

From the Manager

Dear Valued KCCL Members,

Kim Williams has resigned as Manager of KCCL to pursue other opportunities. He has offered his services to help us finish crafting the Policy and Procedures Manual. Hunter Derenski is on board as Assistant Manager. We have also hired four new pullers. Winter League is in progress with about 150 shooters—about the same as last year. Sarah DeKam came back to help us with the scoring, and the scores are posted on the white board and on the website.

The lockers have all been inventoried and those with past due accounts have been notified. We have the potential to rent 13 lockers. If you would like to rent a locker stop by the front desk. Large lockers are \$250/year; small lockers are \$125/year.

Debugging of the electronic system is continuing and we are making good progress. Machine reliability has been exceptional, but we need to develop a concrete way of measuring this and keeping track of it. Data downloads from the new readers are possible and we are in the process of downloading and sorting through all the data. We can qualitatively say that we are wasting less birds, and that bird accountability is up, but this needs to be quantified.

The Sporting Clays course is receiving a lot of compliments, and we are getting a lot of nonmember shooter participation. Member vs non-member pricing on Sporting Clays has been addressed and is being programmed into the system. Non-members will pay a \$20 daily fee plus \$0.52/bird. Member pricing continues at \$0.40/bird.

The Pistol Range backer boards have been replaced and the compliments have been gratifying.

Year-end inventory has been completed. We will continue to run a physical inventory once per month. We have also analyzed our target and field costs to ensure that we are providing the best service possible at a reasonable price.

Elections are coming up in April. We have three board positions to fill. An email blast went out to all members. Please submit your nominations to Thad or Mat.

KCCL is the home of the Michigan State 12 Ga. Skeet Champion



One of our own, Craig Priebe, is now Michigan's State Skeet Champion in 12 Ga. Shotgun. Craig captured the title in the August state competition in Detroit Michigan.

Craig Priebe (second from left) displays his Championship plaque. He also won a buckle and shooting bag. To Craig's right is Dave Schiebel, who came in second and was a one-time coach for the Orange Crushers scholastic shooting team. Craig Priebe and Bob Jordan won shoot-offs in 28 Ga., and HOA. They were in seven shoot offs.

BOD OFFICERS

President: James Widdis

Vice President: Carol Seacord

Chairman Of the Board: David Held

Co-Chairman: Open

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Open

Manager: Mat Peabody

Assistant Manager: Hunter Derenski

Terms ending April of 2023:

Mark Jacobson

Larry Mennetti

Jim Widdis

Terms ending April of 2024:

David Held

Brant Erbenraut

Terms ending April of 2025:

Carol Seacord

Thad Bembenista

Judd Carroll

KCCL Mission

To promote all shooting sports and sound environment, conservation, fish and wildlife management.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$395.00

INCLUDES SPOUSE & ANYONE
LIVING IN YOUR HOME 22 YEARS
OR YOUNGER

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP \$295.00

65 YEARS OR OLDER

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP \$275.00

MUST SHOW PROOF OF ACTIVE
STUDENT ID

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

ALLOWED TO BRING GUESTS
PISTOL & RIFLE FEES ARE FREE
\$525.00 for first membership
\$500.00 for the 2nd membership
**\$475.00 for all subsequent addi-
tions**

INITIATION FEE \$100.00

FEBRUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm

KCCL Clubhouse

I. MEETING DETAILS

Chairperson: Carol Seacord

Secretary: Mat Peabody

Date: February 21, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: KCCL Banquet Room

Address: 8461 Conservation St.

City: Ada

State: MI Zip: 49301

II. ROLL CALL

Thad Bembenista, Judd Carroll, Mark Jacobson, Larry Mennetti, Craig Priebe, Carol Seacord, Jim Widdis, Mat Peabody Absent: David Held, Brant Erbenraut

III. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carol Seacord at 7:01 PM. The Minutes from the January 2023 meeting were read. Motion by Widdis and second by Jacobson to approve—Unanimous approval.

IV. PRESENTATION BY MUCC

Amy Trotter, Executive Director; Mikayla Carter, Club and Special Events Coordinator; Justin Tomei, Policy Assistant; and Ed Moore, Board Member visited the BOD and made a presentation on the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which was founded in 1937 and has a mission to protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. It has over 200 affiliated local clubs around the state and represents over 40,000 hunters, shooters, anglers, trappers and conservationists.

MUCC will help us get our Hunter Safety Program going again and will guide us along the benefits of having a forest plan. They talked about the upcoming gun bills. Our dues would be \$5.00 per member.

