

# State Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

Casper, February 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Minutes from the February '10 and July '10 were reviewed by attending members. There were no changes. Minutes were accepted.

## New Business

State shoot dates: July 8-10, 2011.

- Setup and shotgun if needed will be done on July 7, 2011.

### Shotgun

- If over 40 squads there will have to be Thursday night shooting.
- The cost of \$13.00 for shotgun registration will be the same as last year.
- Will try to have enough umbrellas for all the scorers' chairs.
- Leaders are responsible for getting kids back to shotgun range for shoot offs. Not the responsibility of the shotgun organizers, they will not contact the kids.
- Shooters need to be there ½ hour early. Counties are becoming too lax; this rule needs to be adhered to.
- Shooters will shoot all 100 rounds from the same trap house.
- 4-H will supply scorers; the club will supply help for the trap houses.
- Will try to have concessions, possibly even a food wagon from town.

### .22 Pistol

- Thank you for the porta potty! Very well received.
- Need to check equipment at the county level for the 2 pound trigger weight. Firearms are showing up that are borderline. If trigger is unsafe then that firearm will not be able to be used.
- Will have 5 targets per shooter; 4 for competition and 1 for sight in.
- Can always use some range help.

### .22 Rifle

- Everything went well.
- Thanks to all the help from Albany County.
- All counties with moving targets please bring them to state again.

### Air Pistol –

- Everything went well

### Air rifle –

- Would like air conditioner for Fort Fetterman.
- The lack of scheduling counties worked better last year.
- Backstops are worn and will be taken care of before state shoot.

### Scoring Room

- Problems with kids leaving with the score sheet still on the targets. Cannot enter scores on the computer without this.

- If score sheet has been removed when targets are picked up and you disagree with the score, talk to the scorer about this. Please do not leave the building with the targets if there are any questions.
- Air pistol score cards need to be checked to see if there needs to be any changes.

#### Outdoor Skills

- Game and Fish representative not present for report.
- Times will most likely be the same which have been 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- The consensus is that the compass should be used rather than a GPS.

#### Muzzleloader

- Counties need to make sure to clean the locks before coming to state.
- Motion passed that if you need special primers to be used rather than those supplied, participants will need to supply their own caps. Range officers will still cap all muzzleloaders.

#### Archery – Junior Line

- Pleased with how well it went.
- The State rules state that juniors need to have arm guards. Some are still showing up without them. They also need to bring plenty of arrows. All shooters need quivers. Please follow the guidelines in the rulebook.

#### Archery—Senior Line

- Everything fine. Had a stack up of shooters up to 38 kids.
- Please check the rules for sight in times.

#### Archery--- registration

- Had 368 shooters last year.
- Class B are bare compounds and releases are not allowed.
- Rules are very specific. Please know them before you come to state.

#### BBQ

- Friday at 6:30. If a line is running late please let servers know so food can be kept for them.

#### Dance

- Has been hosted by the 4-H leadership team who play their own music. It was agreed to continue this on Saturday night.

#### Raton trip –

- Scheduled for September 7-11<sup>th</sup>.
- This will conflict with the 2011 WGFD Hunting& Fishing Heritage Expo

#### National 4-H Shooting Sports

- San Antonio, TX
- State office will reimburse registration fee after the event. Each state can only send 4 shooters per discipline. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the registration deadline and the shoot is June 19-24<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

### Side arms at state shoot-

- This issue was brought up last year at state shoot. It was agreed that if there are any questions and/or issues it will be dealt with individually.

### Challenge period at state shoot-

- The rules state that there is a two hour challenge period. Biggest problem with this is getting the scores in at the end of the day.

### Pistol- One handed shooting-

- It became legal last year for seniors to shoot one handed if desired. It was felt that few shooters actually did choose to shoot one handed and that there were no safety issues. It was agreed to leave as is.

### Postal Shoots –

- Motion carried to add the class of '1<sup>st</sup> year 8 year old' to all postal shoots (called beginners).
- Archery, Air Rifle and Air pistol will begin April 4<sup>th</sup> with scores due on 11<sup>th</sup> and will end the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> with scores due on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Shotgun, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol and Muzzleloader will run from the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> with first scores due May 16<sup>th</sup> through the week of June 6<sup>th</sup> with scores due June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Archery running a Thursday line-

- It was decided that Archery would not run a Thursday line this year. It may happen in the future but not at this point in time.

### Discussion Items:

- Funding for county shoot programs: Warren can help with grant proposals for those counties wanting to apply for grants. Warren mentioned a few resources that are available.  
**NRA**- their first priority is to help those beginning programs.  
**Bowhunters of Wyoming**- Please call first to make sure there are not other 4-H groups who have applied.  
**Elk Foundation**- Archery Kits for counties.  
**Local Rec Board**- gives grants for recreational activities.  
**Wild Turkey Federation**- may have a small amount of money.  
**Glen** brought up the State 4-H council who have an open forum and may help fund your local shooting sports program. State leaders conference is also a good place to get help for new leaders and clubs.  
**Pete** mentioned the genesis bows from Archery in Schools and that 4-H qualifies for them.
- Archery nets: The nets that were too small for state shoot last year, 30x9, will be sold for \$125.00 to counties who want them. Please still bring them to state and they will be used behind the bigger nets
- Ammo purchase: handouts were given for Federal ammo that can be ordered by the case for your county 4-H program. If you decide you want to order it must go through Warren to prove our junior program status. The state office also has a few cases they would like to sell for \$160.00 a case to any counties wanting any.

- Youth Hunting Opportunities: Mike Schmid of Solitude Ranch and Outfitters would like to give 4-H kids the opportunity to hunt whitetail. Sponsors are being looked for to send an eligible 4-Her on the hunt which would cost \$1000 each to harvest two does. Kids must be 14 years or older; must have finished a Hunters Ed course; and preferably from a family background where there is not an option to hunt. Possibly up to 8 kids could be sent on two different weekends. This would be the first two weekends in November with 4 kids each weekend. Adults would not be allowed to accompany the youth at the ranch but could be close by in a motel. Youth will be allowed to hunt whichever method they prefer as long as they have been trained through their local 4-H. The exact process of selection will be decided later. More information will be sent out soon. The question was brought up about how animals could be processed after the hunt. A couple of suggestions were to have counties help process or possibly Glen Terry would be able to help.

Added to the Agenda –

- The \$5.00 registration fee for archery shooters is used to help keep targets upgraded. This year inserts will be bought for counties that have the Rinehart targets which were bought from the state, a list which was handed out to the group. Also make sure the counties mark their county name clearly on the bottom of the targets and on any equipment that is brought to state.
- Rocky presented the new Huckleberry target last year at state 2010. A couple of concerns brought up were the distraction for other shooters and possibly a safety issue. It was decided that he would need to set up some place else with less distraction and possibly not allow participants but only demonstrate. One suggestion was brought up to set him up outside in a tent.
- Some counties have some shooting opportunities for 4-Hers coming up soon. Warren will send out an email with the details.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.  
See you in July!!!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Andrews