

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
November 12, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by MSA President Rick Trawinski at 10:15am.

Members Present: Jim Berg, Andrew Bielman, Ryan Cordes, Brian Long, Al Magyar, Trish Magyar, Loraine Malloy, Sean Rosencrantz, Richard Trawinski & Kathy Warner.

Members Absent: Ross Szarenski provided advanced notification he would not be able to attend.

Also present: Brent Edwards

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – MOTION by Al Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Andrew Bielman, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

B. MSA Treasurer's Report – MSA General Fund, CD Account and Lifetime Members Fund were reviewed. Need to remove deceased members from Lifetime Member list. Brian Long will research what MSA can do regarding investments and present at the April meeting. **MOTION** by Loraine Malloy, **SUPPORT** by Trish Magyar, to approve the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION CARRIED

III. FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Constitution & Bylaws – Brent Edwards: No report.

B. State Shoot – Brent Edwards & Trish Magyar: Though there was a slight loss in net income, attendance was up from 2021

C. Nominations & Elections – Bill Nielsen (not present): Jim Berg, Andrew Bielman, Brian Long, Al Magyar & Ross Szarenski will all run again.

D. Hall of Fame – Al Magyar: David Scheibel is the Committee's recommendation for induction at the 2023 State Shoot. **MOTION** by Al Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Brian Long, to induct David Scheibel into the MSA Hall of Fame.

MOTION CARRIED

E. All-State Teams – Trish Magyar: No report; will address under "New Business" in conjunction with Andrew Bielman's proposal.

F. Awards & Trophies – Jane Carpenter (not present): All trophies and plaques are up to date.

G. MSA News/Website – Trish Magyar: Members are being more proactive in reporting corrections and changes needed to the website.

H. Chief Referee – Chris Banning (not present): Trish Magyar will confirm with NSSA that "self-certification" will still be permitted in 2023.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Review of Membership – Kathy Warner: Member numbers were down slightly. Will add columns to the report with comparative numbers from previous years.

B. The State of Registered Skeet Shooting in Michigan – Extensive discussion by Board Members on differences between sporting clays and success, and the former's continued "success". Sporting Clays operates using a different "business model" from its beginning. It takes less time to shoot a sporting clays event, and is less expensive to get into sporting clays (i.e., only need one gauge shotgun, not four). It was noted by the younger members of the Board that it's not the money/cost that keeps them from attending events, but the

time involved/required to do so. Different ideas were batted around about to get more shooters in our sport. Brent Edwards suggested a state-wide “iShoot League” as a way to introduce shooters to skeet. Conduct as an “Event 6” with the 12 or 20 Gauge, shooting 100 targets a month (any time during the month, so weather isn’t a deterrent). Brent Edwards and Andrew Bielman will present a proposal at the April meeting.

V. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Rick Trawinski agreed to run for President; Andrew Bielman for Vice President; and Kathy Warner for Secretary-Treasurer. **MOTION** by Trish Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Loraine Malloy, to close the nominations and elect the candidates by acclamation.

MOTION CARRIED

(NEW OFFICERS NOW PRESIDING)

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Approval of 2023 Shoot Schedule – Clubs need to notify Kathy Warner of any changes to POCs, which can be done on the NSSA Shoot Application form. **MOTION** by Al Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Loraine Malloy, to approve the 2023 Shoot Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

- B.** Calendar Discussion – Andrew Bielman suggested a Club “East/West Challenge” for 2024. He will present a proposal at the April meeting.

- C.** 2023 Shoot Fees – **MOTION** by Al Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Jim Berg, to keep MSA daily fees at 3¢/target.

MOTION CARRIED

- D.** Mailing Dues Notices and Shoot Schedule Cards – Due to the rising cost of postage, and increased unreliability of the USPS, it was proposed that dues notices be sent out via email. Additionally, that the Shoot Schedule cards be sent in “bulk” to the clubs so they will be available to anyone, not just our members. Anyone that doesn’t have an email address on file with the MSA will receive their dues notice and shoot schedule card via USPS. **MOTION** by Trish Magyar, **SUPPORT** by Loraine Malloy, to adopt “electronic” notification of dues. (Trish Magyar will also look into the possibility of members being able to pay their dues via PayPal from the MSA website.)

MOTION CARRIED

- E.** 2023 Buckle Race Format – Andrew Bielman presented some different options for restructuring the Buckle Race. **MOTION** by Rick Trawinski, **SUPPORT** by Jim Berg, to eliminate the Divisions and award belt buckles by class, AA-D, combining AAA & AA and D & E, to Class Champions; and break the SCTP into two divisions – Rookie/Intermediate and Senior/Collegiate – with belt buckles awarded to Division Champion & Runner-up, along with \$300 & \$200 scholarships, respectively. In addition to the HOA Buckle Race “Coins” awarded by the clubs, they will be increased to reflect two SCTP Divisions.

MOTION CARRIED

- F.** State Shoot Prelim Event – Andrew Bielman proposed replacing the current “Big Gun Handicap” event, which has seen declining participation, with an event akin to Detroit Gun Club’s “Motor State Madness” where all the four-gun shooters are placed in a bracket competing head-to-head to move on to the next event for prize money. Shooters in a class lower than their competitor would be given a handicap. Details will be fleshed out and presented at the April meeting. **MOTION** by Rick Trawinski, **SUPPORT** by Al Magyar, to replace the current prelim event with the “Michigan State Madness”.

MOTION CARRIED

- G.** State Shoot Ideas – Based on participation, Brent Edwards recommended eliminating Collegiate RU medal, as well as Senior Veteran CH and have just one Group for Two-man Team. He also proposed that the Sub Junior and Junior Champion awards be “improved”; specifically, belt buckles for HOA and, perhaps, patches for the gauge events.

Suggestions made by other Board members included bringing back the “entry gift” (hats or towels, for example). It was felt this might be an opportunity for a “sponsorship”.

Bill Nielsen submitted a request to extend the time period required to shoot the 200-target minimum in an event prior to the State Shoot to avoid the \$5 assessment. The Board agreed there is plenty of time during the (current) shooting year to meet the 200-target minimum. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- H.** State Team Format & Selection Process – Andrew Bielman presented a proposal to revamp the State Teams combining the current All-State and Points Teams by utilizing a “hybrid” system of average and points; expanding the current team to 1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention Teams; use averages and points for the HOA Concurrent Team; and reduce the number of individuals from five to three for the Gauge Teams. After discussion, **MOTION** by Andrew Bielman, **SUPPORT** by Trish Magyar, starting with the 2024 State Teams (which are based on the 2023 shooting year), to select All-State Teams using the “hybrid” process, with five individuals selected to the 1st and 2nd Teams and, when there are 40 or more individuals who have shot the minimum targets in all gauges, five individuals selected to the Honorable Mention Team. The HOA Concurrent and Gauge Teams selection will remain unchanged (based on average), however, only three individuals will be selected to each of the Gauge Teams.

MOTION CARRIED

- I.** Michigan Hall of Fame Award – Brian Long proposed the addition of an award that recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the promotion and growth of skeet shooting in Michigan, and may not qualify for induction for Shooting Achievement or the Chet Crites Service Award. **MOTION** by Brian Long, **SUPPORT** by Jim Berg, effective with the 2023 Hall of Fame banquet that the “Roger Kastle Promotion & Growth Award” be instituted, and that Roger Kastle be the initial recipient.

MOTION CARRIED

- J.** 2023 Club of the Year – There has been sufficient shooting that no changes need to be made to the usual process, as was done last year due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020. Results will be presented at the April meeting.
- K.** MI SCTP Scholarship Donation – Loraine Malloy requested the MSA continue the annual donation of \$500 for a Scholarship to be awarded at the SCTP State Shoot.

Junior Development Fund – Andrew Bielman recommended discontinuing the “\$150 Instructional Credit”; and requested to continue the free single Buckle Race event entry for the top five SCTP shooters and the free State Shoot 12 Gauge entry for the first 20 SCTP shooters that submit their pre-registration that have shot the required SCTP Buckle Race events prior to the State Shoot.

MOTION by Andrew Bielman, **SUPPORT** by Loraine Malloy, to approve the requests for MSA SCTP Scholar donation and Junior Development Fund expenditures.

MOTION CARRIED

- L.** Referee Clinic Discussion – Chris Banning has been made aware of the NSSA support for referee clinics. As noted earlier, Trish Magyar will get confirmation from NSSA regarding referee self-certification.
- M.** Stipend for Secretary-Treasurer – **MOTION** by Rick Trawinski, **SUPPORT** by Loraine Malloy, to pay Kathy Warner a \$1,000 bonus, in addition to her annual salary of \$1,200.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Rick Trawinski, **SUPPORT** by Trish Magyar, for the MSA to procure an “all-in-one” printer for the Secretary-Treasurer, for an amount not to exceed \$300.

MOTION CARRIED

II. 2023 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- A.** Constitution & Bylaws – Brent Edwards (Chair), Ryan Cordes, Ross Szarenski
- B.** Finance – Rick Trawinski, Andrew Bielman, Sean Rosencrantz, Kathy Warner

- C.** State Shoot – Brent Edwards & Trish Magyar (Co-Chairs), Jim Berg, Andrew Bielman, Ryan Cordes, Brian Long, Al Magyar, Loraine Malloy, Sean Rosencrantz, Ross Szarenski, Rick Trawinski
- D.** Nominations & Elections – Jim Berg (Chair), Loraine Malloy, Ross Szarenski
- E.** Hall of Fame – Al Magyar (Chair), Rick Trawinski, Sean Rosencrantz
- F.** All-State Teams – Trish Magyar (Chair), Andrew Bielman, Ryan Cordes
- G.** Awards & Trophies – Rick Trawinski (Chair), Jim Berg, Loraine Malloy
- H.** MSA Newsletter/Website – Trish Magyar (Chair), Andrew Bielman, Sean Rosencrantz

III. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

PLACE: Detroit Gun Club

DATE: April 1, 2023

TIME: Approximately 3p (after shoot-offs)

MOTION by Loraine Malloy, **SUPPORT** by Al Magyar, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED