

## **WMSA Board Meeting, 8 August, 2018**

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Julius Aubin, Vernon Lewis, Seth Nadel, Dee White, Richard Dougall, Vesta Melcher, Sam Underwood, Linda Gilbertson, George Butcher, Brenda Silva, John Major, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Dan Fondren, Sheila Moffatt, Brian Moffatt, Mike Melcher, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Dale Kalchert, Cathy Parry, Tom Lowe, Bill Weldon, Jo Ann Weldon, Tom Risch, Fred Bridges, Doug Heckman, Tom Meyer, Stephan Treadway, and Cynthia Treadway.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Brenda Silva to accept the minutes of the 11 July, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- Seth Nadel presented a bill in the amount of \$88.69 for range supplies. George Butcher presented a bill in the amount of \$55.18 for PA system upgrades on the 100 yard range. Larry Kennedy presented a bill in the amount of \$25.00 for the annual renewal of WMSA membership in the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association. Tony Silva presented a bill in the amount of \$103.37 for stamps and other correspondence materials. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Linda Gilbertson. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by John Major and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$36,303.55 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days report- The 2nd Knoll Range generated 644 shooter days for the month of July.

D. Forty foot CONEX box for WMPS- In April, 2018, WMPS requested financial assistance to move a 40 foot CONEX box from California, where it was located, to the 2nd Knoll Range. The estimated costs were: \$1500 to move the box from California to Linden, AZ where it would be painted the approved Forest Service color; \$250 to do the painting, and \$350 to move the box to the range. Due to an increase in fuel costs, the actual cost to move the box from California to Linden was \$1800. A motion was made by John Major and seconded by George Butcher to approve an added \$300 for WMPS to cover the shortfall. Passed unanimously

5. Membership Committee Report- As of 7 August, 2018, we have 260 memberships, 122 family and 138 individual. Adding the 168 dependent members gives us a total of 428 current WMSA members. 144 of these members are juniors.

#### 6. Publicity Secretary Report

A. WMPS Board member, Julius Aubin, was honored in a White Mountain Independent article for work he had done to cause the VA to modify its policy and provide portable oxygen concentrators to veterans who qualify for them. Well done, Julius!

B. Raffle drawing- The framed print, entitled "Sneaking Out the Back Door," was won by Al Garza of Clay Springs.

C. New raffle- The next raffle is for a British Martini Artillery Carbine, caliber .303 British. This rifle was manufactured in 1896 and is in very good condition. It comes with loading dies, bullet mold, and other extras.

D. In the last month two articles have been published in the White Mountain Independent. They are: "At Home on the Range at 2nd Knoll," and "White Mountain Shooters Honor Founding Couple." Also in the Independent was an article by Tom Hollender concerning uncontrolled shooting at the Pat Mullen cinder pit. In an unsolicited reference, Mr. Hollender spoke of 2nd Knoll as a "State of the Art" range, and worthy of community support.

E. Since WMSA is a relatively new member of the Pinetop/Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2nd Knoll on 26 July. In attendance were Seth Nadel, Linda Gilbertson, and Larry Kennedy of WMSA, Randall Chavez from the Forest Service, Chris Bagnoli and Matt Schwartzkopf from the AZG&FD, and Aaron Casey and Candy Hastings from the Chamber. The article in the Independent is pending.

F. Five hundred additional "rack cards" have been purchased. These utilize the new AZG&FD logo, and include pictures of WMPS and Young Guns activities on the reverse side. The "rack card" now has a total of eight pictures on the reverse side demonstrating the types of club activities available at the range.

G. NSSF August shooting month- AZG&FD has asked the 2nd Knoll Range to participate with them and the National Shooting Sports Foundation to recognize August as the month to invite more people to the range. On behalf of the Board, Linda Gilbertson accepted with the knowledge that the range is celebrating its second anniversary during the month of August. The weekend of 25-27 August has been designated for this event. The NSSF is supplying Linda with press release materials for

the Independent, and will announce our second anniversary on their national website. In addition, AZG&FD will announce our anniversary on their website, and will provide free gun locks to distribute to those folks visiting our range during that weekend. This information will also be on the P/L Chamber website. In exchange, the NSSF has asked us to mention them and show their logo in all advertisements and on our facebook page.

## 7. Range Update

A. Power washing- On 7 August AZG&FD came to the range with an industrial strength power washer. In accordance with the best practices for lead abatement/control, all shooting benches and concrete surfaces were power washed. This service was free of charge for WMSA. Richard Dougall has volunteered to evaluate the shooting benches to determine if the tops need resurfacing or repainting.

B. Progress on the caretaker pad- Vern Lewis has discussed this with a contractor. The leach field and associated sewerage will require an engineering plan, approved by a licensed engineer. The estimated cost for this is \$3500. Bill Weldon suggested that since there is a requirement for such a plan, make it inclusive of all future planned projects such as the campground, clubhouse, classrooms, etc. The water tank to supply the caretaker pad is still a work in progress. The solar powered electrical system is also a work in progress. AZG&FD will pay for this. Julius Aubin and Sam Underwood have been tasked to provide a list of what duties the caretaker will be responsible for accomplishing.

## C. Thanks

1. The Board thanks all RSO's for volunteering their free time to stand RSO duty. Along this line, more volunteers are needed! Without the RSO's the range does not operate.

2. The Board also thanks George Butcher for overseeing the PA system upgrade for the 100 yard range.

## 8. New Business

A. Fall Festival- As in past years, a Fall Festival will be held at Charlie Clark's Orchard. The dates this year are 29 and 30 Sept.. AZG&FD has asked that WMSA provide a table to advertise the 2nd Knoll Range. Since AZG&FD has been the source of copious quantities of cash for the construction and improvement of our range, the answer was yes! Linda Gilbertson will coordinate the needed volunteers at the September Board meeting.

B. Julius Aubin volunteered to donate a United States flag with a holder for the 100 yard range. Since the RSO building is actually AZG&FD property, Seth Nadel will contact them to see if we can mount it on the building.

C. Noise on the firing line- Noise entrapped by the firing line covers is a problem. Possible fixes are being researched.

D. 2nd Knoll hats- The 2nd Knoll polo shirts have proven to be quite popular. However, as an alternative, Cathy Parry will look at the possibility of the next order of clothing items being 2nd Knoll caps.

9. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by George Butcher and seconded by Linda Gilbertson. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1925.