



AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

06 December 2023 Meeting

Meeting notes/minutes denoted in red font.

- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges
- Attendance:
 - o Erik S.
 - o Kristine S.
 - o Doug W.
 - o Kat W.
 - o Carol P.
 - o Kip B.
 - o Tim L.
 - o Steve F.
 - o Stacy H.
 - o Derek H.
- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: November meeting notes/minutes posted to state website at 1700, 06 DEC 2023.
- Shooting Sports account balances as of 06 DEC 2023:
 - U of A accounts:
 - 2370240 Instructor Certification: \$6582.71
 - 2372050 Match: \$6919.00
 - 5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification: \$49
 - 5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match: \$33
 - Midway Foundation Agency Endowment: \$1933.35

- Old Business:

- State shooting sports instructor roster 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, Yuma**) to finish providing the info they have in their records for 31 of our instructors.
 - 107 Level-1 Instructors qualified in 221 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 x3. New 4-H State Director (Todd Kessner) starts 22JAN 2024.
- Shooting Sports / 4-H Tri-fold creation: Work on the draft continues.
- 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 State Team is assembled
- Pima County to receive one of the 12' box trailers currently on the State Shooting Sports hand receipt. Hand-off completed after 18 NOV 2023 air match.
- 2023-2024 State Air Team Try-outs **and All Ages Air Match**; 18 November 2023, VFW Post 720 in Phoenix, Arizona. Maricopa County had the largest number of kids attend (11). Overall, the event more than doubled in size with 36 youngsters competing in over 70 discipline entries! **Next time around we will be assigned match start times to each of our three age groups so that families with only one member competing will not have to spend the entire day at the event. Note that we are also very close to maximum capacity given the current number of firing points we have available.**

- New Business

- Level-1 Instructor Training Workshop being held at the Three Points (Tucson) VFW Post #10254 08-10 DEC 2023.

- Potential stand-alone archery level-1 course 20 JAN 2024.
- 2024 State Championships 23-25 FEB 2024 location.
 - COA 1: Replicate last year's event siting
 - COA 2: Use CG Trap and Skeet for shotgun and archery, utilize the municipal range or Maricopa Box Canyon Range for other disciplines
 - COA 3: Use Maricopa Box Canyon Range for all events except shotgun
 - COA 4: Tucson; Tucson Rifle Club and Tucson Trap and Skeet Club with a homebase at the Three Points VFW

Strong preference of the group to not use CG Trap and Skeet for the direct fire portion of the match due to coordination and efficiency issues. Interest was most strong in COA 2 and 4, plus the addition of a COA 5 being the Page Gun Club located in Page, Arizona. Kip will confirm camping options as well as the availability of the range complex.

- 2024 State Team Commitments. Total of 27 kids to date!
 - Air pistol: 3 (coach needed)
 - Air rifle: 1 (coach needed)
 - Archery compound: 4+1 (coach = Kip)
 - Archery recurve: 1 (coach needed)
 - Hunting Skills: 4 (coach = Mary and Steve)
 - Muzzleloader: 4 (coach = Doug)
 - Shotgun: 3 (coach = Stacy)
 - Smallbore pistol: 4 (coach needed)
 - Smallbore rifle: 3 (coach = Jarred and Erik)

Erik will send out the team roster on 07 DEC 2023.

- Ben Avery user agreement contract is complete. All Arizona shooting sports instructors are eligible to establish a sub account under the state master account IOT reserve and use ranges at the facility. Unanimous support of trying to schedule the use of Ben Avery for our 2025 or 2026 State Championship match. Discussion of facility reservation priority ensued. Erik will attempt to schedule when Ben Avery's window opens up.

- Shooting Discipline Updates:
 - Archery: (Kip Bennett): Considering reducing the number of field and or FITA targets to reduce time needed to complete archery courses of fire.
 - Pistol: (Doug Whitehead): NSTR
 - Rifle: (John Sparlin): Not present
 - Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley): NSTR
 - Air Rifle / Pistol: (John Sparlin): Not present
 - Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn): Doug mentioned that he is working on modifying a couple of .32 muzzleloaders he got from Steve so that they are more competitive for our state team.
 - Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn): Confirmed number of students (8) for upcoming training, all supplies are ready.
 - Western Heritage: (Stacy Hadley): Interested in putting together a team to represent Arizona at the 2024 Western Heritage Finals/Championships. Will discuss ideas with Erik offline in the near future.

- Open Floor:

- Discussion of changing smallbore rifle 3-position state rules to match the National Championships rules reference the allowance of shooting attire to include shoes, jacket and pants. Unanimous support was provided, change will be made to the next edition of our state rules expected to publish on or about 01 JAN 2024.

- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 03 JAN 2024, 6:30pm, Zoom

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