

WMSA Board Meeting, 14 June, 2017

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1802. Present were Board members Bill Weldon, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Linda Gilbertson, Brenda Silva, Laura Galusha, John Easterbrook, John Major, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Sean Mulkearns, Mike Melcher, Vesta Melcher, Fred Parry, Steve Wenger, Alice Tuvell, Jim Tuvell, Ken Josten, George Butcher, and Tony Silva.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Linda Gilbertson to accept the minutes of the 10 May, 2017 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Bill Weldon presented a bill for \$112.18 for target frame repair materials. Seth Nadel presented a bill for \$91.15 for target backers. A motion to donate \$100 to Show Low Meals on Wheels for use of the senior center as a meeting site was made by Larry Kennedy and seconded by John Major. Passed unanimously. Motion to pay the bills and make the donation was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Brenda Silva. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Brenda Silva. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$18,979.17 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. The 10 gauge blank firing brass cannon was won by Donna V. of Phoenix. The next raffle is a 7x10 foot 2009 Broyhill Trailwater trailer. This trailer is suitable for hauling a pontoon boat and is ready to go complete with spare tire and wheeled hitch jack. The drawing will be on 12 July, 2017

D. Vesta Melcher reported that there were 284 shooter days at the range for the month of May.

5. Membership Committee Report

A. As of 14 June, 2017, we have 95 memberships paid up into the next fiscal year and another 183 set to expire on the 30th of June.

B. Discussion was held concerning whether members under 16 would need membership cards. The Board deemed this not necessary.

C. The following is quoted from the Membership Committee Chairperson report. "In response to my complaint of repeated thwarting of my efforts to establish and maintain a workable system for processing membership applications, I have been

promised relief from this duty at the beginning of August. I will be available to assist my successor in the transition, including transfer of written and digital documents, the key to the post-office box, envelopes and stamps purchased by WMSA and ongoing access to the WMSA-News list server, which is provided at no charge, as a favor to me." The Board thanks Steve Wenger for his work as Membership Committee Chair over the years. Well done! Tony Silva will be the new head of the Membership Committee.

6. Range Update

A. RSO report

1. John Easterbrook reports that range usage has been slow. The high winds of recent days have been a factor. Mondays have been particularly slow. Since the radio ads concerning the range being open on Mondays have only been on the air since 1 June, the opinion of the Board is to keep the current schedule through the summer.

2. Anticipating heavier usage during July and August, John will schedule 4 RSO's per shift starting 1 July.

3. The need for an "Range Open" sign on the highway was discussed. This has been requested from AZG&FD. Since this request involves the Forest Service and ADOT as well as AZG&FD, action is still pending.

7. Old Business

A. Jeff Wall's AR Basics Class- Jeff is unavailable at this time, but Seth Nadel reports that Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District has approved the use of their classroom for this event.

B. WMSA table at Round Valley Gun Show- In conjunction with Eagar Days on 4-5 August, a gun show will be held inside the Eagar Dome. The Board discussed whether to have an information table at the show. Volunteers to man the table are needed. If adequate coverage is available, this will be approved.

C. Special events at the range

1. The Target Tamers held a shoot on 14 June at which 14 shooters were present.

2. The Show Low PEO held a shoot and social event at the range on 9 June. Twenty one folks attended, of which 16 were shooters.

D. Sam Underwood reported that the June and July shoots for the Mountain Riflemen would be held at the Lone Pine Dam site.

E. Seth Nadel reported on a conversation with the local probation officer. This officer needs work for parolees. Seth suggested that they could pull weeds, pick up extraneous material from the ranges, and clean the drainage ditches. Ideas for other range work that the parolees can do are requested.

8. New Business

A. Cowboy Action Club- Fred Parry and George Butcher proposed the formation of a cowboy action shooting club under the WMSA umbrella. The name is to be

"Cowboys of the High Country." The club will operate under the rules of the Single Action Shooting Society. Fred provided the Secretary with a copy of the SASS procedures and emphasized that the club shoots would operate with "cold range" rules. George Butcher is proposed as the WMSA Board member. The 4th Sunday of the month was suggested as the shooting day. A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Linda Gilbertson to approve the formation of this club. Passed unanimously. George presented a request for steel targets to be purchased by WMSA. He briefed the Board on a proposed offer for a 4x8 foot sheet of 3/8 inch AR 500 steel plate, cut to the club's desired specs, for \$940.20. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously.

B. Sean Mulkearn's Range rental for instructional purposes- Sean Mulkearn presented a package containing the required documentation for range rental, to include his NRA Credentials, insurance coverage, etc.

C. Changes to the license agreement with AZG&FD- Seth Nadel briefly read through the proposed changes which deal mainly with safety, professionalism, civility, and respect. The intent of these changes is to standardize, insofar as possible, the agreements between AZG&FD and the various ranges in the state. Seth has signed on behalf of WMSA. Awaiting the final authorization from AZG&FD.

D. AZG&FD Director Voles- Honorary WMSA Life Member- Director Larry Voles has worked for AZG&FD for 43 years and will be retiring shortly. The Board discussed making Mr. Voles an honorary life member of the association, with all benefits and privileges associated therewith, as thanks on the part of WMSA for his help in the approval, financing, and construction of the 2nd Knoll Target Range. Also suggested was an appropriate plaque. Sam Underwood moved, seconded by Linda Gilbertson, to approve Honorary Life Membership, with a plaque, for Director Voles. Passed unanimously. The presentation is planned for the Game and Fish Commission meeting in St Johns on 4-5 August.

E. Annual Meeting- The Annual Members Meeting will be on 21 July at the Senior Center.

F. AZG&FD Personnel using the range- Only AZG&FD Law Enforcement Officers actively undergoing training will be allowed to use the range at no cost. All others will be required to sign in and pay the appropriate fee. Written policy from AZG&FD will be coming for all state ranges.

G. Anniversary Celebration- John Easterbrook suggested a 1st anniversary celebration for the 2nd Knoll Target Range. Favorably received by the Board. More to come.

9. Motion to Adjourn- Motion made by Sam Underwood and seconded by John Major. Meeting adjourned at 1917.