

WMSA Board Meeting: 13 Apr, 2016

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1800. Present were Reese Loveless, Sam Underwood, Seth Nadel, Susie Underwood, Fred Perry, Alice Tuvell, Jim Tuvell, Tom Risch, Jim Cherry, Steve Wenger, Bill Weldon, Richard Lindsey, Shari Loveless, and Larry Kennedy.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to Accept- Motion to accept the minutes of the 9 Mar, 2016 Board meeting as published was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to Pay Bills- No outstanding bills.

B. Motion to Accept- Motion made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The current account balance is \$23,304.81. Passed unanimously. A copy of the report is in the Secretary's files.

5. Membership Secretary's Report- We picked up one pro-rated family membership, giving us a total of 82 active memberships.

6. Old Business

A. Range Construction Update- There is a ton of activity going on at the range site. At this time there are 7 pieces of construction equipment in use. AZG&FD made the decision to reshape the walls of the pit to a 70 degree angle. Approximately ½ of the warning signs on the fence have been installed. Three of the competition/instruction bays have been funded by AZG&FD and 3 of the 4 bays are in work at this time.

B. 4th Bay Funding- The contractor recently approached Seth Nadel with a proposal to build the 4th competition/instructional bay, if funding could be arranged. At this time, AZG&FD can not fund it, so the Board discussed whether to use WMSA funds to pay for this bay. The positives are that the cost would be \$15,000 if done now with the equipment the contractor has on site. If the construction of the bay is delayed, the cost for the 4th bay will increase significantly because of equipment relocation costs for the contractor. Sportsman's Warehouse has promised a grant of \$2,000 which will help offset the cost. The insurance estimate came in lower than anticipated at \$852 per year. The money saved here will help. The WMSA firearms raffle will re-commence in May, and based on past performance, should net the Association approximately \$5,000 through the summer which will also help offset the cost. The negative is that this option will deplete the WMSA checking account in the short term. A motion to spend \$15,000 of WMSA money at this time, to be offset partially by

the eventual receipt of the Sportsman's Warehouse grant of \$2,000, was made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously.

7. New Business

A. Fee Schedule- A discussion was held concerning fees for range usage by various personnel/institutions with consideration paid to what other similar ranges in the state charge.

B. Members- It was pointed out that at similar ranges in Arizona, members are not charged a daily fee to utilize the range. A motion was made by Jim Cherry and seconded by Richard Lindsey that WMSA members would shoot for free. The motion failed the Board vote. Discussion was held comparing the WMSA annual dues with those of similar ranges. The possibility of raising annual dues to allow free shooting for WMSA members will be addressed at the Annual Members Meeting in July. A motion was made by Steve Wenger and seconded by Larry Kennedy to request a voluntary contribution of \$2.00 for daily range use from WMSA members. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

C. "Day" Shooters- Fees for daily range use by shooters who are not WMSA members were discussed. A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Larry Kennedy to charge \$8 for non-member adult shooters (18 years of age and older) and \$2 for minor shooters (17 and under) for daily range use. Passed with one dissenting vote.

D. Range Rental- It is anticipated that local shooting instructors will periodically rent the competition/instructional bays for their classes. Such rental will include the use of the range, target stands, and all range facilities such as porta-potties, trash disposal, etc. The instructor must provide proof of insurance and proper credentialing, and will be responsible for the safe conduct of his/her class. The WMSA Range Officer will have the authority to overrule the instructor if a blatant safety violation is observed and not corrected. A motion was made by Steve Wenger and seconded by Jim Cherry to charge a fee of \$20 for a half-day or \$40 for a full day use of one of the bays. This fee will apply only to instructors who are receiving financial remuneration for their services and will not apply to informal coaching such as a parent teaching his/her child the safe handling of firearms or a WMSA member coaching a friend. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Member Club Use- All shooting venues under the WMSA umbrella will have free use of their appropriate range/bays for club events. Any person shooting with a WMSA club who is not a WMSA member will be charged the appropriate non-member daily use fee. The \$2 voluntary donation from WMSA members will be gratefully accepted as well.

8. Pre-opening Priorities

A. Range Rules (Sam/Jim/Seth)- In work.

- B. Operating Rules (Sam/Jim/Seth)- In work.
- C. Range Officer Training-Seth Nadel has a rough lesson plan.
- D. Fee Accounting (Linda)- In Work.
- E. Target Stands- Bill Weldon has this for action.
- F. Porta-Potties (Bill)- In work.
- G. Insurance (Seth)- As previously stated, the estimated cost per year for insurance to cover the range and all four of the WMSA shooting venues is \$852.
- H. Trash Pickup (Bill)- In work.

9. Appointment of Nominating Committee- Larry Kennedy will head the nominating committee. The first requirement will be a note/email from each of the clubs to re-designate their current representatives, or designate a new representative. Send this communication to Seth Nadel.

10. Grants Search- No volunteers for this from the Board members. All WMSA members are asked to be alert for grant opportunities.

11. Range Officer building- Bill Weldon presented his detailed research on such a building, comparing multiple options such as a pre-built building, versus a member constructed building. The Board will act on this in the near future.

12. Motion to Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Steve Wenger and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously.

Additional info on requirements to open the range:

Insurance- Basically done.

Grants- Cash/in kind

Tables for paperwork- Possibly picnic tables? Possibly donated by local businesses?

Shooting Benches- In work by Sam Underwood

Whistles for RSO's

Forms to be printed

Chairs

Method of mounting backer sticks

Backer sticks

Backers

Staple guns/staples

Tape

Overhead cover

Storage