

IDPA Michigan MD Meeting – 2/11/18

Hosted by Livingston Conservation and Sportsman's Association (LCSA)

Participants:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Email</u>
Mike Barrera	Area Coordinator	michael_barrera@hotmail.com
Dave Johnson	Livingston Conservation and Sportsman's Association	daj1911@yahoo.com
Charles Hughes	Fowlers Home on The Range	charles.hughes82@gmail.com
Todd Driesenga	Fowlers Home on The Range	rockxgear@yahoo.com
Roger Meinert	Fowlers Home on The Range	roger@fowldog.com
Ted Beachamp	Linwood Bay Sportsman's Club	tbmi2a@gmail.com
Earl Austin	Tri-County Sportsman's Club	eraustin3@hotmail.com
Steve Nesmith	Tri-County Sportsman's Club	snesmith1@gmail.com
Tom Tiethoff	South Kent Sportsman's Club	tom@tiethoff.com
Andrew Thompson	South Kent Sportsman's Club	skinny@darkfiber.org
Mark Boruta	Wayne County Raccoon Hunters	mboruta1@yahoo.com
Robin Boruta	Wayne County Raccoon Hunters	rlboruta@yahoo.com
Shawna Snow	Linden Sportsman's Club	sms811@comcast.net
Mark Cloutier	Linden Sportsman's Club	markcloutier@comcast.net
Joyce Bowers	Linden Sportsman's Club	pk72vette@yahoo.com
Paul Bowers	Linden Sportsman's Club	pk72vette@yahoo.com
Greg On'Neill	Linden Sportsman's Club	gregnpatty@hotmail.com
Brett Luptowski	Oakland County Sportsman's Club	brettloop@yahoo.com
Mike Lyons	Oakland County Sportsman's Club	mikel32148@gmail.com
Sandy Aronoff	Oakland County Sportsman's Club	saranoff@comcast.net
Jeffery Nest	Oakland County Sportsman's Club	jsource@sbcglobal.net
Pat McGlathey	Oakland County Sportsman's Club	patmclat@comcast.net
Robert Williams	Howell Gun Club	bob@ihelpwithshooting.com
Kevin Strong		strong465@hotmail.com

Meeting Minutes & Discussions

- ***Slides 3-4 - Summary of Changes / Locations of documents***
 - New rules and PCC and CO provisional rules now available on IDPA website.
 - MD and CSO Handbook also available – recommended all MD's to review this document.
- ***Slides 5-6 - Equipment Rules***
 - Reviewed equipment rule changes in regards to slide machining
 - OFM is complete firearm product. One cannot use a 3rd party lower from another gun and slide from another to mix and match and stay within SSP.
- ***Slide 7 - Decision around Movement***
 - **Question to HQ - According to the new rules, we cannot give a procedural if the shooter does not move (retreating or advancing) on those specific strings on the standard classifier? – Shooters can just stand there?**

Are the changes in spirit of what is trying to be achieved? -- since several advanced trainings require movement.

- **Slide 8 – 5x5 Classifier**

- Some clubs would like to use 4 targets (5-10 shots each), instead of just one target (with 25 shots). The shooter just moves from one target to the next to complete the 4 strings. This makes for easier scoring and reduces the number of times they have to change the targets by a factor of 4. If the relative target positions for all 4 are exactly the same at 10 yards, this should not be a problem.
- Several clubs understood that the justification for the 5x5 was to allow a quick way for unclassified shooters to get classified on the day of or before a major match – which many clubs in the room thought was not enough justification for it. The shooters have a year to get classified, so why is this a problem to be solved?
- In any case, the clubs did like a classifier that was shorter and simpler to administer. Also, movement is no longer a factor. If someone wants to well on this classifier, they need to practice drawing quickly, and getting shots off quickly and accurately. There is only 1 reload. If a person practices those skills, they may do very well on classifier, but it will probably NOT translate to overall match performance since movement, transitions, etc. really come into play.

- **Slide 9 – PCC Classifier**

- Several clubs indicated that they would not be able to run the PCC classifier due to range policy (no rifles on pistol bays) or size requirements.
- The options for size restricted ranges (1/3 or 1/2 sized targets) is as of today not a perfect solution for 2 reasons – 1) there are no official IDPA 1/3 or 1/2 sized targets, and 2) a hot on a mini target is equivalent to a 2x sized hole.
- **The opinion of many clubs:**
 - It would be probably useful to add PCC considerations into the Safety Officer Training – special range commands, managing the rifles on the line, and how to manage timer and SO proximity with these very quiet rifles.
 - If the spirit of having PCC as a specialty division is to allow MD's the option to hold special matches dedicated to PPC (where shooting distances are farther, and props, etc. were designed for that platform), then having a special classifier makes sense.
 - However, if the intent is to integrate PCC wholly into a pistol match, using pistol distances, etc, then the PCC classifier should just be integrated into standard pistol classifiers (i.e. same classifier, but times adjusted accordingly). There is no need to create a special classifier that many of the clubs could not support.
 - In any case, it is the opinion of the clubs that it should remain an optional specialty division – no matter what tier the match is.