Jim made a motion to rejoin MUCC; Thad seconded. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The memorial plaque has been delivered and is in the clubhouse.

The township ordinance is up for modification and all signs are that we can get the ordinances changed so that we can be open all days and have different shooting hours, if desired.

Board elections are up next month. Candidates should submit their names and bios to either

Thad Bembenista or Mat Peabody so that the elections can be held in March.

Point of Sale has been streamlined. There is still some work to do and that will be undertaken

when the new system is put in from LMCU.

Safety rules have been revised and have been posted on-line.

They will also be published in the upcoming Newsletter. A Safety Video, designed to be run on a continuous loop basis has

been commissioned and is in the final review.

Carol has just about finished recapturing all the old minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Shotgun Committee—No abnormal occurrences. Stakes on Skeet and Trap fields need to be re-surveyed to ensure that they are in the right place. This will be done this Spring when the ground is soft enough to drive new stakes.

Pistol and Rifle—No abnormal occurrences were reported.

Treasurer's Report—Transition for Mercantile Bank to Lake Michigan Credit Union is almost complete. Jim is driving this. Inventory is being conducted on a regular basis. Checking and Savings \$97K

The importance of the Long-Range System is paramount, and we should have a dedicated computer. Craig Priebe introduced a motion to purchase another computer for the Long-Range System. Jim seconded. Approved

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Year-end inventory has been completed. We also inventoried month-end January and will continue to inventory on a monthly basis. We have analyzed our target and field costs to ensure we are providing the best service possible at a reasonable price. Costs of targets and ammo are increasing. We are getting 12 ga. ammo and some 20 ga..

President's Report—Extremely happy to say we have paid off the loan on the skeet machines.

We have paid off the Mercantile Bank note. We interviewed another Manager candidate and are actively looking. As mentioned, we shot a KCCL Safety Video that will be run on a continuous loop and will have a portal on our website.

We will take a look at the Range Preservation Act to help us with our ordinance petition(s) to the Ada City Board. We will go through Ed Skinner to get him to recommend a lawyer.

There are some nice things and some not so nice things to discuss. This is potentially a not-sonice topic and has to do with the transfer of our old EZ PULL system to Grand Haven. A

discussion ensued that resulted in the board going into Executive Session. The Secretary and

one board member were excused from the discussion.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports as presented. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER ITEMS.

a. Loan Payoffs—Already handled in the Treasurer's Report (above)

b. By-laws review—this was captured as a "To Do" (Number 10—led by Carol Seacord)

c. Board Elections—Elections to be held in March.

d. Miscellaneous

Job Descriptions- Assigned; not done.

Next meeting date- March 20, 2023

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Session effectively ended the board meeting at 8:30

Meeting ended at 8:30

Minutes submitted by: _____ Print Name: Mat Peabody _____

Approved by: _____ Print Name: Carol Seacord _____

TO DO LIST FROM 2/22/23 BOARD MEETING

No.	Description	Responsible	Date	Status
1	Look at tax benefit(s) of a forest plan	JW	TBD	
2	Audit Chip Wood targets	MP	2/23/23	Done
3	Insurance considerations for non-member SC shooters	JW	TBD	
4	Revisit TO DO # 7	LM/CP	2/23/23	Done
5	Excel Financial Model for Outings	MP	TBD	Will be ready for review on 3/20/23
6	Overall CPL Accounting	MJ, MP	TBD	

The Double Nasty - Brad Bachelder Shoot It! Memorial May 17th and 18th, 2023 at KCCL

Shoot for the Loot!

*Raffle prizes include jewelry, gift certificates and sporting equipment
Bonus raffle tickets for hitting off-color targets!*

Shoot for the Glory!

*For competitive shooters, scores are enhanced by older guns and smaller gauges.
6 categories, with a purse paid to the winner's charity of choice*

Just Shoot It!

Dust off Grandpa's old gun and join the 'Dream Cruise of Guns'

Time and Location

Shooting from 3:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday and 12:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday / See <http://ggrdu.com/events.html> for details.

