

## Meeting Minutes

Colorado Sporting Clays Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
April 16, 2009

### Attendance

The following members were present:

Jamie Blei, Kevin Quast, Mark Moore, Jim Harbin, Bill Noyce, John Fuschino, Doug Kraft, Cory Kraft, Trent Meininger, Chris Higgins, John Meyers, John Meyers Jr.

Vice President Bill Noyce called the meeting to order at 6:42.

The floor was opened to discussion of the Board's recommendation to hire a target setter for the 2010 Colorado State Championship per Bill's article in the April, 2009 CSCA Board newsletter. The following outlines the discussion:

- Some members had concern that a Board appointed target setter's desires may conflict the host club's preferences, equipment handling procedures, or other operational desires. A request that the owners have input in the selection process was made.
- Concern was raised that if the host club selected the target setter, the Board would have to find a way to set a firm limit to the cost.
- Some range owners suggested that the host club be selected first and then the target setter. The host club would then have input into the selection process. This could include a set of guidelines regarding equipment treatment or other club specific rules that could be a part of the target setter agreement with the Board and host club.
- Further discussion of funding limits, funding sources, and budget constraints took place.
- It was noted by previous host clubs that the cost would likely range from \$1500 to \$5000 depending on the scope of services and individual setter selected.

### Motion 1:

Bill Noyce presented a motion to hire a target setter for the 2010 Colorado State Championship.

A request was presented to further discuss cost prior to a vote on the first motion. The discussion was as follows:

- It was noted that based on the previous year's budget it could be expected that roughly \$12,000 might be available by the date of the state championship. Approximately \$4000 of that is typically allocated to the purchase of trophies. \$3000-5000 would only leave around \$8000 for money added to the purse.
- Some members voiced the opinion that lower payouts might not necessarily create a negative impact to the goals of the CSCA in promoting the State Championship. Generally, much of the money is spent on payouts of very small amounts such as \$15 or \$20. Eliminating such payouts and lowering the money added expenditure could free up more of the club's money for improvements that benefit all participants instead of just the small group of top shooters.

- Another source of funding was suggested that would increase the season's target fees by just enough to pay for the target setter. Many range owners favored the target fee increase in target fees over lowering the money added payout.
- It was agreed that the issue should be discussed further, but that the original motion to hire a target setter for 2010 was still on the floor.
- Jim H seconded the motion.

**Motion 1 Vote:**

Motion 1 to hire a target setter for the 2010 Colorado State Championship without specific details for funding by the board was seconded and approved unanimously.

A second motion by Bill N followed the vote.

**Motion 2:**

A motion was presented to move the 2010 State Championship date to the first full weekend in October. It was suggested that the group finish last month's old business prior to continuing new business discussion.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

Those present read the meeting minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting and

**Motion 3:**

A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made and seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

John F. presented the following information about last quarter's account activity:

- Balance as of January 2009 - \$5152.29
- \$600 received from member club dues
- \$825 received from registered target fees from this year's competitions
- \$1264.99 as paid out to club insurance and website registration
- The balance was \$5312.30 at the time of the meeting
- It was noted that many club membership dues and insurance forms from 2008 member clubs were missing for the 2009 season. A list was passed to Chris Higgins for follow up.
- Some outstanding target fees had also not yet been received from clubs who had hosted registered events in 2009.

**Motion 4:**

A motion to approve the treasurer's report with no changes was made and seconded by present members. Passed unanimously.

**State Shoot Update:**

A representative from Great Guns presented the following information:

- Great Guns will team with the Ramada Inn on Mulberry (highway 14) in Fort Collins for housing accommodations during the State Shoot.

- A request station sponsor ideas to Great Guns staff was made.
- Great Guns announced that they will provide two 5-stands during the state shoot for warm up and additional competition.

## **Old Business**

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### **CSCA club money payout to out of state shooters:**

As discussed in January, several out of state shooters had expressed frustration to Board members that they weren't eligible to compete for money awards at the State Championship. This condition was thought by members of the Board to discourage out of state participation and influence decreased overall attendance. The idea that CSCA money could be reserved for in state shooters and the remaining class and option money payout could be opened to out of state participants was opened for discussion, which is summarized as follows:

- It was noted that the host club currently has control over how many winning places to pay and the percentage paid to each place with regard to CSCA money. Class money payouts are also controlled the host club.
- Concern was raised that if in state money were to be considered for pay out to out of state shooters, it should be voted on by the membership.
- The Board noted that the current by-laws do not specifically require that only in state participants are eligible for in-state money. They do, however, require a shooter to compete in a minimum of 300 in state, registered targets to be eligible to receive CSCA money.
- It was clarified that the changes being discussed would only apply to the 2010 State championship, not the current year.
- It was noted that host clubs had set a long president whereby in-state dues and target fees were eligible to in state shooters only.

### **Motion 5:**

A motion to make 2010 class money eligible to all participants while continuing to keep CSCA money added available only to in-state participants was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

### **New Shooter Instruction Day:**

- Clubs present were different than the previous meeting when the issue was discussed.
- Previous details were re-discussed and it was agreed that the Board strongly supported the idea, but had little authority to require clubs to host such an event. Club representatives present were asked to consider the idea further.

## **New Business**

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### **2010 State Championship Date Discussion:**

The earlier discussion to move the State Championship to the first full week in October was revived.

- It was noted that due to the possible conflicts with school schedules, junior shooters may not be able to participate in Friday's events.
- Discussion followed that very few juniors participated in Friday's events anyway.
- Concern was raised that the Board should not make permanent changes. Range owners preferred to have some input if circumstances warranted a change to the date.
- Concern was raised that school aged employees of clubs would be less available to set targets, maintain ranges, and participate in the preparation of the state shoot course due to conflicts with school schedules. This would impact clubs differently depending on staff ages.
- Concern was raised that the date may conflict with the traditional shoot date for the Fall Colors Shoot at Del Monte. It was noted that the current date also conflicted with many other state championships and zone shoots, which was the purpose of the request to move the date.
- A benefit to moving the date would be an extended season for clubs.
- It was noted that the Board could overturn the decision in 2011 if the 2010 date proves to be unsuccessful.
- The previous motion; Motion 1 by Bill Noyce, was called to a vote. 3 votes were in support, 7 were against.

**Motion 6:**

A motion was made to move the default championship date to the first full weekend in October, or the candidate-host club's choice date, to be voted on by the membership if two choices are provided was made. If the candidate clubs prefers no second-choices, the first full weekend in Oct. will be the date selected by the Board. Clubs are required to honor the date selected by the membership or chose to withdraw their bid to host the championship. Passed Unanimously.

**News Letter Content:**

Discussion was opened to the next newsletter.

- Content was discussed.
- Previous version cost was 42 cents per copy with 475 letters having been sent.
- The total cost was \$370.
- The delivery method - mail vs. email was discussed.
- It was noted that the hard copies looked professional.
- Concern was presented that the budget for such things must be discussed at the next meeting.

**Motion 7:**

A motion to reimburse Chris Higgins \$370.50 for newsletter distribution and printing was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Final Discussion:**

High Plains requested two additional shoot dates. Higgins to forward info to NSCA.

Warren Watson of the Kiowa Creek club requested that the Board consider a measure to host an event where youth shooters set the targets. A youth shoot, sponsored by clubs that would be free

to youth who participated in the shoot preparation, would then follow the event. It was noted that the Board supported such ideas, but could not require clubs to sponsor events or shooters.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm.