

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 11, 2016

Resolution #1

Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Need for a World Class Shooting Range Facility in Minnesota Metro Area

WHEREAS, 13,000 students representing 321 high school teams guided by more than 3,000 coaches and volunteers participated in the 2016 Minnesota High School Clay Target League spring season, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Championship included 7,000 shooters and covered eight days to complete, and

WHEREAS, Eleven states have joined Minnesota in setting up similar high school based leagues, and

WHEREAS, the high school league's co-ed and adaptive nature are key attractions to high school across the country, and

WHEREAS, the USA High School Clay Target League attracts student athletes that have earned their firearm safety certification to participate in shooting sports while creating a "virtual" competition among high school teams at no cost to the schools, and

WHEREAS, conference are determined by team size rather than geographic location for fair competition, and

WHEREAS, students in grades six through twelve are eligible to participate, and

WHEREAS, many of the high school league teams interact with the 400 active shooting ranges across Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota operates a DNR run shooting range grant program funded with game and fish funds that provides for improvements to shooting ranges in the state including buffering, roads, parking lots, buildings, and

WHEREAS, the high school state tournament has outgrown the any shooting range facility in Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a "world class" shooting range facility in the Twin Cities Metro area for high school leagues and tournaments, and

WHEREAS, there is also a need for a shooting range facility that could be used for state, regional, national, and international competition, and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on September 11, 2016 calls on the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor to provide bonding dollars for a Metro Area Shooting Range Facility to be used by state, regional, national, and international tournaments and activities.

Submitted by Osseo Conservation Club