- **Slide 9 – Standard Classifier**
 - Some clubs found it interesting that no adjustment made to classifier times, although head circle was added.
 - It is not clear to the clubs what the direction of electronic scoring software will be for IDPA.
 - At one point, independent developers were encouraged to develop scoring programs – and IDPA would be open to providing a standard interface or file format in order to connect to IDPA website to uploads scores, classifiers, etc. One Michigan club has been developing a nice electronic scoring package, but has found that communicating with the RangeLog developers has been hard or impossible to do. There seemed to be much more available information and dialog with the older software platform (Beach Bunny).

- **Slide 10-12 – Carry Optics Division**
 - The CO Box references cutting 1” from both corners of the box.. The question is - is there an optic that would come back further than that? Will that 1” accommodate all commonly used optics? Or will we wait until folks are shooting CO and then adjust that 1” if needed?

- **Some feedback (received 2/12)**
 - The 1” reference was to preserve the integrity of the box corners so the guns fit in the box the same way as before.
 - 1” is a suggested number since it seemed to work on the guns they have seen so far.
 - This may change it if the need develops.
 - These provisional rules to allow these guns to compete in matches with minimal hurdles to clear in order to compete.
 - There is a lot of data that needs to be gathered before IDPA can fully support this as an actual division.

- **Slide 24 – IDPA Nationals**
 - In regards to the IDPA Nationals possibly coming to Michigan, before any club can approach their leadership (board, etc.) to consider offering their facility, the club(s) need to know what the expectation is from IDPA (staff, props, managing the match, etc.), what does the club need to provide, and what do they get from it (financially)?
 - We have 3 clubs that could be considered for Nationals:
 - South Kent Sportsman’s Club (largest)
 - Brooklyn Sportsman’s Club (second largest)
 - Raccoon Hunters (third largest)
 - The Nationals usually has 15-18 stages, also needs bays for vendors, and chronograph. The Nationals usually hosts 350+ shooters over 5 days.
 - If the Nationals came to Michigan, this would be in 2022, so that would give almost 3.5 years to prepare.

- **Slide 25 – IDPA Matches in Michigan**

- Several clubs do host shooters from Canada, so they would like to have the international invitation letter for all the matches in Michigan for 2018. This will be posted about mid-March (in time for the 2018 shooting season).
- SO Classes in 2018
 - **All classes will be posted at www.idpamichigan.org**
 - **Most classes will offer on-line registration**
 - March 25, 2018 at Wayne County Raccoon Hunters (instructor – Mike Barrera)
 - April 8 at South Kent Sportsman’s Club (instructor – Tom Tiethoff)
 - April TBD at Linden Sportsman’s Club (instructor – Dave Johnson)
 - Spring TBD at Tri-County Sportsman’s Club (instructor Rich Belanger)
 - St. Joseph County Sportsman’s Club – has 6 people - Spring / Summer TBD (instructor TBD)
 - Oakland County Sportsman’s Club – has 2 people – will redirect to other club

- **Slide 26 – Updates / Reports / Roundtable**

- Great Lakes Regional is still looking for staff.
- The Michigan State registration will open April 1st. Brice Palansky is handling registration. If anyone wants to work the match, then contact Dave Johnson by email.
- There is a new sanctioned match this year in Michigan – the Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge. There will be 8 Courses of Fire, 140 rounds, 140 shooters. Registrations open on April 1st. Cost will be \$75

- Club Updates

- South Kent**

- Program is successful with 100 – 150 shooters per month and a large setup crew volunteering to help.

- Tri-County Sportsman’s Club**

- They did not have to cancel any matches this year.
 - They offered PCC at the last match of the year, and it went very well.
 - They are raising the rate to \$25 per match.
 - Many clubs indicated that their clubs are pressuring them to raise rates to cover club costs. This also allows clubs to offer a bigger

discount to members (and differentiate the advantage to being a club member)

- The rates have not changed for at least 10 years, so some clubs need to raise their rates to cover increased club overhead.

Linwood Sportsman's Club

- They will be running practices on Wed nights.

Fowler's Home On The Range

- They will be running matches on first Saturdays – cost will be \$20.

Wayne County Raccoon Hunters

- They have added 3 new bays – and now have 16 bays total.

Linden Sportsman's Club

- They just had their frozen finger match on Feb 3rd.

Oakland County Sportsman's Club

- They are a new club since last year, and will offer Monday morning practice sessions, as well as Thursday evening practices. They usually have 20-30 people show up for their practice nights.

Livingston Conservation and Sportsman's Association

- Re-iterated the fact that most clubs have not raised their match fees in over 10 years. They suggested that an email be sent out to the clubs to see how many would raise the rates to \$25 to be consistent between the clubs.

○ Roundtable – opinions brought up by club representatives

- There is a video on the IDPA Youtube channel that attempts to clarify when to apply a PE vs. a FP. Now it looks like that determination is based on the subjective opinion of the SO, and his opinion plays a key element in determining whether the action constitutes a 3 second advantage. It was the opinion of several MD's that seems to added more confusion, and that the "absolute" measure was better (e.g. engaging an entire array while faulting a line). This has now created ambiguity as this is applied to the different skill levels.
- It is confusing that IDPA states that they will not use Social Media to communicate rules or rule interpretations, but it seems to be used all the time to make such announcements and rule clarifications. The clubs request that IDPA please pick one mode or channel for communication and use it consistently (one stop shopping).
- Many membership cards had typos and errors (e.g. CDP spelled as CPD, etc.)
- These mistakes look unprofessional and make IDPA appear lacking in organization.