

Western Pennsylvania Section
January 27, 2008
Meeting Minutes

1:28 pm Call to Order

1:29pm Introductions

Matt Dylewski, Match Director - Gem City Sportsman Club
Kevin Blake, new Match Director - Clairton Sportsman Club
Sam Brown, Match Director - Pardoe Sportsman Club
Olie Erickson, Pardoe Sportsman Club
Dave Dorisio, Match Director - McDonald Sportsman Club
Michael Bine, McDonald
Rob Eger, McDonald
Steve Davidson, Match Director - Pitcairn-Monroeville
Ron Rodgers, Match Director - East Huntington
Vince Lucchetti, WPA Section Coordinator
Doug Sestock, previous WPA Section Coordinator
Eric Scheirer, previous Match Director - Clairton
Liz Polovina, Section Secretary
Bob James

Doug Peters, Match Director - Castlewood was unable to attend.

1:30pm By-Laws

Review of By-Laws
Resolution to update By-Laws
Consistent signing of By-Laws
Agreement of By-Laws by Executive Committee

Article 3 Review

- Discussion began with Ron asking what is “Active Membership”
- Discussion took place by all as to what defines an active shooter and how slots will be earned with this added to the by-laws.
- It was decided by all to remove “Active Membership” from Article 3 of the By-Laws and return to 2 levels of membership.
- Article 3.3 and Article 3.4: it was decided by the majority to remove “CRO” from the language and to add to the wording to “encourage” at least one RO certification; but, not require it.
- “Information Officer” will remain in the wording even though most Match Directors communicate between each other to notify other of changes with their clubs.
- It was decided to remove Article 3.5 from the By-Laws. Steve suggested that the holding of match days is to be left up to the

individual clubs to decide. Doug Sestock suggested adding a “New Club Membership” to the By-Laws.

Article 10 Review

- Suggestions were made to add to the wording of the by-laws to have one individual (the Section Coordinator) spearhead the WPA Sectional Match.
- Ron suggested removing “state level match” from the wording in the by-laws.

Article 8 Review

- Review of Article 8.1: club activity fees; it was suggested do we want an activity fee. Final decision was to remove the Activity Fee paid to the Section.
- Discussion took place regarding what is a section match and what number of stages is the minimum number to put on a section match. Doug Sestock clarified that a section match began as a minimum of 5 stages. In discussion of this years section match it was suggested by Robbie Eger to have/invite each club to put on a stage. Kevin Blake (MD for Clairton) agreed.
- Decision by the Executive Committee to remove Article 8.1 and 8.2 from the By-Laws.
- It was decide to keep Article 8 “Finances” in the by-laws to cover any unexpected finances incurred by the Section Coordinator (SC) for mailings, postage, etc.

Article 4 Review

- Section 4.1: it remains that the SC will shoot the Sectional match at no cost.
- Section 4.5: It was suggested that the “Section Training/ Safety Officer” be changed to the title of “Information Officer”
- Robbie suggested putting new shooter guidelines on the Section web page
- Matt (Gem City) suggested having a checklist that can be used for “New Shooter Orientation” and possibly an Info card they can keep with them and carry it to the clubs.
- Jim Welty was nominated for the position of “Information Officer”
- Article 4.6: It was decided by the Executive Committee to remove the Secretary from voting privileges

Article 5 Review

- Clarification was made that there will be two (2) “in person” meetings held per calendar year; with telephonic/ electronic meetings as needed. When replying to e-mails it was decided that the “Reply All” needs to be utilized. Please note that Kevin

Blake (MD for Clairton) does not have e-mail. Please contact via phone.

- Article 5.1: No changes to By-Laws. Steve Davidson mentioned to have the By-Laws posted to the Section web page so all members may view.
- Article 5.2: Doug Sestock suggested changing the wording to reflect “3 business days”; not 3 days.
- Article 5.3: no discussion

Article 6 Review

- Change wording in paragraph 3 to “term of office will begin at the beginning of the calendar year (January 1.)”
- The election will take place at the Western PA Sectional Match if the match falls after August 1. If the WPA Section match is held prior to August 1 the election will take place within the last 45 days of the “shooting season.”
- A shooting season was defined to be one calendar year due to the fact that Gem City shoots year round.

