



Minutes for Mid Year 2015 USPSA Michigan Sectional Meeting

Mike Barrera – MI Section Coordinator

Date: *September 23, 2015 – 8:00pm.*

Location: *Webex / Call In*

Roll Call

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

Financial report (Provan)

- As of the January Meeting –
 - Credits
 - \$1116.35 – Beginning of year balance
 - To date we have \$2302 in deposits
 - He has \$328 pending in deposits
 - Expenses
 - \$1100 went to Michigan Section Match
 - \$166.42 for CED chronograph components
 - \$237.87 for the web site
 - Our balance is \$2538.06
- Last year we were at about \$1800, so we are in a better position.
 - But we are waiting for a bill for Gary Johnson for an RO class he ran.
 - Gary Johnson indicated that we do not owe him any money.
- Top Gun Shooting Sports is no longer running a program.
- They dissolved their assets and \$752 was donated to the section – which helped kick up our balance.
 - The USPSA activity did not make enough money for them, and they cancelled the arrangement.

- 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.
- We could investigate if Firearm Exchange would be interested in re-starting a USPSA program, but for now the only Michigan USPSA Winter Indoor program would be at DSC – which is an excellent program.

2015 Ryan Rocks Charity Blast

- We had 207 shooters registered, 197 shooters that shot the match.
- The net to the charity was \$13,700 (minus expenses) – including the Ryan Spencer Gun Raffle, and a personal donation of \$1000 from a shooter in the Chicago area.
 - The first 2 years combined brought in \$12K, so this was beyond expectations.
- We can run up to 225 shooters. The constraint is the bays – with maximum of 9 shooting bays, and 1 chronograph bay. Each squad should be about 10 people per squad.
- 180 shooters on Saturday / Sunday – then 45 with staff on Friday.
- Next year, they will do on-line registration and payment, which is favored by many shooters.
- The stages were enjoyed by the shooters – and were re-used at some clubs' local matches.

2015 MI Sectional

- The last month before the match was a big run on registrations and had 160-170 shooters. The year before had about 200 shooters.
- The biggest challenge was finding help. They couldn't even get help from their own club.
- Previously, for the Michigan Territorial – every club owned a bay and brought all the props for the stage (except the paper targets). The challenge is you need people to set up – which may be a challenge when people are driving longer distances.
- It is a good idea, and logistics would be a challenge. Walt was willing to consider this as an option for the MI Sectional.

2016 MI Sectional – Potential Locations / Clubs

- Brooklyn was interested in hosting the 2016 MI Sectional.
- The club now has a new range, with 10 bays split down the middle with shelters – much like Raccoon Hunters but on a larger scale. The bays have a lot of space.
- Bend of the River would like to host a MI Sectional Meeting – but is just coming back on line, and 2016 would be too soon. So they have interest after Brooklyn has hosted.
- All the MI Section members agreed that they should host it.

Other Topics

- Rick Steele approached Carl this year to see if South Kent was interested in taking Area 5 in Michigan. However, South Kent felt that they do not have the staff for that level of Match.

- From a capacity perspective, Brooklyn has an adequate number of bays and room to run a match at that scale. The challenge of course would be to staff the match.
- As of now, Bend of the River only has 8 bays.
- DSC has several bays – but Cowboy has several bays, and has done a good job upgrading their bays – but it would be a challenge to move people between the bays, so is not an optimum chance.
- Walt Paegel offered to talk to the club, and see if he can support from the club. He should be able to give an answer at the annual MI Sectional Meeting.
- Susan Coleman match was a charity match built around Steel Challenge.
- A Pro-AM style match requires around 300 pieces of steel. Every club would host a bay.
- Carl talked to Sheila Hoekstra about running a Pro-AM like match whereby every club would bring steel targets. The match would have to be more central (e.g. Brooklyn, etc.) so if clubs have to bring steel, it would be less of drive.
- The Brooklyn matches have been successful – with good feedback from shooters. It seems that some shooters are coming to BSC instead of Oak Hill.
- At BSC, there will be a new IDPA match director – and they may want to move their weekend from the 1st Sunday so that USPSA and IDPA do not shoot on the same weekend at BSC. Historically, when BSC moved their USPSA match to 3rd weekend the number of shooters dropped significantly.
- **Chris Vasillion would like to move back to the 2nd Sunday, assuming Brooklyn stays on the 1st Sunday and avoid the conflicting weekend. The Section agreed with the proposal.**
- When Livingston and Oak Hill were on the same weekend, they didn't interfere.

