

Minutes of the 2014 FLAT League Organizational Meeting Thursday November 21st, 2013

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. By-Laws will be updated and posted to Dryden F&G website per changes approved during the meeting.
2. 2014 Target fee is increased to \$8 (Prize money fee remains \$2).
3. 2014 Junior target fee will be waived. (Juniors pay \$2 prize fee onl).
4. A Weekly High Gun "Skin" completion, sponsored by participating clubs, will be added for 2014. Detailed announcement is coming.

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

Representatives were in attendance from all nine participating teams:

Newfield – D. Lindblad

Trumansburg – D. Bevins

Millport – T. Taylor, R. Bell

Sullivan Trail – S. Beach, T. Jones

Interlaken – E. Zaharis, B. Champion

McCann's – A. Walle

Corning – M. Ahearn

Dryden – J. Hornbrook

Lansing – G. Bordoni, C. House

Club contact information was updated by each team rep.

Each club representative was given a copy of 1) 2013 meeting minutes 2) 2013 monies summary 3) 2013 attendance and score statistics 4) revised By-Laws

2013 meeting minutes were reviewed with no questions. A motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

2013 monies summary was reviewed. Mark P. noted that he made up a \$52 deficit out-of-pocket for last year and would recoup that money from this year's income. A motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

Old Business:

Mark P. reviewed the 2013 attendance statistics and noted that 2013 participation increased by 19 shooters from 207 in 2012 to 226 in 2013. Shoot-off qualification also increased from 169 in 2012 to 184 in 2013.

The updated By-Laws were then reviewed. Mark P. stated that the previous version was rather unorganized so he retyped and organized them into sections

for better understanding. He stated that all rules from the previous version were included in the update.

Rule 6.2.5: Seasonal awards shall still be determined by the shooters highest total scores. (Approved 11/04) Mark P. asked what a "seasonal award" was and what this rule was for. No one at the meeting knew the answer so Mark said he would contact J. Kaysa to see if he understood this rule and why it is present.

6.3.5. Targets will be set to ATA standards on Saturday morning and remain the same for both days of the shoot (Approved 11/11). Mark P. brought up the question of rewording this rule (passed in 2011) to allow clubs to "re-check" the targets for ATA standards on Sunday morning before shooting starts to allow for changes in weather and/or equipment. After discussing the purpose of the rule, which is to prevent resetting the targets during shoot day, it was agreed that Mark would re-word this rule to allow a check and resetting of the targets for ATA standards on Sunday morning. It was again clarified that once the targets were set in the morning they would not be changed, no matter how weather or wind conditions changed during the day. Mark P. said he would reword the rule for the change discussed. A motion to accept was made and voted unanimously (9-0).

6.4.2.There shall be no throwaway scores from the total team scores. Mark P. asked what a "throwaway score" was and what this rule was for. It was stated that a "throwaway score" was a score that was dropped from a shooters total when the number of required scores for shoot-off qualification was less than the number of league shoots. Mark P. said he would review this during the 2014 league but he did not think it would affect outcome. The rule will remain in the By-Laws as stated.

6.6.2. The league shoot-off shall consist of twenty-five targets. Mark P. stated that he believed this was a typo or mix-up with the 1st-3rd team shoot-off requirement for ties. It was agreed by all that this rule should state that the league shoot-off should be fifty (50) targets and Mark P. will make this change to the By-Laws.

New Business:

Mark P. asked if we should consider reducing the target fee for Junior shooters to "at-cost" price to add incentive for Juniors to participate in the league. Mark P. suggested reducing Junior targets to \$4 would cover cost and that it would not be much cost to the clubs as there were only 5 Junior shooters in 2013. It was stated that the Owl League provides free targets to Juniors and that we may want to consider that option. After some discussion a motion was made to provide free targets to Juniors for 2014 and be reviewed again next year. Juniors will still pay the \$2 prize fee. The motion passed unanimously (9-0). Mark P. will modify the By-Laws "Shooting Fees" section to reflect this change.

Mark P. asked if the current \$7 target fee was OK for 2014. It was stated that target prices have increased and that we should consider increasing the target fee to \$8 in 2014 to cover the increase. There was some discussion of this increase including a note that this may decrease the participation in the weekly 50-50 drawing because the cost to shoot would become \$10 per shoot, if the prize fee remains at \$2. After some additional discussion a motion was made to increase the target fee in 2014 to \$8 and continue the \$2 prize money fee. The motion passed unanimously (9-0). Mark P. will modify the By-Laws "Shooting Fees" section to reflect this change.

Mark P. described the Weekly High Gun competition that he operates during the Cayuga Lake league. This is a weekly high gun competition similar to a golf "skin game". If a shooter has the high score of the week and it is the only one that shooter wins the "skin" prize and the competition is over for the year. If more than one shooter has the high score of the week the money carries to the next week. The prize money is supplied by the participating clubs so the shooter prize money is not involved. Mark P. suggested that each club could provide \$10 per year (\$90 the first year) and that we carry the prize over year-to-year if no one wins the "skin" this year. It was stated that this competition is only for shooters that can shoot high scores (aka 50's) but that it did generate some excitement and discussion during the weekly Cayuga Lake shoots. It was decided that we would try this for the 2014 FLAT league. Each team will donate an extra \$10 in addition to their team fee (\$100) for a total of \$110. A motion was made to include a Weekly High Gun competition in 2014 with money donated by the participating clubs a passed unanimously (9-0). Mark P. stated that he would write up an announcement on this competition but would run this outside of the FLAT league rules and make no changes to the By-Laws for this.

Announcements:

Mark P. made the following announcements:

1. Mark P. will again use his personal accounts, when required, for the league monies and that any checks should be made out personally to him because he does not have a specific bank account for the FLAT league.
2. Mark P. will print the schedules and distribute them either personally or via mail to the clubs ASAP.
3. Mark P. reminded the clubs that they will provide shooting/posting sheets for the league shoot at their clubs.
4. Mark P. will be out-of-town for at least one (and maybe more) of the weekly league shoots but will make arrangements to collect the scores and prepare the results as quickly as possible.
5. Again this year, the FLAT league results and information will be posted on the Dryden Fish & Game web site (<http://www.drydenfishandgame.org>)

2014 FLAT LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

Before drawing the clubs for the 2014 schedule it was suggested that we start the league one week earlier, rather than waiting until the weekend after New Year's, to complete the league earlier in the year. It was stated that starting the league over the holidays would probably reduce participation in the first shoot. Mark P. also stated that other leagues had already modified their schedules to correlate with the anticipated 2014 FLAT league schedule and shoot-off. It was agreed that we would consider this option next year but begin the 2014 league after New Year's as normal. Clubs were then drawn for the 2014 FLAT league schedule as follows:

Week #1: Jan. 4-5	Corning
Week #2: Jan. 11-12	Sullivan Trail
Week #3: Jan. 18-19	McAnn's @Newfield
Week #4: Jan. 25-26	Trumansburg
Week #5: Feb. 1-2	Millport
Week #6: Feb. 8-9	Newfield
Week #7: Feb. 15-16	Dryden
Week #8: Feb. 22-23	Interlaken
Week #9: Mar. 1-2	Lansing
Off-Week: Mar. 8-9	-----
SHOOTOFF: Mar. 16	>> At Winning Club <<

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously at 7:30PM.

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FLAT League Secretary
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