

Minutes of the 2016 FLAT League Organizational Meeting

Thursday November 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM

Representatives were in attendance from all nine participating teams:

Newfield – K. Mangle

Trumansburg – D. Bevins

Millport – R. Bell

Sullivan Trail – S. Beach, M. Beeman

Interlaken – E. Zaharis, D. Standish

McCann's – A. Walle

Corning – M. Ahearn, S. Faulise

Dryden – J. Davis

Lansing – G. Bordoni, R. Longo

Secretary/Treasurer – M. Patton

Club contact information was updated by each team rep prior to meeting start.

Each club representative was given a copy of 1) 2015 organizational meeting minutes 2) 2015 Treasurer's report summary, 3) 2013-2015 attendance and score statistics 4) League By-Laws (updated 11/24/14)

2015 meeting minutes were reviewed with no questions. A motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

2015 Treasurer's report was reviewed. Mark P. noted that the league (aka Mark) was now in debt \$16 and the Weekly High Gun Skin was claimed at the final 2015 league shoot so there is no carryover to 2016. With no questions a motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

Old Business:

Mark P. reviewed the changes to the league by-laws from last year's meeting. By-Law 7.1 was modified to separate the Team High Gun from League High Guns competition. By-Law 7.5 was updated to indicate last year's agreement that McAnn's shoot would be held at Newfield and not rotate per by-law 7.4 and be scheduled as the final regular league shoot. A motion to accept the updated by-laws as modified was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

Mark P. reviewed the 2015 attendance statistics and noted that 2015 participation was almost identical to 2013/2014 with nearly the same number of shooters at 225 but 8 fewer shoot-off qualified at 176. Total rounds shot was 56 fewer than 2014 mostly due to low attendance at the last 3 shoots.

The target price (\$8) and prize money (\$2) was reviewed as required by by-law 6.5.1. There was agreement that the target price and prize money would remain the same for 2016. Mark P. also affirmed with the team captains that per last year's agreement junior shooters would receive free targets but be required to pay the weekly \$2 prize money. Mark P. noted that he had updated by-law 6.5.3 to reflect the new target prices and free junior targets policy. Club league fee will remain at

\$100 per club and each club would contribute \$10 per year to the Weekly High Gun Skin competition. A motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

New Business:

Mark P. reviewed the current policy of only listing shoot-off qualified shooters on the 1st-3rd place league trophies and that apparently this policy was changed from years ago when all team shooters were listed. Mark P. noted that he did not believe this would add any additional trophy cost. After some discussion it was agreed that in the future the names of all team shooters (i.e. those who had made 1 of the first 3 shoots) would appear on the trophy.

Mark P. then discussed the shoot-off policy of shooting off "1st place" in each class and using long run to determine winners for 2nd place and below per by-law 6.6.9. The issue from the 2015 shoot-off when there was a 4-way tie for Class A first place and the shooter with the longest run actually won 3rd place after the shoot-off was completed. Mark P. stated that he assumed that once a shooter was tied for 1st place in a class that long run was dropped and all contested places would be decided by 25 target shoot-off which is not clear according to the by-law. After some discussion it was agreed that this was the correct way to decide the shoot-off payouts. Mark P. said he would modify the shoot-off posting on this issue and consider modifying the current by-law to clarify this issue. Unfortunately there was no official vote on this issue but there was no disagreement noted so we will move forward as discussed and review at the next meeting.

Mark P. then noted that several people at the 2015 shoot-off noted that because Lansing was not allowed to begin shooting until 9AM on Sunday that it caused the shoot-off to run long and we should consider having the shoot-off on Saturday if the winning club could not begin shooting until 9AM on Sunday. After a short discussion it was clear that this was not a significant issue and should not be considered.

Mark P. then discussed the suggestion that we consider and "Open Class" at the shoot-off for shooter that had not attended the required 7 shoots to qualify for the shoot-off. Mark P. related that they do this for one of the big northern NY leagues. His understanding is that league qualified shooters could attend the shoot-off and pay a target + prize money fee and be placed in a single class shooting for their own prize money and that no league prize money would be removed from the shoot-off qualified shooters for this option. The discussion on this issue centered around extending the length of the shoot-off, which is already a long day for both shooters and club workers, and the trouble it would cause. It was decided that this would cause problems and was not worth the trouble.

2016 Schedule Drawing Results:

The 2016 schedule was established by random drawing as follows:

Week #1: Jan. 2-3	Interlaken
Week #2: Jan. 9-10	Newfield
Week #3: Jan. 16-17	Corning
Week #4: Jan. 23-24	Sullivan Trail
Week #5: Jan 30-31	Millport
Week #6: Feb. 6-7	Dryden
Week #7: Feb. 13-14	Trumansburg
Week #8: Feb. 20-21	Lansing
Week #9: Feb. 27-28	McAnn's @Newfield
Off-Week: Mar. 5-6	-----
SHOOTOFF: Mar. 13	>> At Winning Club <<

Announcements:

Mark P. made the following announcements:

1. Mark P. will print the schedules and distribute them either personally or via mail to the clubs ASAP.
2. Again this year, the FLAT league results and information will be posted on the Dryden Fish & Game web site (<http://www.drydenfishandgame.org>)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously at 7:23PM.

Mark Patton
FLAT League Secretary
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