

WMSA BOARD MEETING, 9 August, 2017

1. Call to order- Meeting called to order at 1800. Present were Board members George Butcher, Bill Weldon, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, John Easterbrook, Linda Gilbertson, Brenda Silva, and Larry Kennedy. Also in attendance were Sean Mulkearns, Tony Silva, Cathy Parry, Fred Parry, Dave Cameron, Tom Lowe, Mike Melcher, Vesta Melcher, Howard Logsdon, Matt Hamilton, Michael St James, Ken Josten, and Phyllis Clark.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon to accept the minutes of the 12 July, 2017 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- On behalf of the Cowboys of the High Country George Butcher presented a bill for material to construct target hangers, paint, etc, in the amount of \$297.78. Seth Nadel submitted a bill for \$45.43 for new WMSA business cards, trash bags for the range, and work gloves/equipment for the probationer who was doing cleanup duty at the range. A motion to approve these bills was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously.

B. Vesta Melcher reported there were 473 shooter days at the range for July.

C. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by George Butcher. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$21,645.95 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

D. Raffle drawing results and new raffle

1. Linda Gilbertson reported that the trailer raffle, drawn on 12 July, grossed \$445. Less expenses it netted \$313.

2. The drawing for the Uberti Model 1858 New Army percussion revolver was postponed until Saturday, 12 August, at the 2nd Knoll range to allow for all tickets to be turned in.

3. The next raffle item, to be drawn on 13 September, is a Swedish M 38 Bolt Action rifle in caliber 6.5x55. This is a military rifle in excellent condition, and retains its rare muzzle brake. It was made in 1942.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of 9 August, 2017, WMSA has 184 memberships, consisting of 87 family memberships and 98 individual memberships. Adding in the 117 dependants from the family memberships, this gives us 302 current WMSA members.

6. Range report

A. The "Event Sign," as mentioned in last month's minutes, has been installed at the main gate of the range and is in use.

B. RSO report

1. John Easterbrook reports that we currently have 44 RSO's on the roster, of which approximately 30 are actively participating in RSO duty. Planning for RSO assignments for the range anniversary weekend is in work.

2. The range is in dire need of a multi-directional PA system to replace the bull horn currently in use. Seth Nadel reports that such a system is in work. No estimated completion date at this time.

3. The check-in desk at the range, and the surrounding area, needs to be re-worked. As it is, the area gets extremely congested. No decision made, pending further discussion.

C. Prices on a storage container- Discussion was held regarding the acquisition of a 40 foot storage container to be sited west of the 100 yard range. Bill Weldon presented an offer from Containers on Demand. The offer was \$4757 for a container, delivered and painted the proper Forest Service color. A second offer from Arizona Portable Buildings was for \$4586, but this offer did not include painting the container the required color. Seth will check with Matt Schwarzkopf, of AZG&FD, to see what might be available through that route. A motion was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$5,000 for this project. Passed unanimously.

D. WMSA member Howard Logsdon had the following questions/suggestions.

1. Currently at the range, an empty chamber indicator can consist of either a commercial ECI or a short length of weed eater string inserted in the chamber. Howard requested that the weed eater string no longer be authorized, and commercial ECI's be required for all shooters. Referred to John Easterbrook for action.

2. Howard inquired about usage of the quad, currently under a tarp at the 100 yard range. He had concerns that it was deteriorating unnecessarily. Seth stated that when the storage container has been purchased and delivered, the quad would be stored inside. Future need for the quad is anticipated.

3. Howard commented that the web site states that the range RSO's are NRA Safety Officers, which may not be true in all cases. Seth Nadel will ensure the correction is made.

E. Shoot the Deuce- Phyllis Clark of the Show Low Lions Club briefed the Board on this upcoming event to be held on 9 Sept at the 2nd Knoll Range. This is the 6th year for this youth oriented event, and it will honor the service of Officer Darrin Reed killed in the line of duty with the Show Low Police Department. All proceeds go to provide eyeglasses for kids and needy adults, and scholarships for kids to Camp Tatiyee. For information on the event call Phyllis at 602-999-6864 or Steve at 928-358-2868, or visit the WMSA website.

7. Old Business

A. Jeff Wall's AR basics class- This class will be held 26 August. Seth Nadel and Sean Mulkearns will assist. So far 19 have signed up. There is room for 40. If interested, call 928-205-3609 to pre-register.

B. Club table at the Round Valley Gun Show, 4-5 August- Ladies Day LLC shared part of their table with WMSA. The display generated significant interest and positive comments from attendees.

C. Presentation of plaque to Larry Voyles- At last month's meeting the Board voted to present outgoing AZG&FD Director Larry Voyles with a WMSA Honorary Life Membership, and a suitable plaque, in honor of his 48 years of service with AZG&FD, and for his continued support of the 2nd Knoll Range. Seth briefed the AZG&F Commission at their meeting in St Johns on 4 August. Mr. Voyles is out of the country at this time but will have a retirement party on 30 Sept at which Seth will present the plaque and membership.

8. New Business

A. Donation of trailer to AZG&FD- The winner of the trailer raffle donated the trailer back to WMSA. Matt Schwarzkopf of AZG&FD said they may be able to use it. Since without the help of G&F, the 2nd Knoll Range would still be an unusable hole in the ground, the consensus of the Board is to donate the trailer to G&F.

B. Anniversary activities, 26-28 Aug, 2017

1. Door prizes from Ruger- Through her connections with Ruger, Laura Galusha has acquired hats, mugs etc, suitable for door prizes.

2. Hot Dogs- On Saturday, 26 Aug, all shooters will be offered a free hot dog and water. The Board will buy the necessary supplies, and Lynda Easterbrook has volunteered to cook. Non-shooters will be offered a hot dog if they make a cash donation to WMSA.

3. There will be shooting demonstrations from all venues of WMSA.

4. A motion was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by George Butcher to reduce the normal shooting fees for the anniversary weekend to \$1 for WMSA members and \$5 for non-members. Passed unanimously.

C. Round Valley Preparedness Fair- Linda Gilbertson will attend on behalf of WMSA

D. Pinetop-Lakeside Outdoor Adventure, 23-24 Sept- As in past years, WMSA will host a table at this event. It is a good time to advertise the range and our activities. We need volunteers to man the table from 9-5 on the 23rd and 10-3 on the 24th.

E. The final raffle of this year will be in September. It will be for a certificate from Ruger good for a Ruger 10/22 rifle. Thanks again to Laura Galusha for her help in obtaining this certificate. The Board decided to provide a link to Ruger on the Association website in thanks for their support.

F. Matt Hamilton of Solar Exchange in Snowflake briefed the Board on the possibility of acquiring a solar power system for the range office heating, air conditioning, and lighting, and for the PA system. He will meet with a Board member at the range on a future date to analyze our needs and provide an estimate.

G. Mike St James, also of Solar Exchange, briefed the Board on steel targets that are available from their business. These are good looking and functional targets made from AR 500 steel.

H. Targets for the 100 yard range- A motion was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood to authorize Bill to spend approximately \$500 for paper targets for the range. Passed unanimously.

I. George Butcher inquired about the availability of WMSA business cards. Seth stated that the old cards are still available. The new cards, also available, have the AZG&FD and Forrest Service logos incorporated.

9. Motion to Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by George Butcher. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1928.