

WMSA Board Meeting, 14 Feb, 2018

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1800. Present were Board members Sam Underwood, Dee White, Seth Nadel, Vesta Melcher, George Butcher, Bill Weldon, John Major, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Jo Ann Weldon, Dale Kalchert, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Mike Melcher, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, John Tod, Dan Fondren, Linda Gilbertson, and Jeff Wall.

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 10 Jan, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. One bill was reported, \$9.80 for stamps. A motion to pay this bill was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept the treasurer's report- 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 \$19,328.41 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days- The range generated 275 shooter days for the month of January.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of 12 Feb, 2018 we have 334 memberships. 151 Family and 183 Individual. Adding the 218 dependent members, that gives us 552 current WMSA members.

6. Publicity Director's Report

A. Since the last meeting three articles, with photos, have been submitted to the White Mountain Independent.

1. White Mountain Practical Shooters- Twenty Years Later

2. Mountain Riflemen- High Power Rifle Shooting

3. The Care and Feeding of the AR15 (To advertise Jeff Wall's upcoming class on AR15 operation)

B. The Publicity Director wishes to start the monthly raffles in May. As such, WMSA is in need of donations of firearms in good condition. Please contact Seth Nadel or Linda Gilbertson if you have a firearm you wish to donate. You will be provided a letter with the information required to use your donation as a tax deduction for 2018.

7. Old Business

A. Range update

1. Search for a new Junior Leader- We are still searching for someone to run the Junior Shooter's program. This program has high interest from AZG&FD. If you want to volunteer, or if you know anyone who may be able to run the program, please call Brenda Silva.

2. Fifty yard range building- This building has been approved and ordered! We are currently about a week and a half into the 2 1/2 to 3 week period required to construct the building and deliver it to the range.

3. Covers for the 100 yard and 50 yard range firing lines- These covers, to provide shade for the firing lines, will hopefully be constructed and installed by 30 June. Two to four firing points on the right end of the 100 yard range will remain uncovered to provide a place for shooters who fire extremely loud firearms, shooters who are setting up for a match where natural light on their sights is necessary, and to allow access for heavy equipment needed for range maintenance. Equipment access for the 50 yard range is on the left end of that firing line.

4. Costs of caretaker pad- Cost estimates for the caretaker setup are: \$873 for a water tank and valve; \$12,000 for an RV parking pad, septic tank, and leach field; and approximately \$20,000 to provide a solar powered electrical system. AZG&FD has been approached to foot the bill to provide electricity while WMSA pays the remainder. More to come on this.

5. Range access gates- The gates to the range have, on occasion, been found wide open when the range is closed and there is no one present. The padlock and chain also have been left hanging in an unlocked condition while the range is in use which could result in unauthorized people obtaining the combination. Per the direction of the WMSA president, this must stop! 2nd Knoll is a very nice range, and it continues to get better. Unauthorized access to the range could result in costly vandalism, something none of us would desire.

6. Range access road- Mike Melcher asked about the condition of the road from US-60 to the range. It is badly washboarded. AZG&FD has already been contacted on this problem. George Butcher moved, seconded by John Major, to

authorize funds, not to exceed \$200, for local construction of a road drag to help alleviate the washboard effect. Passed Unanimously. Vern Lewis has volunteered to construct the drag.

B. Streak ammunition- Seth Nadel reported that a "non-burning" tracer type ammo is being manufactured and sold to the public. Tracer ammo is not allowed in the national forests, and pending approval of this new "Streak" ammo by the USFS, it can not be used on the 2nd knoll range.

C. Steel target- A steel target has been donated by On Point Steel Targets of Peoria, AZ. It will be used on the 100 yard range.

8. New Business

A. CMP "Participation" match- Bill Weldon briefed the following. The Civilian Marksmanship Program will soon hold a lottery for the sale of surplus US Government Model 1911 .45 ACP handguns. CMP has laid on many requirements to enter the lottery, but two are of importance here. First, anyone entering the lottery must be a member of a CMP affiliated club. WMSA is an affiliated club. Second, an entrant must provide proof of participation in a marksmanship activity. WMSA members who shoot with any of the WMSA clubs meet this requirement. To provide such proof for non club shooters, Bill recommended holding a day long shooting opportunity at the 50 yard range. This match will consist of two 30 shot National Match Courses fired on a "Police 'L' target" at 25 yards. (This is a really big target!) This match can be fired with any handgun, any sights, and using one or both hands. After completion of the match, participants will be issued a "Proof of Participation in a Marksmanship Activity" certificate that will meet the CMP requirements. During the Board discussion, it was decided that the Mountain Riflemen would host an equivalent match for rifle shooters. A motion was made by George Butcher, seconded by Sam Underwood, that the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters host a "Participation" match on the 50 yard range and the Mountain Riflemen host an equivalent match on the 100 yard range. The date will be 24 March, and the fee will be \$5 per shooter. Passed unanimously. (For more information on the Model 1911 lottery visit <http://thecmp.org/cmposales/1911-information/>)

B. PA system for the 100 yard range- AZG&FD has asked when we will have a suitable PA system installed. Past efforts have not proven fruitful. George Butcher took it for action and researched many different possibilities. The best of the lot was a two speaker battery powered unit with a cordless mike system for \$805. The same unit can be found on Amazon for \$633. The decision was tabled pending research into how well the unit has worked at ranges which have this system.

C. How the membership votes to elect "Directors at Large"- Larry Kennedy briefed the Board on this subject. The WMSA bylaws authorize one "Director at Large"

per each 200 members. Therefore we rate three. We currently have one. Directors at Large represent the wishes of WMSA members who do not shoot with venues such as WMPS, the Riflemen, etc. We have never had an election for "at large" positions. The bylaws do not specify how to get a slate of candidates or how to run the election. The Board decided to approach it as follows:

1. Send a blast email to all members requesting volunteers for the slate of candidates. Volunteers must be WMSA members in good standing, and if elected to an officer's position on the board must be NRA members during the time they serve as a WMSA officer. It is anticipated that this message will be sent in April, 2018.

2. Once the slate is solidified, send a second blast email to the membership with the slate. Members vote by return email. The candidate/candidates with the most votes become Board of Director members. This message will be sent in May, 2018. New Directors will join the Board for the June meeting.

3. For those WMSA members who do not have email, the above info will be sent via the USPS.

D. WMPS request for support to purchase paper targets- John Major, on behalf of WMPS, requested \$713 to purchase paper targets for their matches. The Board was reluctant to authorize this purchase because paper targets are considered consumable. The Board was willing to provide support for capital improvements and durable goods that may possibly be of use to other venues as well. Per John's request, WMPS is also in need of four new timers to replace those that have been in use for decades and have become unreliable. The new timers cost approximately \$150 apiece. Larry Kennedy moved, seconded by Sam Underwood, to authorize a one time purchase, not to exceed \$650, of four new timers. Passed unanimously.

9. Motion to adjourn- Motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by John Major. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2000.