Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2025 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Scott Gardenhire	-Bob Kirkpatrick
*Randy Toepher	-Vic Babin	-Jerry Teufel	
*Brock Hammond	-Preston Benfield	-Fritz Lawerence	
*	-Jim Ramsey	-Keith Brodd	

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 3/6/2025

2.0 Financial

2.1 "Statement of Financial Position" dated 4/2/25 showing a total bank account in the amount of $83,453 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2025 showing a total income of $30,746 and a total outgo of $33,782 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of ($3,036).

2.2 Club House Fund Balance $28,270

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

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(12)	Reimburse Phillip for purchase of 5 door knobs 3/13/25
75	Trap, Jimmy 3/12/25
45	Sporting Clays 3/16/25
1942	

3.0 Skeet

3.1 Our Beomat skeet machines are getting worn out. They were used when we originally purchased them. They are breaking down and the target consistency is not good. We have not been able to find a Beomat repairman that can rebuild our machines. Our last repairman could not find the parts needed for proper rebuilds. We would like to replace 4 Beomat machines with new skeet machines. That would handle two of our four fields. We should plan to replace the 4 remaining Beomats in the next year or two.

We discussed what brand of machine we should purchase. Brock said that Albuquerque likes their new Lincoln's. Phillip noted that the Lincoln's only have a 3 year warranty and weigh in at 130lbs. Phillip said that MVSS already owns about 20 MEC traps that are used on the sporting clay range. We have had phenomenal success with them. MEC skeet machines have a lifetime warranty and weigh in at 250lbs.

Ron Miller noted that we should make sure that whatever machines are purchased, we have to make sure that their height is compatible with our skeet windows. We definitely don't want to have to modify the window.

Brock said he would take all this into consideration and make a recommendation.

The cost to purchase 4 new machines is expected to be around $18,000. Karen Parmeter donated $2,000 towards this purchase. THANK YOU Karen!!

4/3/25 update: Brock has reconsidered our need to replace the Beomat machines. After an in depth review of the Lincoln's, it was discovered that they would not fit our high houses, the floors would have to be moved down approximately 16" or the windows would have to be raised approximately 16". Brock feels that the MEC's might be a good fit but he did not analyze our window height to them. He thinks we should get a few more years out of the Beomat's. This issue will be tabled for now.

4.0 Trap

4.1 The Quail Forever fundraiser trap shoot is scheduled for 5/10/25. Bob Kirkpatrick asked how much MVSS will charge Quail Forever. Our prices are $10 per 25 bird round (this does not include MVSS running the shoot, scoring and handicapping). It is $15 per 25 birds if MVSS runs the shoot (includes pullers, scorekeepers and handicapping first round results). Bob also asked about lunch. Brock mentioned that the burrito place at the airport would gladly provide burritos and that he also might want to consider getting a food truck.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 4/5/25

5.2 Next Sporting Clays - 4/19/25

5.3 The two new MEC machines for sporting clays, purchased using the generous donation from Ken Hunter, arrived on 3/19/25. Phillip picked up the machines from CED (we had them shipped to one of Mark's old suppliers because we needed a business with a forklift to off load), assembled them along with their "T" carts, built the new sticks for their receivers and delivered it all out to the range. They will be used for the first time in our 5 Stand this Saturday.

We will use two of the small capacity MEC's to setup the practise station at sporting clays station #9.

6.0 Current membership list. 80 paid members for 2025 (includes 13 Life members). Note that all members (including life members) need to fill out the new form with the liability language.

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 Flagpole rope/pulley system broken. Jason will see if he has equipment that can lift a man approximately 40'.

7.3 Faucet broke on trap field #4. Phillip has notified the City. The City has completed the repairs.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 -No Change- Mike Smelker to advise on the progression of our Master Plan with the City.

8.2 A couple weeks ago Preston requested money to rent a table at the Las Cruces Outdoor Expo on March 29-30, 2025. We would have to have the display made. Jason said he could handle that. He said that the backdrop would be designed so that it could be used at the range and be the same backdrop where pictures are taken of shoot winners. It was discussed that $2,000 would pay for the table and cover Jason's cost for the display. Randy made a motion to allocate $2,000. Brock seconded the motion and all board members were in favor.

4/3/25 update: Preston, Brock and Barry sat at our booth during the Expo this past weekend. The back drop that Jason made for the show turned out really nice and it can be reused. Preston said that the $500 entry fee was not worth it because the attendance was low and the other vendors really did not have anything to do with the "Outdoors". Preston did sell one membership to a Picacho Gun Club Member. Preston showed us the fliers that they handed out and asked us at the meeting for any critique.

8.3 Goals for 2025

1. **Mine Lead. (Pending approval of our Master Plan)**
2. **Enlarge sporting clays parking lot - Relocate Station #1 - Set up a practice station.**
3. **Enlarge parking lot at skeet fields.**
4. **Figure out a new trash disposal system at trap and skeet ranges. (Jason said he will figure something out and let us know.)**
5. **Replace the door knobs on the skeet fields. (Completed)**

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 NM 4H Seniors County Contest - March 29, 2025
6 Senior Olympics - April 19, 2025 - **This date is tentative**.
7 NM Novice/Juniors County Contest - April 26, 2025
8 Mesilla Valley Open - Registered Skeet - May 2-4, 2025
9 Quail Forever Fundraiser Trap Shoot - May 10, 2005
10 4H District Contest - May 21, 2025
11 FireCracker Open Registered Skeet - July 11-13, 2025
12 Dona Ana County Fair Shooting Events - July 25-26, 2025
13 Host Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 27, 2025 (21 teams in 2024)
14 Members Appreciation/Founders Day Shoot - October 4, 2025
15 New Mexico State Skeet Shoot - October 17-19, 2025
16 Bag A Bird - Registered Skeet - November 7-9, 2025

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday May 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm