



AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

01 November 2023 Meeting

- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges
- Attendance:
 - o Erik S.
 - o Kristine S.
 - o Steve F.
 - o Doug W.
 - o Kat W.
 - o John S.
 - o Chris S.
 - o Mary F.
 - o Derek H.
 - o Stacy H.
 - o Kim N.
 - o Wayne M.
- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: October meeting notes/minutes sent out via email on 30 OCT 2023.
 - Minutes accepted, no concerns or questions.
- Shooting Sports account balances as of 23 OCT 2023:
 - U of A accounts:
 - 2370240 Instructor Certification: \$6582.71
 - 2372050 Match: \$4750.91
 - 5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification: \$49
 - 5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match: \$33
 - Midway Foundation Agency Endowment: \$758.35

- Old Business:

- State shooting sports instructor update. Roster is close to being done! Contact info has been updated with all information available in Z-Suites, we are awaiting four counties (**Apache, Cochise, La Paz, Yuma**) to finish providing the info they have in their records for 31 of our instructors.
 - 102 Level-1 Instructors qualified in 216 disciplines.
 - 11 Level-2 Instructors qualified in 21 disciplines.
- AZ Shooting Sports Operations Policy update. Renewed prioritization based on ALVSCE operations department inquiry. No update. Again x2. I don't anticipate this one being actioned until our new 4-H State Director is named based on the state staff's current workload.
- Shooting Sports / 4-H Tri-fold creation: Work on the draft continues.
- Club / County annual equipment inventories were due 30 September 2023. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please send it in soon. Thank you to everyone who has turned their inventories in. Still working on the compilation/state rollup. As a reminder, if you have broken equipment please contact Erik so that he can work on a solution to get it repaired.
- Reminder: Friends of the NRA grant cycle closes soon. Get your proposals in. Deadline is 10 NOV 2023. The letter Josh F. put together explaining our 4-H task organization/hierarchy is available from Erik for anyone who needs it.
- 2024 State pins design and order.
 - Design ideas
 - Quantity needed (note 60 day turnaround from when time order is placed)
 - 1" size previous, \$1 each
 - Copper color?
 - Decision tabled until our State Team is finalized on 15 NOV 2023
- Pima County to receive one of the 12' box trailers currently on the State Shooting Sports hand receipt. Hand-off scheduled with John S. for 18 NOV 2023 air match.

- New Business
 - 2023-2024 State Air Team Try-outs **and All Ages Air Match**; 18 November 2023, VFW Post 720 in Phoenix, Arizona. Each county will receive a free match grade air rifle or junior sized beginner air rifle for every ten kids they sign up for the match. The county with the largest number of signups will receive an additional match grade air rifle!
 - AAR (After Action Review) for 2023-2024 State Team Try-outs; 27-29 OCT 2023, Northern Arizona Shooting Range.
 - (33) kids registered in (75) courses of fire as of 27 OCT 2023
 - Communication before event?
 - Location?
 - Registration and check-in?
 - Discipline match operations?
 - Late additions to the State Team roster...wildcards available at State Championships?
 - Equipment needed?
 - Food service?
 - Camping and other accommodations?
 - Other concerns/observations/areas for sustainment or improvement?
- Recommendation made to require “match experience” before being eligible to tryout for the State Team in a particular discipline. Most agreed with this idea. Note this requirement will not be applied for the State Championships.
- The competition site was appreciated by all; facilities were great and RSOs were very friendly.
- Sharing of risk management plan with others outside of range masters and range safeties. Risk management safety plan briefing will be opened to all that are interested in attending.
- A simple strip map will be posted at the operations trailer next time detailing the location of all ranges and restrooms.
- Range Masters will take the time to review key rules with range safeties before a course of fire begins IOT increase awareness of potential infractions or questions from the competitors.
- Spotter selection will not be offered during registration prior to the event as preferences were not able to be supported by the range schedule.
- Competitors need to be reminded that all rifles must enter and exit the range in cases.
- Need for more information on what Hunting Skills entails at the National Championships.

- Wildcard State Team slots will be offered after the State Championships for those disciplines that did not fill their team slots during the tryout match.
- Discussion of how time will be used to better prepare for Nationals was discussed. Need to start additional instruction and fundraising is now.
- Need to add Western Heritage section to the state rulebook.
 - o Level-1 Instructor Training Workshop being held at the Three Points (Tucson) VFW Post #10254 08-10 DEC 2023.
 - o 2024 State Championships 23-25 FEB 2024 location ideas needed.
- Shooting Discipline Updates:
 - Archery: (Kip Bennett): NSTR
 - Pistol: (Doug Whitehead): NSTR
 - Rifle: (John Sparlin): NSTR
 - Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley): NSTR
 - Air Rifle / Pistol: (John Sparlin): NSTR
 - Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn): NSTR
 - Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn): Need for info about Nationals.
 - Western Heritage: (Stacy Hadley): NSTR
- Open Floor:
- Idea/concept of getting kids involved with the State Committee. Unanimous concurrence.
- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 06 DEC 2023, 6:30pm, Zoom

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