

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MICHIGAN SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 26, 2011
LANSING, MI

1. The meeting was called to order by Matt Murer at 10:30 AM. Members present: Jovan Blackwell, Nate Bosworth, Bob Gerhardt, Kirk Todd, Matt Murer, Rich Shinew, and Tonda Waterstredt.
Absent with notification: Ray Cato
Also present: Jim Lewis, Kevin Sheren, Don Willcutt, Duane Hartman
2. It was moved by Jovan, supported by Rich, and voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived. Voted unanimously to approve.
4. Treasurers Report: Kirk reports that we have had \$782.00 in income and just \$20.00 in expenses YTD. Our current balance is \$13,311.40. Due to the very low yield on CD's, he reports that there is little point in tying up our money in one.

Revenue from web site ads. The cost for each ad on the site is \$125 annually. Bob Gerhardt will contact each advertiser by letter to seek renewal for 2011. As of this writing, that has been done for all with the exception of Kirk who stated at the meeting that he will not be renewing.

Shoot Cards. An invoice should be sent to Tyler in the amount of \$166. Bob Gerhardt has taken care of this.

5. Web Site. Matt is now the Board contact person with IGD Solutions to maintain our site. He will continue to work through Jeff Hynes.
A discussion was held regarding out of state clubs posting shoot notices on our site. It was offered that we may need a site moderator in order to control the content posted on the Forum section of the site. That discussion was tabled till the next meeting.
6. E Mail List of Members. Jovan now has this on a spreadsheet. We now have the capability to do mass e mails to those members with e mail addresses.
7. 2012 State and Great Lakes Shoot Bids. Bob Gerhardt will send a Bid Proposal packet to all member clubs. Packets are to contain eligibility criteria, and a proposal worksheet. Although all clubs to not qualify, the letter will encourage clubs to explore the possibility of hosting one of these shoots at a later date. The deadline to return bids to the MSCA is May 1, 2011. Note: Bid packets were sent to all clubs 3/9/11.

8. Board Vacancy. With the resignation of Jeff Hynes there was a vacancy on the Board. Mike Dykstra was nominated by Bob Gerhardt to fill the empty slot and said nomination was seconded by Rich Shinew. A short discussion was held regarding the merits of bringing Mike on board. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously to appoint Mike to the Board.

With the position of Board President vacant the discussion turned to how we fill a vacant officer position. Currently, the By Laws do not provide a clear remedy. The question arose...Do we need to make a change in the By Laws to provide for adherence to a set procedure to replace a board officer? That question and appointment/election of a new President was tabled till the next meeting.

9. NSCA Report. Kirk reports that the NSCA is proposing changes in the way Zones are configured. MI, IN, and KY would all move west to a Midwest zone. Ohio would move to the east. His feeling is that this change does nothing for Mi shooters. He urged all of us to write to the national office and voice our opposition.

NSCA also want to raise the per target fee from .03 to .04 per target. The increase in revenue would be used to finance increased media exposure for sporting clays. Both Jim and Kirk oppose the change until there is a clear plan in place outlining how this money is to be spent.

10. Kirk had a number of issues he wished to discuss as new business. The first was the \$150 fee to be levied against clubs for a cancelled shoot. He was not present when the vote was taken and wanted to re open the discussion. Matt recalled that the only reason a shoot could be cancelled was an act of god. The rule was designed to prevent clubs from cancelling due to lack of shooters. Tonda pointed out that cancellations in the MSCA aren't as epidemic as some would think. Her research indicated that only 14 of over 300 shoots were cancelled in Mi over the last 4 yrs. Kevin Sheren (Oakhill) then explained his position on the matter. He also stated he was aware that some shooters did make the trip to Oakhill and chose not to shoot on his 2 station course. He offered to let them shoot for free at the next shoot held at Oakhill. At this point, all members of the Board offered their views on the fine issue. Most felt the fine was not warranted. A motion was made by Kirk to abolish the rule. The motion was seconded by Rich. A vote was taken and the motion to abolish was passed unanimously.

Kirk also wanted to discuss the rule requiring each club to have a representative at the Shoot Selection Meeting. He proposed a modification to allow a MSCA Board member act on behalf of their club. That discussion was tabled till the next meeting.

Kirk also discussed the vote of no confidence issue. Jovan replied to Kirk and emphasized that while we may disagree on issues, and a subsequent vote may not go the way we had hoped, we as a board need to support the decision of the majority and present a unified front. He further explained that we have a duty not to go outside this Board to try to resolve issues as was the case here. He cited the present meeting as an example of a board listening to all points of view and then working in unison to achieve the goal at hand.

11. Kevin Sheren mentioned that Oakhill was under scrutiny from the IRS and suggested that we review our IRS documentation to be sure we are in compliance. Kirk said he would look in to it and report.

12. Tonda moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by many. The meeting was Adjourned at 12:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Gerhardt
MSCA Secretary