



## AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

08 March 23 Meeting

- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges
  - o **Steve F.**
  - o **Tim L.**
  
- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: February meeting notes/minutes sent out via email on 27 FEB 23.
  
- Shooting Sports account balances as of 05 FEB 23:
  - U of A accounts:
  - 2370240 Instructor Certification \$4914
    - \$2500 unpaid bill from 2022 received 08 MAR
  - 2372050 Match \$1757
  - 5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification \$49
  - 5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match \$33
  
- Old Business:
  - o State Shooting Sports extension website updates
    - Individual discipline pages (under construction, please send resource information to Erik)
    - Current events / calendar creation: County event information needed! None received as of 21 FEB 23.
    - State POC roster addition: As of 01 MAR 23, awaiting instructor updates from the following counties: Graham, La Paz (partially complete), and Yuma.
      - 118 total instructors qualified in 222 disciplines.
      - 10 Level-2 Instructors qualified in 16 disciplines.

Count of Lvl 2 Archery	Count of Lvl 2 Pistol	Count of Lvl 2 Rifle	Count of Lvl 2 Shotgun	Count of Lvl 2 Hunting Skill	Count of Lvl 2 Muzzleloader	Count of Lvl 2 Western Heritage
			1	1	1	
	1					
			1			
		1	1			
2			1			
	1	2				
1						
1		1				
<b>Total 4</b>	<b>Total 2</b>	<b>Total 4</b>	<b>Total 4</b>	<b>Total 1</b>	<b>Total 1</b>	<b>Total 0</b>

- AZ Shooting Sports Operations Policy Update: Assistant 4-H Director (outgoing) review complete as of 04 JAN 23; policy update is on-going in preparation of review by interim director Cathy Martinez.
- Shooting Sports / 4-H Tri-fold creation: No action in the last 120 days.
- State equipment inventory and central consolidation: State equipment holding room at Tucson Ag Center 80% cleaned up. One of two rooms emptied. Maricopa Ag Center agreed to allow us to store support equipment on their facility. Three trailers have been acquired at \$0 purchase cost through the federal surplus program (14', 12', 12' box trailers) to store and transport state shooting sports support equipment. Thank you to Doug and Derek for assistance in transportation and repair of our 14' trailer!
- Level-2 Training: May 1-5, 2023, in Kansas at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. We will be sending no less than one instructor for archery and one for western heritage. Intent is to send four to five total instructors depending on instructor and funds availability.

- National Shooting Sports Committee Standards update, “modern military firearms” 18 JAN 23 update. Answer to request for information (RFI) received 18 FEB 23.
  - Ruger Precision .22 bolt rifle classified as “not allowed”
  - “This is a decision based on appearance and not functionality. The intent is to avoid the negative media perceptions that come from our members using rifles that appear tactical.”
  - Further wording changes or updates to policy not expected as the National Committee is concerned about creating further restrictions to competitive rifles that may appear “tactical.”
  - Ruger Charger smallbore pistols are authorized.
  - No ruling on 1911 rail .22 pistols or P320 pistols.
  - Updated guidelines received 27 FEB 23:

“Any firearm built or modified to give the distinct impression of a modern military style firearm such as an AR or AK is not allowed in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Listed below are visual examples of, but not limited to, firearms that **resemble** those not allowed. **Examples of unacceptable firearm components include: any type of muzzle devices (muzzle brake, recoil compensator, suppressors, porting), front pistol grips, heat shield/shroud, and magazines extending more than 1 inch below the receiver. Ported barrels are permitted on shotguns & pistols.**”



- New Business

- State Match Overview and AAR. (See separate document for details.)
- County “Buckle Count” from State Match:
  - Maricopa: 1
  - Mohave: 1
  - Gila: 2
  - Coconino: 5
  - Pima: 5
  - Pinal: 10

- Input requested reference scheduling of the 2023-2024 State Championship Match.
  - 12-15 JAN 2024 (MLK Day holiday weekend)
  - 09-12 NOV 23 (Veteran's Day holiday weekend)
  - 20-22 OCT 23
  - 27-29 OCT 23
    - Notes: 30 SEP-16 OCT, 18-27 NOV youth deer hunts  
13-19 OCT youth elk hunts  
01 OCT new Z-suite 4-H year (registration requirements)  
Potential impact of winter storms on travel
- Next Level-1 Instructor Workshop save-the-date posted on the state shooting sports website. Event will be 14-16 JUL 23 at James 4-H Camp near Prescott. Registration expected to open late March/early April. Looking for volunteer Level-2 Instructors to support. Intent is to offer all shooting sports disciplines (other than coordinator).
- Input requested reference our next Level-1 Instructor Training Workshop: timeframe and location. Any volunteers to help coordinate a workshop within your county in the NOV-JAN timeframe (dependent on when the State Championship Match is held)?
- Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports CMP affiliation application submitted 28 FEB 23 to CMP for processing and approval. Being CMP affiliated will give our program exposure at the national level, open up competitive event opportunities for our members and allow our counties and clubs to purchase equipment from CMP at discounted rates.
- Friends of the NRA Grant award letter received 08 MAR 23. Friends of the NRA was very generous in their equipment and monetary award to our program at the state level.

- Shooting Discipline Updates:

- Archery: (Kip Bennett)
- Pistol: (Doug Whitehead)
- Rifle: (John Sparlin)
- Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley):
- Air Rifle / Pistol: (*vacant as of JAN 2023*)
- Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn)
- Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn)
- Western Heritage: (*vacant, project not yet offered*)

- Open Floor:
- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 05 April 23, 6:30pm, Zoom

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