Article 7 Review

- Paragraph 5: “The member clubs conducting the matches agree to abide by the rulings of the SC provided that the matter does not go to an Arbitration Committee” was removed from the By-Laws.

Article 9 Review

- USPSA Mission Counts: It was decided by the Executive Committee that each member club is to distribute slots as they see fit. This is no change from the previous by-law.
- Ron (EH) and Olie (Pardoe) suggested adding to the language of the By-Laws that slots will be rounded to the nearest whole number and extra slots returned to the SC.
- Doug S. suggested adding a time frame for returning slots to the SC. Two (2) weeks (14 days) prior to the deadline, unused slots are to be returned to the SC.
- Matt suggested receiving some sort of verification that a shooter has received his/her slot.
- Doug suggested that the SC must retain the paper slot and the SC will distribute the slot to the specific individual.
- The SC will keep a waiting list of local members who wish to have a slot for the Nationals. These are to be given on a first come, first serve basis.
- All topics covered in the review of Article 9 will be added to the wording of the by-laws.

Article 11 Review

- No change.

Article 12 Review

- No change.

Article 13 Review

- No change.

Article 14 Review

- No change.

Article 15 Review

- No change.

In ending discussion of by-laws it was suggested that club addresses, directions, GPS co ordinances, and links to each club be added to the Section website.

3:05 pm

Setting of Match Fees

- Ron Rodgers suggested possibly increasing first gun runs and making the costs the same across the board. This brought up much discussion since ammo and gun costs continue to rise. The majority disagreed with setting a standard fee and felt that the fee should be determined by individual clubs.
- No standard fee will be set. Fees are to be determined by the individual clubs.
- The Executive Committee decided to have no Pre-registration for local club matches.

WPA Sectional

- This years WPA Sectional will be held at McDonald Sportsman Club on the second weekend of October 2008.
- Match fee approx. \$55.00 (subject to change) Staff will shoot Thursday and paying shooters will shoot Friday, Saturday & Sunday in half day format. There will be 7 stages (as of now.)
- Match application and announcement will be within the next few weeks.

Area 8 Championships

- This years Area 8 match will be held at East Huntington Sportsman Club from May 22 – May 25. Staff will shoot Thursday; paying shooters will shoot Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All information is available on the Area 8 web page.
- March 1-2 there will be a NROI Range Officers class at East Huntington Sportsman Club. Cost is \$40.00.

Rule Changes

- Please note that the new rule book is a USPSA-only Rule book.
- There are range command changes
- Changes to grip tape etc.
- USPSA is also looking at having a Satisfaction Survey in the near future; so, shooters can comment on a match.

Open Discussion

- The fifth Sunday of June: Pardoe is looking to have a multi gun match.
- The fifth Sunday of August: Pitcairn- Monroeville will be holding a Rifle match.
- Sometime in June/July: Pitcairn- Monroeville will be hosting a steel match again.
- As part of the June match; McDonald Sportsman Club will have a 7 stage Rifle match on the second Saturday in June, followed by their regular 5 stage match on Sunday. There will be pre registration for the Rifle match, price will be determined.
- Eric suggested putting these special matches on the Area 8 web page.
- East Huntington's first match will be the 5th Sunday of March; because, Easter is on the fourth Sunday.
- Doug mentioned USPSA purchased the Steel Challenge. Hopefully this will come down to the club level with East Huntington possibly hosting a steel match again.
- Junior Camp will be in April/ May- please encourage junior members to participate.
- Hollidaysburg Sportsman's Club will be submitting their application to USPSA with plans to begin matches on the 1st Saturday of the month beginning in April if all goes as planned,

3:55pm Meeting Adjourned

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Attachment: Meeting Agenda, WPA club map

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Bylaws
2. Setting Section Match Fees
3. Setting Section Activity Fees
4. Pre-Registration for Matches
5. WPA Sectional Championship
6. Area 8 Championship Match
7. Rule Changes for 2008
8. Open Discussion/Miscellaneous

