anything related to shotgun shooting, such as "skeet", "trap", "five stand" and "sporting clays", our website is in the #1 position on the search results. If a searcher goes directly to our website they get current and accurate information regarding MVSS. However, Google summarizes our information on their search page and this information is not 100% accurate. They show Mark's old shop as being the range and they list John's cell number as contact. Joe Pfeiffer has corrected this issue. It now has pictures of Butterfield Range along with Phillip's phone number.
- It was recommended that the opening page of the site make it very clear that the public was welcome. Joe has already added this to the website.

- Jason thought it would be a good idea to have a drone video of the range and of people shooting. His contact was at the range on 8/28/24. She was going to edit the footage and go over it with Jason.
- Upcoming Events - In tonight's meeting, Jason said it would be nice to have an "Upcoming Events" tab. Preston agreed and noted this would be a good place to have the phone number of the person running the event to help cut down on the confusion. It was suggested that each event should have a flier which would include the contact information.

**8.4** Preston is concerned that spectators, members and nonmembers, are not wearing eye protection. It is a range rule that eye and ear protection must be worn at all times. To help reinforce and educate our members it was discussed to include on the membership form the range rules along with some liability waiver language. The subject was tabled for now and Rick said he would work on the liability waiver language.

## **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 Night Trap & Skeet Fun Shoot - September 14, 2024
- 6 Noons Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 28, 2024
- 7 MVSS Founders Day Shoot - October 5, 2024
- 8 Registered Trap Shoot - October 19-20, 2024
- 9 Club Skeet Shoot Final, Awards, Lunch - November 3, 2024
- 10 Bag-A-Bird Skeet Shoot - November 8 - 10, 2024
- 11 Registered Trap Shoot - December 7-8, 2024 - Canceled

**Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday October 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm