

Meeting Minutes

Colorado Sporting Clays Association
Quarterly Board Meeting
January 14, 2010

Attendance

The following members were present:

Kevin Quast, Mark Moore, Jim Harbin, Bill Noyce, Chris Higgins, John Meyers, John Meyers Jr., John McCord, John Fuschino, Trent Meininger, Darla Youngblood (remote call), Harvey Horton (remote call).

President Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Motion 1:

A motion was made to approve October 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

- Motion amended that John F. had stated he would volunteer for another term on the Board, but preferred not to act as Treasurer.
- Motion amended that meeting was adjourned at 9:00, not 10:00.

The vote passed unanimously with the aforementioned amendments.

Treasurer's Report

Last month's balance was \$4385.55. The current balance is \$5575.55. It was noted that 3 shoots had not paid targets fees for previous events. Discussion followed that resulted in the understanding that one of the events did pay the fees.

Motion 2:

A motion was made to approve October 15, 2009 Treasurer's Report with the amendment that Del Monte did not owe target fees for the shoot noted by the report. The vote passed unanimously.

NSCA Delegates' Report

The delegates discussed the following suggestions and observations from the national shoot:

- Delegates discussed calling inactive members to try to find out why they are no longer participating in the club's events.
- Darla noted that she maintained a list of members that could be contacted.
- Delegates agreed to divide list and contact inactive members.
- Idea presented that clubs could offer a "Come Back" shoot.
- Noted that classification system was a big issue discussed at the NSCA meeting at the national championship.
- A course weighted rating system was introduced similar to the golf handicap-system.
- Noted that some shooters punch into a class by shooting sub-gauge events with low attendance.
- The NSCA is going to track the newly proposed system parallel to the current system to see how it would perform.

State Championship Update

Doug Kraft, owner of Colorado Clays, was not present and had Bill Noyce present the following information in his stead:

- Colorado Clays advertised in the March, April, and May NSCA Sporting Clays Magazine.
- Consistent with a previously approved motion, the Board agreed to pay for ½ of the cost of the advertisements that totaled \$1,350.00.
- Colorado Clays had confirmed 4 sponsors at \$1,500 each and 3 at \$250 each to help cover overhead costs.

Old Business

The idea of a new-shooter shooting event was revisited. The discussion resulted in the idea of a “Bring a Buddy” shoot that would encourage an active member to bring a new shooter to a registered shoot in an effort to introduce them to the sport. An incentive could include reducing the new shooter’s entry fee by approximately ½ if they come give sporting clays a try. The following dates and suggestions were presented:

- Set easier targets.
- Hold the event at multiple clubs.
- Give the new shooter the option of registering the targets and joining the NSCA/CSCA.
- Great Guns said that May 30th was a possibility for them.
- Kiowa Creek said that June 5th would work.
- Del Monte might consider May 25th.
- Board members were going to research the cost of promotional flyers.

State Shoot Payouts

It was discussed that the issues discussed at the last meeting concerning penalty class payout mistakes had been resolved. The following rule clarifications were received from the NSCA and presented at the meeting:

- At the State Championship, a AA shooter must be moved into master class as a penalty for not shooting 300 registered targets during the calendar year preceding the event. There had been confusion since a shooter cannot declare into master class like they can in other classes.
- Any shooter who refuses to shoot in a penalty class is not eligible for any payouts; state money, money added, money back to class, options, or any payout whatsoever.

Registered Shoot Score Posting

It was noted that there were problems with ranges not posting scores to the internet in a timely manner. The following points were discussed:

- Some ranges don’t post scores at all.
- Noted that some ranges don’t have websites or capability of posting to scores to their website.
- Range owners reminded that they can send scores to the CSCA to be posted on the club website.

- Noted that the clubs by-laws require that punches be posted on the club or range owner's website within 5 days.
- Bill Noyce volunteered to follow-up with range owners after shoots and ensure that score/punches were posted consistent with CSCA by-laws.

Board Member Elections

Nine unfilled vacancies were anticipated based on the number of ranges who planned on joining the NSCA in 2010. Elections occurred and are summarized by the following:

- John Fuschino volunteered for another term and asked not to be Treasurer.
- Trent Meininger volunteered for the Board.
- Three other members had mentioned that they might be interested, but were not present for the election to confirm.

Motion 3:

A motion was made to elect Trent Meininger and John Fuschino to the 2010 CSCA Board was made and seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Discussion of the remaining Board vacancies was tabled until the next meeting.

Election of Officers

The following Board representatives were nominated for the Board of Directors:

- President – Chris Higgins.
- Vice President – Bill Noyce.
- John Fuschino – Interim Treasurer.
- John Meyers Jr. – Secretary.

Motion 4:

A motion was made to elect the aforementioned Board of Directors. The vote passed unanimously.

Colorado's Toughest – 626 Shoot Event

Over the past several months, Board members had been presented with an idea to host an event which featured six clubs over two days. The email and phone conversations had been favorable to the idea, so the floor was opened to discussion of the conceptual event and included the following:

- The current understanding was that shooters would begin shooting at the Metro-area ranges and travel north-bound on one day, ending at Great Guns, and south-bound the other day, ending at Rivers Edge. While the reverse approach also had benefits, the approach was preferred because the more remote clubs did not have restrictions to when shooting must have finished in the evening, while several of the metro-area clubs did.
- Due to the length of travel, lunch would not be provided to save time and cost.
- Tracking of scores in between clubs was discussed.
- All clubs should have the same number of stations to increase efficiency and provide consistent starting positions.

- Shooters would earn punches at each shoot, but remain in the same class that they started the event in, similar to the State Championship.
- Due to time constraints, the shoot would be limited to 100 participants.
- Idea discussed that you could register for the entire event at the first club.
- Payouts would probably include options only for the first year of the event.
- Shooters can participate in any of the shoots, but are only eligible for option money and awards such as trophies or hat-pins if they shoot the entire event.
- It was expressed that there were many details to work-out that would be completed through an email and phone discussion and voted on by the Board outside of a regular quarterly meeting if needed.

Newsletter Advertising

A question was presented to the Board regarding the cost of advertising the Board's newsletter. It was discussed that the cost should remain low at first until the newsletter was better established.

Motion 5:

A motion was made to charge \$50 per space for an advertisement the size of a typical business card in each issue. The vote passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.