

Minutes - Board Meeting – 2/11/07

Attendees: Ken, Dan, Curt, Tom, Bill H., Russ

State and Kruger Shoots

Advertising - Dan presented the tournament ad copy. All agreed it looked good and we should go with it. The ad will appear in the May issue of *Sporting Clays* magazine. The cost will be \$895. Mailing flyers will be printed from this same copy.

Ken – Will be our contact with the new Sportsman's store. He will approach them about being our main sponsor. If he can get something worked-out next week there may be time to add them to the ad.

Arrange for trap rental and/or outside person to run events – Dan has made an agreement with Greg Baccus of Utah to provide traps (up to 35) and the make-a-break for the Kruger Challenge. Traps will cost \$50/day plus transportation. Greg will maintain the traps during the shoot. Greg will run the make-a-break and we will share proceeds. Greg will bring 5-stand shooting stands. Brooks will bring 12 traps for \$500 plus entry fees. Doc has 11 traps that we can use.

Arrange for scorer - Lois Lessing will do the scoring for the Kruger shoot. The cost will be around \$1700.

Arrange for trap setter for State - Dan contacted Brooks and he will set the traps for the State shoot. He will bring 12 traps. He will charge \$1500 for setting the course and the traps.

Dan and Curt have made arrangements for food service at the Kruger shoot. One group will provide all of the food. The food service area will be near our existing tent. We will rent one or two additional tents for shooter rest areas.

Start communication with members (newsletter) – Newsletter sent out 1/21/07.

Bill L - Make contact with local groups for scorers.

Dan – will try to add our shoot to the “big blast” list. He will also correct the dates of the existing shoots on the NSCA site.

Russ – will complete the club profile and get it to the *Sporting Clays* magazine.

Dan/Curt – will develop some system for sign-up of volunteers. This would include what volunteers are needed and when. It would allow people to sign-up and know what dates they will be expected to be there.

We will need to have the web page clean and looking good by the time the ad comes out. We need to have a very clear link to the tournament sign-up areas. We will also want to have something on the web site promoting all of the other things to do in the area when out-of-state people look for the tournament information. We would also want links of information on motels, camp grounds, sources of shells ...

Dan C – will get the tournament information to Dan Marsh.

All board members will start looking at the web site and letting Dan M know of items that need to be corrected.

Grant Preparation

We agreed that we wanted to plan on most of our grant spending for 2008.

- The grant dollars will not be available in time to help much with tournament prep.
- We will not have the people resources to manage any big projects that we might want to do with grant dollars with all of the effort going into the tournaments.
- 2007 grant spending will primarily go toward purchased items that do not require a lot of effort to implement.
- In 2008 we will not have as much tournament pressure, we can start projects early in the season, and we will have more money in hand to spend for the grant matching.

Bill H – will send out a copy of the work that we did on grant planning last year.

Russ – will do as much of the grant review as we can by e-mail.

Bill H – will schedule a board meeting for some time in April where we can review the grant.

Review of 2006 season – things we need to improve.

- Marshals – need more help
- Marshals – need to be better trained

Tom - agreed to take on the responsibility as marshal organizer for the year. He will focus on improving these items. He will be looking to Frank for some help.

- Need to hold member shoots

Russ – will check with Steve Owen and see how their league is run. We agreed that we would need to find someone outside the board to run a league or other member shoots.

Bill H – will order more coins for the practice range.

Summary of Club Responsibilities 2/9/07

Board Members

Dan Cook

- Manage club tournaments and competitions

Ken Eiden

- Treasurer – Administration and Finance

Bill Hendricks

- President – club, budget management and administration
- Range operations – trapper
- Tom & Huck Day, Interface with Dale for Youth Shooter program
- Maintain practice range
- Maintain grounds – trails, roads, benches, buildings...

Bill Lewis

- Schedule and organize special events – DU, CBA, PF ...

Russ McElyea

- Grants & donations
- Arrange for outside training

Curt Kradolfer

- Maintain Equipment – ATV's, golf carts, gas supply, small tools/equipment ...
- 2nd – Manage club tournaments and competitions

Tom Grace

- Organize range marshals

To be assigned as needed

- Marketing

Other Members

Cal Fraser

- Trash and cardboard

Sam Robinson

- Maintain traps and trap adjustment
- Organize and conduct gun raffle
- Set Course and maintain target inventory - order, unload and store targets

Frank Stewart

- Maintain batteries, chargers and solar panels

Ed Seth

- 2nd - Maintain traps and trap adjustment & set course

Tom & Huck Day

Other than the normal start-up and maintenance items we will focus our attention on preparing the new range areas for the tournaments.

We will not build any new stands on the existing range.

New range areas – before T&H Day

Russ - will make every effort to get the dirt and gravel work done before T&H day. All board members will pursue sources of gravel. Gravel is the most critical and potentially expensive item we need. We estimate that we could need up to 2000 yards of gravel. Items we will target to have done are;

- Two way traffic from the gate to the saddle. Dozer work and gravel
- Widen sharp turn on above road. Level dip near gate on above road.
- Level and gravel return road from saddle back to clubhouse area.
- Level and gravel trail.
- Clear parking areas.
- Level and gravel road from saddle to east end of property.

New range areas – on or before T&H Day

Bill H – will make a detailed plan for T&H day and find owners for pre-work.

Build 30 new PVC stands for new range and 5-stands. Check with Doc first, he may have some stands. Check to see how many stands Greg, the trap supplier, is bringing.

Build 20 new gun racks and benches. Check with Doc and see what he has or can build.

Standardize wiring for trap cords.

New SC range

- Hand and bobcat work to finish gravel on the main range trail.
- Level shooting stand areas. Place RR tie and level.
- Dig-in & gravel trails down to shooting stands as required. In general, we want to be able to move the stands around. We will probably not want to dig-in and gravel side trails unless we have to.

Cut trees that are dead or are obstructing shooting areas. Trim trees that over hang new roads and trails.

Haul and dispose (Burn or chip) trees and brush. There will be a lot of this material. Dirt work will uproot trees. We will cut trees. The power company has cut many trees.

Practice range & 5-stand areas

- Level and gravel shooting areas for 5-stand.
- Level areas at 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 yards – RR ties level and gravel

Budget

Budget assumptions

We will breakeven from normal operations excluding any tournament profits and land assessments.

All of the money that comes in for the land plus the \$17K that we are holding back from last year will go to the land at the end of the season. We should also add some amount to that from this year's tournament earnings, around \$10K.

We will use the \$17K from delayed land payment to fund the tournament preparations.

We should budget for 2007 based on earning the low estimate from the tournaments - \$40k. With \$17K for tournaments preparation and \$10k for extra land payment we would have \$13K to use with the grant for this year. We could plan that the \$10K for land would come out of anything that we had from tournaments over and above \$40k. This would give us \$23k to put toward the grant. (Ken – this is a place that we could possibly need a loan. To fund grant purchases until we got the matching from the grant.)

Known or proposed budget items:

Tournaments

- \$900 – Magazine ad
- \$xxx – print flyers
- \$xxx mailings
- Prizes
- Extra targets

Dan – Will develop a budget for tournament prep items.

\$3500 – 40' sea container - maybe

\$1000 – overhaul wiring

\$1500 – PVC shooting stands

\$1500 – Benches & gun racks - \$ wild guess

\$10,000 – road work and gravel

\$400 – Coins

All Board members – bring any budget spending items to the next meeting.

Other Items that we need to do

Bill H - Start working on trapper

Bill H – Newsletter about normal business

We would like to change the way that we give out tickets for those who take on on-going responsibilities that are more involved. We would like to have the board disperse these tickets. We have had issues of marshals being asked to give out tickets or coins and the marshal not being sure if they should be giving out these free items. Now the marshal will not give out any tickets without payment. The marshal will still take the free ticket for serving as marshal.

Bill H – will workout the amount and disperse the tickets. They will be given for; Trash; Cal - TBD, Marshal organizer; Tom – 3, Set/maintain traps; Sam – TBD, Ed – TBD.

We do not want to consider a increase in cost per round this year.

Curt – Service ATV's and golf carts before T&H Day.

Bill H – schedule members' meeting and room.

GSC 2007 Club Calendar

<u>January</u>	1/14/07	6:00 PM	Board Meeting - Tournaments
<u>February</u>	2/11/07	6:00 PM	Board Meeting – Range Operations
<u>March</u>	3/24/07	9:00 AM	Get traps going – at range
	3/28/07	5:30 PM	Gun Raffle
	3/31/07	9:00 AM	Tom & Huck Day – Range Opens
<u>April</u>	3/XX/07	6:00 PM	Board Meeting – Grant & Tournaments
<u>May</u>	5/XX/07	6:00 PM	Members’ Meeting
<u>June</u>	6/9/07	10:00 AM	Tournament - Headwaters 100 (Range closed to normal shooting 6/9)
<u>July</u>	7/13/07- 7/15/07	9:00 AM	Tournament – Montana State Championship (Range closed to normal shooting 7/12-715)
<u>August</u>	8/12/07	XX	Young Life Shoot
	8/23/07- 8/26/07	9:00 AM	Tournament – Kruger Western Challenge (Range closed to normal shooting 8/21-8/26)
	8/30/07	6:00 PM	Range closes for weekday shooting
<u>September - December</u>	XX/XX/07		Closing / clean-up day - Range closes for year
	XX/XX/07	6:00 PM	Board Meeting – Review the season & Plan 2008

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