

## WMSA Board Meeting, 14 March, 2018

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Seth Nadel, Bill Weldon, Sam Underwood, John Major, George Butcher, Vesta Melcher, Dee White, Brenda Silva, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Dan Fondren, Dale Kalchert, Anthony Lopez, Tony Silva, Linda Gilbertson, Vernon Lewis, Jo Ann Weldon, Mike Melcher, Don Solomon, Brian Moffat, Edward Hamilton, John Tod, Jim Tuvell, and Alice Tuvell.

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 Feb, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Bill Weldon presented a bill in the amount of \$35.10 for staples, and target materials. Tony Silva presented a bill in the amount of \$70.00 for stamps, envelopes, and membership cards. 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 \$20,181.80 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days- The 2nd Knoll Range generated 184 shooter days for February.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of March 14, 2018, we have 351 memberships; 154 family and 197 individual. Adding the 235 dependent members, that gives us 586 current WMSA members.

6. Publicity Secretary's Report

A. Linda Gilbertson reported that this month two articles were published in the White Mountain Independent.

1. "White Mountain Practical Shooters" celebrates 20 years,
2. High-powered rifle shooting with the "Mountain Riflemen."

B. On Friday, March 16th an article on the "Civilian Marksmanship Program Match on March 24th" will be published.

C. Another article on "The Care and Feeding of an AR-15" will be published in April for Jeff Wall's class to be held in early May.

D. Currently, the Independent publishes our articles free of charge. This may change in the future. Linda proposed three possibilities for discussion, with a decision pending until such time as the added publicity is needed. They are:

1. "GYMOAZ" (Get Your Mountain on Arizona), a monthly publication which covers the Rim Country and the White Mountains;

2. "Coffee News," a weekly publication delivered to over 75 locations in the region;

3. "EXPLORE: 202 Things to do in Northeast Arizona." This publication is printed annually and delivers 15,000 copies throughout the state.

## 7. Range Update/Old Business

A. Building on the 50 yard range- Bill Weldon briefed that the building has been set in place, the interior walls have been insulated and drywall installed. Taping, mudding, and sanding to go. Interior "furniture" (shelving, racks for target frames, desk, etc) has been constructed but not yet installed pending completion of the remaining interior work.

B. PA system for the 100 yard range- Seth Nadel reported that AZG&FD has inquired about this project twice, which lends impetus to a decision. George Butcher reported that he has not received information from the AmpliVox company regarding any entities who have purchased their equipment which would allow us to get feedback on its suitability. Despite that, George feels this is the best product for us. Amazon has the exact product for a cheaper price. George will check for reviews of the system from Amazon. A motion was made by George Butcher and seconded by John Major to authorize funds, not to exceed \$850.00, for the purchase of this system through Amazon. Passed unanimously.

C. Voting for "Directors at Large."- The WMSA bylaws authorize one Director at Large for each 200 WMSA members. A nominating/election committee has been established consisting of Bill Weldon, Tony Silva, and Larry Kennedy. Anticipate a request for nominees in April and an election in early May.

D. CMP Participation Match- The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) will be selling surplus .45 ACP Model 1911pistols. One of the requirements to qualify for this

purchase is to take part in a marksmanship activity. For those WMSA members not involved in a venue such as WMPS, Bullseye, Mountain Riflemen, etc, WMSA will host a match for pistol shooters on the 50 yard range, and a match for rifle shooters on the 100 yard range on 24 March. These matches will satisfy the marksmanship activity requirement.

E. Steel target on the 100 yard range- A steel target has been donated to WMSA. This target will be installed on the 100 yard range at shooting point 20. To ensure all lead splatter from the target is caught in the backstop, Tony Silva used his tractor to cut a mounting site into the berm. Thanks, Tony.

F. Overhead covers on the ranges- AZF&FD has said that the installation of the overhead covers on the 50 and 100 yard ranges should be completed by 30 June.

## 8. New Business

A. Applicant to rent range bay for training- Don Solomon, a well qualified NRA firearms instructor, asked the Board for approval to rent a range bay for a training class. This was approved. A motion was made by John Major, seconded by Sam Underwood, to designate the WMSA Chief Range Officer, vice the complete Board, as the approving authority for such requests in the future. Passed unanimously.

B. Suggestion for a new shooting discipline- Linda Gilbertson briefed the Board on a proposal for a new shooting discipline called "Defensive Pistol League." This league would be for knowledgeable shooters and would provide an opportunity for shooters to test their skills and defensive equipment in realistic scenarios, but in a non-competitive environment. A motion was made by Bill Weldon, seconded by George Butcher, to approve this league. Passed unanimously. The shoot is tentatively planned for once a month on a Sunday afternoon, not to conflict with other shooting disciplines. The first event is TBA.

C. Supporting the WMSA shooting venues- Various venues have approached the Board recently with requests for financial assistance. The Board is wholly in favor of providing such support if possible, but it asks that it be for durable goods and that all such requests provide specifications as to what is needed, why is it needed, how much will it cost, etc. Newly formed shooting disciplines may apply for seed money to get their programs started. If approved, an itemized receipt must be provided to the Treasurer at the completion of the project. A motion to this effect was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Vesta Melcher. Passed unanimously.

D. Changes to the membership application form- Tony Silva suggested that the form be modified to delete the option of picking up membership cards at the range, since many members have neglected to do so. In the future, all cards will be mailed to

the members. Tony also suggested that the Family Membership be changed to reflect dependent children 18 and under, in addition to spouses and domestic partners. This will require a bylaw change, and Tony was tasked to provide a suggested change for consideration.

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