

WMSA Board Meeting, 9 Mar, 2016

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1800. Present were Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Bill Weldon, Steve Wenger, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, Jeff Graham, Fred Parry, Linda Gilbertson, Jim Cherry, and Larry Kennedy.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report
 - A. Motion to accept- Motion to accept the minutes of the 10 Feb, 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- A bill for a sign from High 5 Design in the amount of \$26.50 was presented by Seth Nadel and Linda Gilbertson. This sign is hung at the 2nd Knoll Range site and contains verbiage to the effect that this site is the future home of the 2nd Knoll Target Range, and to please keep out until the range is opened. A motion to approve payment of the bill was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Jim Cherry. Passed unanimously.
 - B. Motion to accept- Motion made by Bill Weldon and seconded by Jim Cherry to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The current account balance is \$23,358.08. Passed unanimously. A copy of the report is in the Secretary's files.
5. Membership Secretary's Report- No activity this month.
6. Old Business
 - A. Range Update
 1. The range perimeter fence has been completed. Discussions currently underway between AZG&FD and the fence contractor because the spacing between the wires was not to spec. The gate has been installed and discussions are underway here as well because the contract called for one 20 foot gate and the contractor installed two 10 foot gate sections.
 2. Bill Weldon was given a supply of warning signs by AZG&FD that, at an appropriate time in the future, will be installed at 50 foot intervals on the perimeter fence.
 - B. Construction contract
 1. The purchase order for the range construction contract was approved on 7 Mar, 2016.
 2. On Friday, 11 Mar, Seth Nadel and Bill Weldon will meet with the contractor and representatives from AZG&FD. Seth and Bill have copies of the construction plans and will be the "Eyes of Game and Fish" on scene. All comments and questions for the contractor must go through Bill or Seth for referral to AZG&FD. The construction contract is between

AZG&FD and the contractor. Other than Seth and Bill, there must be NO contact between WMSA members and the contractor.

7. New Business

A. Priorities

1. Range and Operating rules Committee- A committee consisting of Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, and Jim Cherry has this for action. Examples of rules from other ranges in Arizona have been collected, and information/procedures from these documents will be used and adapted to meet the 2nd Knoll Range requirements.

2. Range Officer training- A Range Officer Class will be held oriented towards the 2nd Knoll Range operating/range rules, and specifics peculiar to the 2nd Knoll Range. Designated 2nd Knoll range officers will be required to serve as range officer for a “to be determined” length of time each month. In return for this service, range officers will have access to the range for shooting during times when it is closed.

3. Fee accounting- The need for a form that would account for daily funds and keep track of shooter hours was discussed. Once again, the board will look to other state ranges to find out what has worked for them.

4. Target Stands- The need for different types of target stands was discussed, ranging from permanent mounts to portable stands. It was decided that there is a need for a certain number (TBD) of movable stands. Ideas for the construction of both types of stands are requested from members. Members are asked to utilize the “contact us” function of the WMSA website (wmsainc.org) to submit ideas. Sketches are desired.

5. Porta-potties and trash pickup- Bill Weldon will contact local porta-potty and trash businesses, and will provide cost estimates at the April board meeting.

B. Fee schedule

1. Members and non-members- A daily range use fee was discussed. The tentative plan is for a shooter to pay a fee which would allow him/her to utilize the range for an entire day, with re-entry privileges if needed. While not locked in concrete, the suggested daily fees would be \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members. A discussion was held, based on the assumption that non-members will pay \$5 more per range visit than members, that non-members be given a card with six spaces for marking (by a distinctive stamp or punch) for each fee paid during a fiscal/membership year. If a non-member gets all six spaces marked within that fiscal/membership year, he/she will be offered an application which can be submitted with the card as evidence of payment. This would be a one-time proposition with the intent of enrolling new members, who

then would be contacted with renewal reminders. The suggestion was tabled for the time being.

2. Range rental- It is anticipated that local shooting instructors will be utilizing shooting bays/ranges for their classes. Steve Wenger suggested that an annual "Instructor Rental Plan" be instituted. This plan, if purchased by the instructor, would provide a range to member instructors at a lower rate than for non-member instructors. It is anticipated that such range rental would be a "bare boat" type of arrangement. WMSA would provide the desired range, targets if required, and the use of the range facilities. The instructor would be responsible for his/her insurance, and for the safe conduct of his/her class. The WMSA Range Officer would have the authority to shut down a class for flagrant safety violations not immediately addressed by the instructor.

3. Club use- Each board member will talk to the shooters in their respective clubs to decide on a reasonable fee for the club to use the range. The board suggested that this could be the same \$2 member fee and \$7 non-member fee as previously mentioned.

4. Range Scheduling- There is a possibility that conflicts may arise between recurring events, special events, and public range use. The need for a range scheduler to manage the schedule was discussed. The tentative plan includes a month by month calendar of events that will be available for shooters to see as they check in.

8. Motion to Adjourn- The motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Bill Weldon. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1905