

WMSA Board Meeting, 14 Sept, 2016

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1803. The meeting was well attended with Board members Seth Nadel, Linda Gilbertson, Bill Weldon, Sam Underwood, and Larry Kennedy. In addition to the Board members 19 interested WMSA members were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- Motion to accept the minutes of the 10 August, 2016 Board meeting as published was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon.

Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- Bills to be paid were: High 5 Signs for range signage and raffle tickets; Larry Kennedy to reimburse annual dues paid for WMSA membership in the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association; reimbursement to John Easterbrook, Fred Parry, Seth Nadel, and Bill Weldon for shooting bench and target stand construction materials and miscellaneous items needed for range operation and Grand Opening. Motion made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood to approve bill payment.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$11,086.67 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Creation of reserve account- In anticipation of possible months of lean range usage in the winter caused by inclement weather, the Board discussed creating a reserve account to cover recurring costs such as trash removal, porta-potties, website maintenance, etc. Motion made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Linda Gilbertson to create a \$2500 reserve account. Passed unanimously.

5. Membership Secretary's report- Currently there are 117 active memberships in WMSA. This compares quite favorably with the 61 active memberships reported at last month's Board meeting!

6. Raffle Coordinators Report

A. Drawing for raffle #4- This drawing is temporarily postponed due to the unavailability of one of the ticket vendors. These tickets should be available soon, and the plan is to draw the winning ticket next week when a suitable group of witnesses is gathered. The winner will be notified at that time, and the results will be published in the minutes of the October Board meeting.

B. Last month's raffle, for an Uberti single action revolver, netted \$540.42.

C. This month's raffle, the last until next spring, is for a Swiss K-31 carbine in caliber 7.5 Swiss. It is a "straight pull" bolt action piece and comes with loaded rounds, brass, and reloading dies.

7. Range Update

A. Grand opening report- The grand opening of the 2nd Knoll Range can best be described as a complete success, other than for the rain. In addition to numerous dignitaries, approximately 125 folks attended. Public shooting commenced at the conclusion of the ceremony. Range usage has progressed nicely, and the growing numbers show a keen interest in the range.

B. This past weekend was a busy time at the range. In addition to public shooting, the White Mountain Practical Shooters held a match utilizing the competition/training bays, and an AZG&FD Hunter Safety Education course was held on the flat land above the rim of the pit.

C. Donations for the range- In the past few weeks WMSA has received as donations a generator, a quad, and a trailer for the quad. Additionally, the hunter safety course has promised an AED and a first aid kit for range use.

8. Old Business

A. What shall be the next project? Discussion was held regarding three possible projects. The first is a pad for a range caretaker to include a water source, septic system, solar electric power, and a concrete or gravel RV/trailer parking pad. Second is a 300 yard rifle range. Third is overhead covers for the firing lines on the 50 and 100 yard ranges. Based on comments made by the shooting public, and in the interest of precluding possible range vandalism, the decision was made to pursue construction of the caretaker pad and the firing line covers. Seth Nadel will get estimates for these projects, and will contact AZG&FD to see what they can support.

9. New Business

A. WMPS Letter and response- Discussion was held pertaining to the relationship of the White Mountain Practical Shooters (WMPS) and WMSA. The decision was tabled, pending a joint meeting of the Boards of WMPS and WMSA to work out the details.

B. Members shooting alone on a Training/Competition bay- After discussion, the decision was made to authorize such use, providing a range safety officer is on scene at the bay. Bay usage by a single shooter is authorized, if the shooter is an RSO.

C. Sponsorships- WMSA is hoping for offers of sponsorship from local businesses. Based on a suggestion from a WMSA member attendee, a motion was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Sam Underwood to offer sponsorships for a donation of \$100 per year. Passed unanimously. For this donation, the sponsor will get an 8x10 flyer and a business card dispenser in the RSO office, and a business card sized ad on the website.

D. RSO First Aid/CPR/AED training- “Hands on” training courses provided by the Red Cross, Timber Mesa Fire District, and the National Guard, and an online course provided by the American Healthcare Academy were discussed. No decision was made pending a check for additional information from Timber Mesa and the National Guard.

E. Fall Festival Sept 24-25- AZG&FD will have a display section at the Fall Outdoor Festival held this year in Pinetop. They requested participation by WMSA with emphasis on the 2nd Knoll Range. Considering that the range would not exist without the aid of AZG&FD, the Board was unanimously in favor and a table with suitable informational items, manned by volunteers, will be made available.

F. Set prices on items available at the range and is a business license from the county required. After discussion, the Board felt that such a license was not required. The Board plans on having spotting scopes and shooting glasses available for shooters' use on a temporary loan basis. A WMSA member in attendance made the offer to donate a spotting scope. Thank you sir!! Seth Nadel will research the cost and availability of additional spotting scopes for purchase. Targets and ear plugs will be available. A donation of 10 cents per target and 25 cents for a pair of earplugs will be requested.

G. PA system on the 100 yard range- Difficulties experienced in communications between the RSO's and shooters have demonstrated a need for a PA system. WMSA had received, as a donation, a fully functional amplifier. Matt Lunati, a WMSA member, designed a suitable speaker and mike setup utilizing the donated amp. The cost for this system would be approximately \$148. A small solar panel and battery with an inverter to power the system would be approximately an additional \$150. A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon to authorize up to \$350 for this project.

H. Miscellaneous items for range usage- Additional items are required for range operation and shooter comfort, to include folding tables about 6 feet long, a gas can for the generator and quad, a card table and chairs for the RSO office, and benches for shooters or non-shooting guests to sit upon. Donations of these items is desirable.

10. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1933.