



## AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

03 July 2024 Meeting

Meeting notes/minutes denoted in red font.

- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges

### Attendance:

- Erik S.
  - Kristine S.
  - Justin C.
  - John S.
  - Derek H.
  - Doug W.
  - Michelle I.
  - Kip B.
  - Josh F.
  - Michelle F.
  - Kirk F.
  - Mary F.
  - Wayne M.
- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: May meeting notes/minutes posted to state website 02 July 2024. (Note: June 2024 meeting was cancelled.)
- State shooting sports account balances as of 02 July 2024:

### U of A accounts:

2370240 Instructor Certification: \$8969.39

2372050 Match: \$8827.70

5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification: \$49

5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match: \$33

Arizona SSS Midway Foundation Agency Endowment: \$6748.56

- State shooting sports certified instructors as of 02 July 2024.
  - 125 Level-1 Instructors qualified in 278 disciplines.
  - 13 Youth Level-1 Instructors qualified in 25 disciplines.
  - 12 Level-2 Instructors qualified in 20 disciplines.
  - 1 Level-3 Instructor qualified in 1 discipline.
  - **20 Level-1 Instructors in-progress**, awaiting certified volunteer status
  
- State shooting sports project enrollments by discipline as of 01 MAY 2024.

Project	4-H Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Archery (all)	0	207	323	378
Air Rifle	0	55	44	217
Air Pistol	0	26	85	152
Hunting Skills	0	19	11	66
Muzzleloading	0	6	9	33
Shotgun	0	67	72	80
Smallbore Pistol	0	39	61	108
Smallbore Rifle	0	111	130	181
Western Heritage	0	0	0	13
Shooting Sports (general)	9	0	67	50
<b>Total Project Enrollment</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>1278</b>

Horse (all)	0	673	690	661
Poultry (all)	0	301	515	507
Beef (all)	0	280	324	331

\* Z-Suites ES327 report data source

- Old Business:
  - AZ Shooting Sports Operations Policy update. State Director (Dr. Todd Kessner) has been briefed on the issues and has begun trying to work on this one through the administration.
  - Shooting Sports / 4-H Tri-fold creation: U of A marketing department working on a background draft. Expected return is unknown.

- 2025 State Rulebook recommended changes for discussion and decision follow. Final rulebook modifications will be made after discussion during the August 2024 SSSC meeting.
  - Process needed to deal with protests and issues that may arise after a course of fire is complete, but before an awards presentation has occurred; or a definitive time period that protests are no longer accepted.
  - Authorization is needed for event operations staff to spot check scores and make changes if needed, in order to avoid potential purposeful scheming or accidental scoring errors.
  - Allowable assistance from another 4-H member, volunteer, or RSO during written tests.
  - Allowable smallbore rifle trigger weight for Sr. class in 3-P match.
  - Add National 4-H CMP rules to state rulebook for county use.
  
- State Archery 3-D Fun Shoot 27-28 July 2024. Location is Camp Navajo, east of Flagstaff. The flyer for the event is up on our website and registration is open!
  
- 2024-2025 State Shooting Sports Ambassador Nominations. Only one packet was received for our deputy ambassador position. Pima county's Daisy Johnson was selected.
  
- Volunteer and family shooting sports surveys were sent out to state shooting team members and their families. Twelve responses have been submitted to date. Large scale roll out expected within the next 45 days.
  
- AZ SSS Midway Endowment account first withdrawal requested 01 June 2024. \$300 (5%) will be disbursed from the account and immediately returned in order to receive matching funds from the Potterfields.

- New Business

- 2024 National Championships after action review discussion.

- Coach financial support needed, especially for those that do not have children participating. County and State support options. Tiered levels?

- Need for a written contract/commitment for use to communicate member and coach expectations. Inclusion of a deposit or held check?
  - Use of “Whats-App” to communicate with all families.
  - Jersey fabric was a bit thick, move sponsor names higher on shirt, copper colored star.
  - Eliminate use of cutlines for Nationals qualification.
  - Get the team together before Nationals, close to the qualifier?
  - Need more volunteers to make more events happen.
  - New Mexico use of club teams to qualify for Nationals?
  - Create a club award at our state competition for “complete” discipline teams?
- Upcoming 2 to 1 match period for our Midway endowment account. Double match is expected to begin in late July and extend through September.
  - A Facebook Group has been created for Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports. If interested, please request to be a member of the “Arizona 4-H State Shooting Sports”. All 4-H members and volunteers are welcome! Note: Our discipline leads and state coordinator oversee the page.
    - Archery: (Kip Bennett): Great Nationals! (4) 3-d courses being built at the upcoming archery fun shoot.
    - Smallbore Pistol: (Jon Webster): Not present
    - Smallbore Rifle: (John Sparlin): 3-P change in position order.
    - Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley): Not present
    - Air Rifle / Pistol: (John Sparlin): 3-P change in position order.
    - Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn and Doug Whitehead): Will take a look at the rules, potential of too long of courses of fire?
    - Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn): (Mary F.) Need to mimic nationals at the senior level...
    - Western Heritage: (Stacy Hadley): Not present
- Open Floor:
  - AZNG is tracking the upcoming archery fun shoot with plenty of advertisement (Derek).
  - Need to open county events to members and coaches from outside home counties in order to increase networking and shooting opportunities for all youth and volunteers (Derek).

- Reaching out to Canyon Coolers for potential sponsorship (Wayne).
- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 07 August 2024, 6:30pm, Zoom

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