



AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

05 April 23 Meeting
(Meeting notes in red font)

- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges (attendees listed below)

Doug W.

Brian D.

Kip B.

John S.

Josh F.

Carol P.

Tim L.

Stacy H.

Wayne M.

Kristine S.

- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: March meeting notes/minutes sent out via email on 03 APR 23.

No comments. Reduced attendance during last meeting pushed several topics into tonight's meeting.

- Shooting Sports account balances as of 27 MAR 23:

U of A accounts:

2370240 Instructor Certification: \$5751

2372050 Match: \$5790

5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification: \$49

5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match: \$33

- Old Business:

- 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 03 APR 23. **Coconino Archery Fun Shoot flyer (29-30 JUL 23) requested, will be posted on State shooting sports website once received along with Coconino First Responder Fun Shoot (10 JUN 23).**
 - State POC roster addition: As of 13 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 (see below for details)

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				
Total 4	Total 2	Total 4	Total 4	Total 1	Total 1	Total 0

- 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!

Potential meeting with Brian D. on 14 APR 23 to complete cleanout of storage room in Tucson.

- Level-2 Training: May 1-5, 2023, in Kansas at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. We will be sending instructors for archery, western heritage, muzzleloading and hunting skills, assuming our requested training seats are granted.

Attendees slated as followed: Stacy H. = Western Heritage, Doug W. = Muzzleloader, Derek H. = Hunting Skills, Kip B. = Archery

- 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.”**



Discussion of where to send letters of concern. Recommended procedure of either sending them to Erik for follow-on distro to 4-H state leaders, or send them direct to Cathy Martinez, Interim 4-H Director. Recommendation made to avoid sending them to state political leaders in order to increase effectiveness.

- 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. Dates that are on the table for the multidiscipline match follow.
 - 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

Discussion of pros and cons of the above date based on impact of winter weather, hunting seasons, and 4-H administrative constraints. Majority of committee members preferred an OCT timeframe based on the above criteria. Decision made to hold the

2023-2024 State Multi Discipline Match 27-29 OCT 23, location TBD. Idea of holding a spring time funs shoot / workshop at the State level discussed.

- 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 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 competitive event opportunities for our members and allow our counties and clubs to purchase equipment from CMP at discounted rates.

CMP has not returned our submitted application as of 04 APR 23.

- 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.

Discussion of ways to show our appreciation of the Friends of the NRA.

Recommended counties reach out to their local chapter and ask if their members can participate in their dinners or events. Also recommended to send pictures of our members using the donated equipment to local chapters and Arizona State Friends of the NRA Facebook page.

- Shooting Discipline Updates:

- Archery: (Kip Bennett)
- Pistol: (Doug Whitehead)
- Rifle: (John Sparlin)
- Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley)
- Air Rifle / Pistol: (John Sparlin volunteer)
- Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn)
- Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn)

- Western Heritage: *(vacant, project not yet offered)*

- Open Floor:

Coconino County First Responder Fun Shoot 10 June 23 discussed.

Kat W. selected to be the shotgun coach for this year's State Shotgun Team.

Need for State Smallbore Pistol Coach mentioned.

- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 03 MAY 23, 6:30pm, Zoom

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