Your shooting cards are good for both days / Raffle and competition winners announced at 8:00 PM Thursday via ZOOM

Kent County Conservation League / 8461 Conservation NE, Ada MI 49301 shootdoublenasty@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 15th MSCA Shoot.
Spring Dustoff
- April 22nd KCCL Pheasant Crushers Fundraiser
for Orange Crushers
- May 13th 1st Annual Spartan Shooting Series presented
by MSCA and partners
- May 17th and 18th Ducks
Unlimited Brad Bachelder Memorial "Just Shoot It"

CPL classes coming up for Today's Weapons are:

- April 16th 8 AM to 5 PM
- May 6th 8 AM to 5 PM

CPL classes for GGT are:

- April 16th 8 AM to 5 PM
- May 13th 8 AM to 5 PM
- June 11th 8 AM to 5 PM
- June 17 MSCA Shoot
- July 8 MSCA Shoot

KCCL
NEEDS
PULLERS ASAP

We will need pullers for the sporting clays shoots and projects planned for this spring and summer. Please contact Mat or Hunter via email to let us know who is available.

Two Long-Term Members Had an Article Published in The Tracker

Terry Blauwkamp and Steve Kernosky published "Another Day at the Range," Large Rifle Primer Evaluation: Comparison of Batch Rest/Match Grade Primers against Standard Primers.

April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM
2 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM	3	4 KCCL OPEN 4-10PM	5 KCCL OPEN 3-8PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	6 KCCL OPEN 12-10PM	7	8 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM
9 KCCL Closed Easter	10	11 KCCL OPEN 4-10PM	12 KCCL OPEN 3-8PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	13 KCCL OPEN 12-10PM RIFLE RANGE CLOSED 12-5PM	14	15 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM SPRING DUSTOFF WITH MSCA
16 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM CPL BY TW & GGT 8AM-5PM	17	18 KCCL OPEN 4-10PM MEMBERSHIP & BOD MEETING	19 KCCL OPEN 3-8PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	20 KCCL OPEN 12-10PM	21	22 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM PHEASANT CRUSHERS FUNDRAISER
23 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM	24	25 KCCL OPEN 4-10PM	26 KCCL OPEN 3-8PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	27 KCCL OPEN 12-10PM	28	29 KCCL OPEN 10AM-5PM
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Two Other Shooters from KCCL were on the Championship Friendship Team

Two other members of KCCL, Bob Jordan and Jack Jeppesen were members of the champion five-man friendship team in skeet.

Jack Jeppesen, Jerry Davis, Ken Johnson, Jim Gingrich, and Bob Jordan captured the friendship team award with a high team score of 491/500—a score they think will last a long time and will probably go down in infamy.



Tickets are
\$200.00

SUPPORT THE KENT COUNTY ORANGE
CRUSHERS SPORTS SHOOTING TEAM
FOR THEIR 2023 SEASON!

PHEASANT CRUSHERS FUNDRAISER

Pheasant Hunt on a 4 person team with 10 birds. (A guide with a bird dog is available for \$100 extra per team.) A barbecue dinner will be provided afterwards with a Benefit Auction.

To get tickets, text Ponch at 616-250-0403 or Amanda at 616-293-0627

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

12:00pm

Haymarsh Hunt Club

11959 Jefferson Rd, Morley, MI 49336



Presents the 1st Annual

100 Bird
Main Event

50 5 Stand

\$100 Entry
for Sporting

\$50 Entry
for 5 Stand

All Monies
stay in class



Side Games
Snooker &
MoneyBird

Additional
Raffles &
Giveaways

Trappers
Provided

Lunch
Available

3 CLUBS **KENT - HILLSDALE - DETROIT GUN CLUB**

ENTRY: \$100/SHOOTER FOR MAIN \$50/SHOOTER FOR 5 STAND

**\$35 OF ENTRY FOR MAIN WILL GO TO END OF YEAR PRIZE POOL FOR
\$105 TOTAL/SHOOTER FOR MAIN**

**\$15 OF ENTRY FOR 5 STAND WILL GO TO END OF YEAR PRIZE POOL FOR
\$45 TOTAL/SHOOTER FOR 5 STAND**

**YOU MUST SHOOT ALL 3 EVENTS IN EITHER THE MAIN OR 5 STAND TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR END OF YEAR PAYOUT.**

GREATER PARTICIPATION ENSURES HIGHER PAYOUTS

**RAFFLES, GIVEAWAYS, AND SIDE GAMES PRIZES AVAILABLE AT EACH
EVENT**

**ALL END OF YEAR PRIZE POOL MONEY STAYS IN CLASS
SHIRTS AND JERSEYS AVAILABLE SOON ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
RAFFLES AND GIVEAWAYS**

SEE SPARTAN SERIES PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICIAL RULES

Matt Little, Dan Williams, or Matt Hayes

misportingclays@gmail.com

Sign up on Scorechaser.com

