

## **WMSA Annual Meeting- 20 July, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Vern Lewis, Julius Aubin, Richard Dougall, Dee White, George Butcher, Brenda Silva, Jeff Wall, Vesta Melcher, Linda Gilbertson, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were a required quorum of WMSA members.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduction of Officers: President- Seth Nadel; Vice President- Sam Underwood; Treasurer- Vesta Melcher; Secretary- Larry Kennedy; Target Tamers Representative- Dee White; High Country Cowboys Representative- George Butcher; Defensive Pistol League Representative and WMSA Publicity Director- Linda Gilbertson; Young Guns Representative- Richard Dougall; Membership Committee- Tony Silva; and Board Members at Large- Brenda Silva, Jeff Wall, Vern Lewis, and Julius Aubin. WMPS Representative John Major was not present due to prior commitments.

4. Special Announcement- Bill and Jo Ann Weldon have been part of WMSA and the efforts to acquire a local range since day one. Bill recently retired from his position on the Board as WMSA Vice President. He has worked tirelessly throughout his tenure, and he will be missed. The WMSA Board has voted to declare Bill and Jo Ann Weldon honorary lifetime members of WMSA with membership number 3. In addition, Bill and Jo Ann were presented with a plaque designating the 50 yard range as the "Bill and Jo Ann Weldon 50 Yard Range."

5. Secretary's Minutes- The minutes for all WMSA Board meetings have been posted on the website and are available there for perusal.

6. Treasurer's Annual Report- The report for the fiscal year, 1 July, 2017 to 30 June, 2018, was presented to the members. The checking account balance as of 30 June, 2018 was \$29,048.87. The report is on file with the WMSA Secretary.

7. Range Report

A. Improvements this year

1. The overhead covers for the 100 yard and the 50 yard range firing lines have been installed. The cost, approximately \$153,000, was paid entirely by AZG&FD. The Board is currently investigating the installation of a sound deadening material to reduce noise. A concern is whether the covers are sturdy enough to support the added weight.

2. The storage unit has been installed behind the west berm of the 100 yard range.

3. A HAZMAT cabinet has been installed. (Courtesy of AZG&FD)

4. Drainage for the 100 yard range parking lot has been improved.

5. The PA system for the 100 yard range is up and running.

B. Shooter days. This number is of interest to both AZG&FD and the Forestry Service. For the past fiscal year, 3998 shooter days were generated. Currently the 2nd Knoll Range stands 4th out of 11 AZG&FD ranges in the state for shooter days generated.

8. Plans for 2018 and 2019- The Special Use Permit for the 2nd Knoll Range specifies various phases of construction. Currently we are in Phase 1. The firing line overhead covers were not in Phase 1, but a waiver was issued for the construction. The Board approved the following sequence of events for the future:

A. "Campground Host" pad- The intent here is to provide a place for a caretaker to park an RV. The caretaker would be responsible for security of the range, light maintenance, answering questions from the public during range non-operating hours, etc. The range is rapidly acquiring valuable equipment and structures. Vandalism is a serious concern, and an onsite caretaker would lessen this worry. Requirements are a solar powered electricity system, water, sewerage/leach field, and a concrete RV pad. AZG&FD will pay for the solar electrical system and WMSA will pay for the rest.

B. 300 yard rifle range- A rough estimate of the cost of this range is \$300,000. AZG&FD will be approached for assistance.

C. Classrooms/Clubhouse- Sometime in the future.

D. Phase 2 of the construction is undefined, but will certainly include more training/competition bays. Of note, as of August, 2019, the pile of cinders in the east side of the pit becomes the property of AZG&FD. The cinders will be used both for 2nd Knoll, as well as other statewide projects as designated by AZG&FD.

E. Member requests- The Board asks for input from all WMSA members. What would you like to see at the range? Anything that is feasible and can be done safely will be considered.

9. Motion to Ratify the Board Actions for the Past Year- A motion to ratify the actions of the Board for the past year was made by John Easterbrook and seconded by Al Warner. This motion was passed by the membership with one "no" vote.

10. Motion Regarding Changes to the WMSA Bylaws- The recent election of "Directors at Large" brought to light a number of "housekeeping" changes that should be made to the bylaws. These changes have been available for viewing on the WMSA website. A motion to approve these changes was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Susie Underwood. Passed unanimously. The WMSA secretary will incorporate the changes.

11. New Business- The floor was opened to comments from the membership.

A. Richard Dougall suggested that the Board consider short, canvas drapes be hung from the overhead covers of the firing lines to abate the noise of gunfire. Tony Silva suggested the possibility of using foam pads or foam spray for the purpose. Seth Nadel will research this as it will require engineering studies, etc.

B. Howard Logsdon asked about a road drag, or other device to smooth out the waffles on the range access road. This project is in work. Railroad ties cannot be used because the creosote is considered a hazardous material. A steel drag is being researched.

C. John Easterbrook inquired as to whether the monthly event calendar on the website can be changed to reflect the current actual month rather than a generic month. Linda Gilbertson reported that the current site host does not lend itself to a format that rotates monthly such as this.

D. Fred Bridges asked about a 100 meter small bore range. The Board will look into this. Fred also asked about an archery range. This will not happen because there is already an archery range in the local area.

E. A comment was made about confusion as to where to register/check in at the range. An arrow, and appropriate verbiage, will be installed at the 50 yard range directing patrons to the RSO building on the 100 yard range.

F. George Butcher had questions regarding access to info on the website. Linda Gilbertson answered his questions.

G. Richard Dougall asked how often the porta-potties were serviced. They are cleaned weekly on Tuesdays.

H. Jeff Wall suggested that a website committee be established. Linda Gilbertson will research and coordinate this. Suggested committee members are John Easterbrook, George Butcher, Jeff Wall, and Linda Gilbertson.

I. Howard Logsdon inquired about night shooting. This has been requested before and Seth Nadel is working on it. He is seeking a law enforcement unit to request night shooting, as this will have more leverage with AZG&FD and the Forest Service.

J. Julius Aubin made a plea for more Range Safety Officers. Without RSO's, the range does not operate, and currently these duties are being carried by only a few dedicated members.

12. Motion to Adjourn- A motion was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood to adjourn. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1925.