

WMSA Board Meeting, 13 Dec, 2017

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Sam Underwood, Dee White, Vesta Melcher, George Butcher, Brenda Silva, Bill Weldon, Seth Nadel, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Mike Melcher, Dale Kalchert, Vernon Lewis, Tony Silva, Dan Fondren, Jim Tuvell, and Alice Tuvell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood, seconded by Bill Weldon, to accept the minutes of the 8 Nov, 2017 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- The following bills were presented for payment: \$13.51 from Dee White for a container to hold targets for the Target Tamers; \$186.85 from Bill Weldon for range maintenance materials and shelving materials used in the storage container; \$43.24 from Seth Nadel for a supply of ear plugs for the RSO office. A motion to pay these bills was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Brenda Silva. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$24,656.50 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. There were 266 shooter days generated at the 2nd Knoll Range for the month of November.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of 13 Dec, 2017 we have 364 memberships, 194 Family and 170 Individual. Adding the 199 Dependant members, that gives us 563 current WMSA members.

6. Publicity Secretary Report- During the past four months three articles have been written and published in the White Mountain Independent. They are: 1) Snowflake Shooter Snares State Title, 2) Target Tamers 'Tame Targets,' and 3) The Cowboys of the High Country revisit the Old West. The Board meeting of 13 Dec, 2017 was advertised in the 12 Dec issue of the Independent. A Christmas ad is running on the five local White Mountain Radio stations advertising the location of the range and the hours of operation. A specific mention was made of the range being open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

7. Old Business

A. Range update

1. With the current low shooter numbers, should we switch to only 2 RSO's- This was discussed by the Board, which was generally in agreement. Seth Nadel will contact the RSO scheduler, John Tod, to schedule only 2 RSO's for the winter months. Current Board consensus is to switch back to 3 RSO's in the spring, but that may be revisited.

B. Range sign shot- On 9 Dec person, or persons unknown shot and damaged the 2nd Knoll "welcome sign" located just off Highway 60. The cost of the sign was \$445. Our insurance policy has a \$500 deductible. The Board discussed whether to replace or repair the sign, and is in agreement not to replace at this time. The possibility of repairing the sign using self help was discussed and George Butcher will assess the damage to ascertain if that is possible,

C. Range caretaker- Because of the vandalism of the range sign, Sam Underwood suggested opening a discussion concerning providing facilities for an onsite caretaker. The caretaker's duties would be to watch the range during non-shooting hours to preclude vandalism, answer questions from the general public, and perform light maintenance. This would require provision for water and electricity, a septic system with leach field, and a concrete pad for the caretaker's RV. Seth Nadel will talk to AZG&FD about the possibility of moving the caretaker pad and other requirements ahead of the 300 yard shooting range in priority. A motion was made by Brenda Silva, seconded by George Butcher, for Seth Nadel to research costs for a solar electrical system and other requirements. Passed unanimously. A final decision will be made at next month's Board meeting.

8. New Business

A. Steel challenge- Dan Fondren, representing the White Mountain Practical Shooters, briefed the Board that WMPS would like to hold a Steel Challenge shoot on the first Friday of every month. The time would be from noon until range closing. A motion to approve this was made by George Butcher and seconded by Bill Welden. Passed unanimously.

B. WMPS Classification match- WMPS requested the use of four training/competition bays on the first Saturday of every other month for classification matches. During discussion it was pointed out that this would conflict with the "Cowboys of the High Country" shoots. Three bays would be available for this event, with the

possibility of the fourth bay being available after completion of the "Cowboy shoot." WMPS will liaise directly with the Cowboy shooters regarding this. A motion to this effect was made by George Butcher and seconded by Bill Welden. Passed unanimously

C. Donation of a new file cabinet- A much appreciated new cabinet, with a lockable safe section, was donated for use in the RSO office. The old cabinet is currently in the storage container and can be used for old files.

D. New Junior Club leader- Brenda Silva, the current leader, has done an outstanding job running the junior program, but she needs relief. She will write up a "job description" for the leader duties for publication on the website, and for a direct mailing/emailing to WMSA members. Any takers?

E. Range warning signs- The warning signs which are currently on the range boundary fence have been the cause of confusion on other ranges in Arizona. AZG&FD has provided new signs which specifically state that beyond the fence is a "shooting range, keep out, no trespassing," or words to that effect. Bill Welden is in charge of hanging the signs. The date is pending, but volunteers are needed. Please contact Bill.

F. Heavy duty shelving- The Cowboys of the High Country purchased and installed in the storage container heavy duty shelving for some of their more substantial targets. The cost was \$355.50, and they request financial assistance from WMSA. A motion was made by George Butcher and seconded by Bill Welden to pay the entire cost for this shelving. Passed unanimously. Brenda Silva asked that in the future such requests be brought to the Board for approval prior to taking the action.

9. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Welden and seconded by George Butcher. Passed Unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1935.