

WMSA Board Meeting, 11 April, 2018

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members George Butcher, Dee White, Sam Underwood, Bill Weldon, Seth Nadel, Vesta Melcher, John Major, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Dan Fondren, Vernon Lewis, Dale Kalchert, Mike Melcher, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Howard Logsdon, Don Solomon, Brian Moffat, Sheila Moffat, Tony Silva, Randy Ortlinghaus, Toni Ortlinghaus, Chris Wall, Jeff Wall, and Tom Risch.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- - A motion was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood to accept the minutes of the 14 Mar, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- Bill Weldon presented a bill in the amount of \$18.72 for printing costs. George Butcher presented a bill in the amount of \$792.88 for the 100 yard range PA system. A motion to pay these bills was made by George Butcher and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$21,016.33 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Bill Weldon presented a check in the amount of \$3000.00 from the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters to WMSA for their share of the cost of the new building on the 50 yard range.

D. Monthly shooter days report- The 2nd Knoll Range generated 328 shooter days for March.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of April 5, 2018 we have 376 memberships, 165 family and 211 individual. Adding the 255 dependant members gives us 631 current WMSA members.

6. Publicity Secretary's Report

A. One article has been submitted to the White Mountain Independent titled "Muzzleloading,- It's Easy to Get Fired Up!" A request to print the article, "The Care and

Feeding of the AR-15 Rifle," in early April has been submitted. This class is scheduled for 5 May. The class info is also available on flyers and on the WMSA website.

B. WMSA and the 2nd Knoll Range have a free internet ad with the Arizona Office of Tourism at www.visitarizona.com. Our info has been submitted for a free listing with Action Pages, White Mountain Region. No response received as of yet.

C. The Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber of Commerce is interested in having WMSA join them for a cost of \$120.00 per year. They offer tremendous benefits and exposure. More info will be presented at the May meeting.

7. Range Update

A. PA system for the 100 yard range- The system is up and running! After the overhead cover is installed, the speakers will be mounted on the vertical supports.

B. Pre-bid meeting for the overhead covers- Last Tuesday Seth Nadel and Bill Weldon met with AZG&FD personnel and prospective contractors. The following priorities have been set by AZG&FD:

1. The entire 100 yard range firing line except for the last four lanes. These will be left uncovered for shooters who might desire to shoot in natural sunlight, or those who shoot exceptionally loud firearms.

2. A cover to shade the 100 yard range office.

3. If money is available, an overhead cover for the 50 yard range firing line.

The expected completion date for this project is 15 June, 2018. The possibility exists that either the 100 range or the 50 yard range may have to be temporarily closed during construction. If so, more information will be forthcoming.

C. Tires for the Quad- The "range quad" has been inoperative due to bad tires. The cost of new tires will be researched and a decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

D. CMP match- Bill Weldon reported that the match went well, with 29 shooters participating. Extra certificates are available for those WMSA members who shoot with one of the WMSA venues.

E. Road drag- A "drag" to do minor access road maintenance is still in the planning stages.

F. Seth Nadel reminded all present that the range and the access road are under the purview of the AZG&FD, and if anyone observes unauthorized access or trash dumping, please call 911.

8. New Business

A. Changes for WMPS matches- John Major and Dan Fondren requested the following additions to the range schedule:

1. The "Steel Challenge" to move to the afternoon of the first Sunday of the month, from noon to closing. This will require all four training and competition bays, and on occasion, the 50 yard range.

2. BUG (Back Up Gun) match- This will be held after the fourth Saturday of the month match, and will require all four bays.

3. 22 LR match- This will be held after the second Saturday of the month carbine match.

None of these requests conflict with other scheduled range usages, and all were approved.

B. Change to summer hours- The range will change to summer hours, 9 am to 5 pm, on the first weekend in May.

C. Don Solomon raised the question of a classroom at the 2nd Knoll Range. This generated much discussion. Seth Nadel stated that while the classroom is included in phase 1 of the range plan, the Board opted for construction of a site for a caretaker first. This was based on a need for security for the range, which is amassing a rather large amount of valuable material on site. Mr. Solomon offered to front the money for a classroom, to be repaid at a future date. Seth Nadel will liaise with AZG&FD, and this most generous offer is open for discussion at future meetings.

D. Monthly raffles- The monthly raffles will resume at the May Board meeting.

E. Night shooting- Howard Logsdon posed a question regarding night shooting at the 2nd Knoll Range. Seth Nadel stated that such a request must come from a law enforcement agency. Approval is good for one use only and subsequent events must request approval anew. More to come on this.

F. PA system batteries- George Butcher stated that the "D-cell" batteries that power the PA system are good for between 100-200 hours of usage. If purchased in bulk, such batteries would be significantly cheaper than buying them off the shelf. The Board directed that he purchase one extra set of batteries to have on hand at the range.

Battery life will be evaluated, and a decision concerning bulk purchase will be made at that time.

G. Building near the training bays- Dan Fondren asked about the possibility of a building, similar to the one recently installed at the 50 yard range, for the training bays. More to come on this.

H. 40 Foot Conex box- Dan Fondren stated that WMPS has been offered a 40 foot conex box for range use. He asked whether WMSA would front the money to move it to the range. Dan was asked to provide hard numbers to the Board for the cost of moving it from California, where it is located, to Show Low, where it will be painted the Forest Service approved color, and thence to the range. A motion was made by George Butcher, seconded by Bill Weldon, to authorize an email vote for this question in order to expedite the decision. Passed unanimously.

9. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Vesta Melcher. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1942.