RO Classes in 2016

- If we offer an RO class in the Winter – it should be indoors.
- Last year we offered 3 RO class, and 3 CRO classes – which spread it a bit thin, with about 10 people per class.
- BORCC has about 5 people interested in a CRO class. BORCC was willing to host a class. The RO class also serves to populate staff for the Sectional or Ryan Rocks – and was usually timed ahead of those events. Ryan Rocks is on the 2nd weekend in July.
- The RO class should be set ahead of Ryan Rocks.
- Gary Johnson is willing to serve the Michigan Section for smaller classes.
- We should offer 2 RO classes in the year – and focus on where the students are for locations – it should depend on where the students are. There should also be 1 CRO class in 2016.
- The MD's should reach out to their mailing lists to determine where the demand is geographically.

2015 Section Coordinator Election

- The by-laws call for 2 year terms starting at Annual meeting (usually January). There should have been an election in January 2015, but there wasn't one. A motion was made to hold an election during this phone call (since there was no election held at the Annual meeting last year.) All were in favor – none were opposed.
- The motion was made to have Mike Barrera continue as Section Coordinator. All were in favor – none were opposed. The 2 year term will be effective retroactively from January 2015 for 2 years. The next election should be back on regular cadence at the annual meeting in January 2017.
- The Deputy Coordinator is an appointed position, and Carl indicated that he does not have time to hold that position for the next term – but he offered to continue the duty until the next annual meeting in January 2016.

New Business / Club Requests / Roundtable

- Carl Provan
 - No specific roundtable – but he was impressed with professional way matches have been run in Michigan.
- Not many clubs have seen Carry-Optics guns. The division can be manually added to Practiscore. At this time it is a provisional division. At this point it has been integrated into Practiscore and EZ-Winscore. USPSA is accepting CO classifiers, and they are building it into the dataset.
- Bill Chunn
 - Dave Zimmerman of Target Barn retired. All targets are now shipped from Tennessee or Kentucky. South Kent had a bad experience with wrong targets being shipped, and it cost \$500+ to have these targets shipped back and forth to correct the order.
 - Now all targets are shipped, and puts Shooters Connection on even par with Target Barn.
 - Dave Zimmerman had the dies and made his own targets.
 - Greg Panzl will investigate what it takes to make targets and obtain appropriate licensing. It costs around \$2000 to make the dies. If that is the case, then perhaps the clubs should guarantee some level of purchase to Greg.
 - The Target business has gone to Tennessee, and other items will be retained by David Zimmerman's new business (Bullet Barn).
 - IDPA requires a \$0.05 royalty for every target
 - USPSA requires \$0.03 royalty for an official target, and \$0.01 for a paper practice target.
 - There will be matches during the Winter (but not in November).
 - Bill Chunn will be stepping down as Match Director this coming December.
- Chris Vasillion

- Oak Hill had low turnout during his 1st Sunday match. Next year they will move to 2nd Sunday.
- Walt Paegel
 - He is thinking to have the MI Sectional in September – but it is a bit early to project what big matches are happening. That may be affected by the school year starting up – with helpers having school commitments.
 - The only month where there was not a major match was in June.
 - If we held it in June, it would be on the 1st or the 4th weekend of June.
- Joe Margherone
 - Classifiers are every 5th Sunday.
 - They are drawing 50-60 shooters every month.
- Jeff Gerak
 - Jeff was invited down to Ohio to be one of the instructors for the Area 5 Junior camp.
 - He wanted to know if we have enough interest to do something like this? There were only 10 juniors come to the Area 5 camp (the weekend before Area 5). But it wasn't heavily promoted. It may be a good fit to have a junior camp connected with a Ryan Rocks.
 - If we want anything we printed in Front Sight, we just need to contact Jake Martens to get this published. This could be included in an article that covers Ryan Rocks – to help promote this kind of event.
 - There could be a junior camp on Wed-Thursday as long he had proper support to help coach the kids and set up the match. But the stages need to be set up early enough to support this – and then re-use their bay(s) to set up stages.
 - This could also be part of a monthly match or at another club.