

WMSA Board Meeting, 9 May, 2018

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1815. Present were Board members Bill Weldon, George Butcher, Dee White, John Major, Seth Nadel, Linda Gilbertson, Vesta Melcher, Sam Underwood, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Dan Fondren, Julius Aubin, Fred Parry, Cathy Parry, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Howard Logsdon, Mike Melcher, Dale Kalchert, Aaron Casey, Don Solomon, Cathleen Schlesinger, Sheila Moffat, Brian Moffat, Tony Silva, Doug Heckman, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, and Vern Lewis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board took this time to welcome Linda Gilbertson as the Representative for the Defensive Pistol League, a newly formed shooting venue under the WMSA umbrella.

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 11 April, 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 \$37.65 for hand sanitizer and plastic trash can liners for the range. Tony Silva presented a bill in the amount of \$59.97 for postage, card stock, and other membership committee supplies. Bill Weldon presented a bill in the amount of \$50.08 for target repair supplies. George Butcher presented a bill in the amount of \$23.77 for materials to repair the welcome sign at the range and for batteries for the PA system. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by George Butcher. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$23,866.36 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days- The 2nd Knoll Range generated 253 shooter days during April, bringing the FYTD total to 3256.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of May 9, 2018 we have 399 memberships. 179 Family and 220 Individual. Adding the 267 Dependant members, that gives us 666 current WMSA members.

6. Publicity Secretary Report

A. Presentation by the Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber of Commerce- Aaron Casey, of the Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber, presented information on the benefits of WMSA becoming a member of the Chamber. Aaron talked about their website, networking opportunities, and myriad other subjects. It was a very informative presentation.

B. Vote on Chamber membership and Brochures

1. The annual cost for Chamber membership is \$120.00. A motion for WMSA to join the Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber of Commerce was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Larry Kennedy. Passed unanimously.

2. Linda Gilbertson designed a "rack card" telling about the 2nd Knoll Range. Cards of this type are displayed in racks at area motels, chambers of commerce, and local businesses, and are intended to provide recreational information to visitors as well as locals. The price, \$175.00 for 1000 color rack cards, seemed reasonable and a motion was made by John Major, seconded by Sam Underwood, to purchase 1000 of the color rack cards with approval to purchase 1000 more if the need arises. Passed unanimously.

C. Publicity report- On Friday, 27 April, 2018 the Independent published two articles. The first was entitled "Civilian Marksmanship Event a Great Success," and the second was "Course teaches all you need to know about the AR-15 Rifle." On 1 May the Independent published a News Brief with the date/time of the Board meeting. A press release about the 2nd Knoll Range being open during national forest stage II fire restrictions was submitted. An article about the Muzzle Loader club and the Defensive Pistol League are pending.

D. Raffle- The monthly raffle has begun for the summer. This month's offering is a very nice Ruger LCR revolver in .22LR. This firearm appears to be unfired and comes with holster, cable lock, and the original box. Ticket prices are unchanged at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available from Board members, or from locations listed on the WMSA website, www.wmsainc.org.

7. Range update

A. Thanks to:

1. George Butcher for repairing the damaged welcome sign on the range road and for welding up a stand for the steel target on the 100 yard range,

2. Bill Weldon for his improvements to the building on the 50 yard range and for maintaining the target stands on the 100 yard range,

3. Jeff Wall for the AR-15 class. Seventeen people attended this class which netted \$595 for WMSA to use in maintaining/improving the range.

4. Fred Parry for sorting all the used brass at the range.

B. Pre-bid meeting for the overhead covers- As previously reported, this meeting took place last month, but the contract has not been let to date. The priorities are:

1. Cover over all the 100 yard range shooting points except for the last four lanes,

2. Cover over the 100 yard range office,

3. Cover over the 50 yard range firing points.

C. Tires for the quad- Tony Silva reported that tires and tubes for the quad would cost \$230.11. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Linda Gilbertson. Passed unanimously.

D. Range to remain open during Stage II Fire Restrictions- The 2nd Knoll Range has been designated a Forest Service Range which authorizes it to remain in operation when the rest of the forest is closed for target shooting. This is important, and has gained WMSA new members already. WMSA business cards have been delivered to the Forest Service and AZG&FD to be carried by enforcement officers. If asked by the public where target shooting can be done, they will have the 2nd Knoll information at hand. Negotiations are in progress as to whether the range can remain open during Stage III restrictions, which closes the forest.

E. Traffic counter to be placed on the range road- The Forest Service has a requirement to provide a count every five years of road usage. Expect to see a traffic counter installed on FS 206 in the near future.

F. Exit interviews to be accomplished- In September anticipate that Forest Service volunteers will be on scene to conduct exit interviews of shooters using the range. They will ask shooters about their experience at the range. Good, bad, or otherwise. Please cooperate.

8. Old Business

A. Director at Large election- This election is in progress. Some issues have arisen regarding the electronic return of completed ballots. If you have such problems and cannot solve them, please contact Tony Silva as indicated on the ballot.

9. New Business

A. WMSA Bylaws changes- During the ongoing election process some "housekeeping" issues have arisen with the bylaws. Larry Kennedy presented proposed changes that should cure these issues. The proposed changes will be available on the WMSA website, as are the bylaws, and the changes will be brought to a vote at the WMSA General Membership Meeting in July.

B. Mr. Donald Solomon's request to be an RSO at the 2nd Knoll Range- Previously Mr. Solomon, a new WMSA member, had volunteered for duty as a 2nd Knoll Range Safety Officer (RSO.) Mr. Seth Nadel, acting in his capacity as the Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) turned down Mr. Solomon's offer. Mr. