

WMSA Board Meeting, 21 May, 2014

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1759. Present were Bill Weldon, Jim Cherry, Sylvia Cherry, Steve Wenger, Brenda Silva, Sam Underwood, Linda Gilbertson, Seth Nadel, and Larry Kennedy.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report- Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 9 Apr, 2014 meeting as published. Passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's report
 - a. Motion to pay bills- Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve payment of \$49.00 to Steve Wenger for postage and \$98.64 to Seth Nadel for gasoline used to go to/from the National Public Range Conference in Phoenix. Seth's room costs were covered by Jim Button who graciously donated hotel points equivalent to a cash donation of \$274.65.
 - b. Motion to accept- Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Passed unanimously. A copy of the report is in the Secretary's files.
5. Membership Secretary's Report- One renewal membership and one new membership to start on 1 July, both of which are individual memberships.
6. Old Business
 - a. Range Update- Slow but steady progress continues. The final drafts of the Environmental Stewardship plan, the Range Operation and Management plan, and the Lead Control plan will be in the hands of SWCA by the end of the week.
 - b. Report on National Public Range Conference – Seth Nadel was the attendee from WMSA. Forty people attended representing 36 different states. Overall it was a very valuable conference. Multiple subjects were covered to include range operations, lead control, etc. Of interest, the head of the NRA Grant Commission was in attendance, and yes, Seth did talk to him! In addition to this “public” range conference, a “commercial” range conference is held twice a year. The decision as to whether to send a representative will be made when the date and location of the next conference becomes available.
7. New Business
 - a. Report on Forest Service site visit – Bill Weldon and Linda Gilbertson took part in a visit to the proposed range site on 14 May, 2014. In attendance from the Forest Service in Albuquerque was Karen O'Leary, the Southwest Regional Recreation/Special Uses Administrator, and one

other lady whose name was missed. From the Forest Service in Lakeside were Tina Sorenson, the Special uses Administrator and District Safety Coordinator, and Randle Chavez, District Recreation Director. From AZG&F in Phoenix were Mike Raum, State Shooting Range Administrator, and Rick Bradford, Special Uses/Interagency Agreements Administrator. From AZG&F locally were Chris Bagnoli, Area Director, and Diana Tolbert, Public Relations.

A multitude of subjects were discussed, and overall the feeling of the meeting was quite positive. Bill and Linda first showed the site from the rim of the pit. Bill and Tony Silva had placed a “target” in the base of the pit with signs indicating a distance on 100 and 200 yards from the “target.” The attendees who had not physically seen the site earlier were impressed with its size, and the comment was made, “It sure doesn’t look like this on a map.” Bill pointed out our proposed concept of operations to include a caretaker, Range Safety Officers on scene, the independence of the different ranges, membership, etc. Descending to the base of the pit, leveling, parking, drainage, and road siting were discussed, as well as the need for a gate to close off the east side of the pit where ADOT currently has a supply of cinders.

Bill had submitted a proposed Site Plan/Development plan in February, 2014. None of the attendees had seen it yet, as it apparently did not get the required distribution. AZG&F will follow up on making distribution, hopefully by the end of this week.

Ms. O’Leary questioned the proposed name of our range, 2nd Knoll Target Range, suggesting that it sounded too much like the “Grassy Knoll” from which JFK had allegedly been shot in Dallas. In the interests of political correctness we may be required to change the name. The “White Mountain Shooting and Recreation Area” was suggested by the WMSA Board.

b. Appoint Nominating committee- Jim Cherry will provide a report on the proposed slate of officers at the next WMSA Board meeting. All clubs under the WMSA umbrella are reminded to either approve their current representatives to the board, or provide a new one, as desired.

c. The Annual Meeting was proposed for 1800 on 18 July, 2014, at the Show Low Senior Center, pending approval by the Center.

8. Motion to Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 1900.