



Minutes for Mid Year 2014 USPSA Michigan Sectional Meeting

Mike Barrera – MI Section Coordinator

Date: *August 27, 2014 – 8:30pm.*

Location: *Webex / Call In*

Roll Call

Mike Barrera	Michigan Section Coordinator
Carl Provan	Michigan Section Deputy Coordinator
Chris Vasilion	Oak Hill
Bill Chunn	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Dale Vanderzee	South Kent
Jeff Gerak	Livingston Gun Club
Walt Paegel	Brooklyn Sportsman's Club
Joe Margherone	Bend of the River (replacing Larry Hupp)
Gary Johnson	Livingston Gun Club

- Joe Margherone is taking the role of Match Director at Bend of the River. Larry is quite busy with Boy Scouts and has asked for Joe to help by taking that role at that club. Larry will help Joe as he transitions into this role. Joe will be looking to improve participation and increase the number of shooters at the club.

Financial report (Provan)

- As of the January Meeting –
 - \$1382 – Sectional Costs
 - \$706 – Range Officer Training
 - + misc bank fees
 - \$2372 – Expenditures
 - \$1434 - Deposits
 - Oak Hill and South Kent are paying on a quarterly balance.
 - Our balance is \$642
- We waived the Section Fees for the Ryan Rocks Charity Blast.
- Section Fees need to be mailed to Carl Provan. These can be sent in quarterly, monthly or semi-annually – it is whatever is most convenient for the club.
- His has new mailing address:

Carl Provan
1625 Huntcliffe Court
Temperance, Mi 48182

2014 MI Sectional

- We ended up with 215 shooters (goal was 175 shooters).
- If they use plates in the match again, either they would have to hide (or protect) the stands – or use plates without integrated stands.
- Joe Rutkowski (Papa Joe) won the Cheely gun.
- For next time – more water available – and use large jugs for shooters to refill their water bottles – and give out water bottles for refilling.
- The match should start at least 1 hour earlier – at 9:00 am. 10:00 was a bit late, since it drove into a longer day.
- Traditionally, Area or Sectional matches start at 8:00 am or 9:00 am.
- The biggest challenge was getting enough help to run the match. The Section is supposed to be run by the whole section. We are really looking for more certified Range Officers.

2014 Ryan Rocks Charity Blast

- We far exceeded our expectations – we were hoping for 100 shooters.
- We had 173 shooters – 160 that shot the match.
- We raised \$8000 for the charity – as compared to \$4000 from last year.
- This year it was much more smooth – and the stationary RO's worked out much better. Sketch Up worked well for the stage design.
- Last year they were very short on RO's.
- This was much improved – even with double the people.
- The 2015 Ryan Rocks will be in July 10-12, 2015. (Normal match weekend for LGC)
- Staff and limited competitors will shoot on Friday. All other competitors will shoot Saturday and Sunday.
- Pictures of the retreat are on the Ryan Rocks outdoor adventures page.
- Will add a chronograph next year.
- The round count will be around 200 rounds.

2015 MI Sectional – Potential Locations / Clubs

- There could be an opportunity to perhaps bring the Area 5 match to South Kent.
- The goal is to do a bigger match there, to help showcase that club and attract attention to a possible future East US Nationals.
- The Susan Coleman match could be expanded to meet that “visibility” goal.
- At South Kent, we have up to 28 bays to work with.
 - An area match does not need to run all 28 bays.
 - We would only need about 15 stages.
- Phil Strader is not running again as president next year – and the president makes the contract for the nationals. We need to get something on the map at South Kent before this would even be considered by a future president.
- The Area 5 match will also be a good large venue to bring into South Kent, and location is decided by the Area Coordinator.
- The first step - Dale Vanderzee would need to offer having South Kent as host.

- The second step – We would need to present this to the Area Coordinator.
- Note - If we have an Area 5 match at South Kent, that will supersede a MI Sectional Match.
- The date of an Area 5 match is flexible. Probably June, July or August. The Susan Coleman (a large match at South Kent) match is the last weekend in June.
- The issue will be to get volunteers to help chase down sponsors, etc. If we forgo the MI Section match, the resources who would be working these tasks for the MI Sectional can be used to promote and help with these activities. This would be section-contributed effort.
- ACTION ITEM - Dale Vanderzee will run the trap line to see if the club is willing to take this on. He should know by next week.

RO “Make Up” Class in 2014

- Gary Johnson is now teaching classes as Range Officer Instructor
- One of the largest constraints in scheduling classes is scheduling an instructor from USPSA HQ.
- Gary Johnsons can do a class on Oct 25 / 26, 2014.
- There is no minimum number of students, since they are no expenses.
- The class can be held at any club in SE Michigan area with no expense.
- The indoor range can also be used for a Winter Class. The calendar for 2015 at DSC is already locked down – but Bill Chunn will check to see if it is available.
- Bend of the River also has an indoor range, but that would incur costs for Gary Johnson to travel. Of course, there are the outdoor bays can be used for a Spring class.
- We should avoid having a class on a Holiday (e.g. Easter in the first week of April).

New Business / Club Requests / Roundtable

- Brooklyn is now running matches again on the 1st Saturday. They are building about 10 new bays. USPSA has to run on Saturday, because IDPA is running an Saturday afternoon and Sunday match. Desire is to eventually move it back to Sunday.
- At the MI Sectional, they shot 2 of the uprights on the chronograph, which now need to be replaced. We also need a pistol rest added to the section chronograph. The section will replace these parts (since this section property needs to be repaired) - expect total cost to be about \$100 - \$150.
- We should get an extra set of uprights as backup – so we don’t have to throw out the chronograph stage (in a future match).
- The Territorial Match (non sanctioned outlaw match) at the Bend of The River would normally be scheduled for next month.
 - This match is normally in the 4th week in September.
 - Nothing has been planned or promoted yet for this match. Larry passed this off to Joe.
 - This conflicts with the week of USPSA Nationals.
 - At this point, most other clubs have resources that are committed.
 - There was a match last year.
 - The entrance fee is split between all the clubs who come down to help.
 - If we push it back to their match weekend in October – this might be possible.
 - Bend of The River usually runs their matches on the 4th Sunday of the month

- South Kent also runs 3 gun matches on the USPSA stages used in their matches (under USPSA rules). LGC uses IMG rules.
- Oak Hill is doing another gun raffle – which is a big fund generator for the club. Tickets are available from Chris Vasillion.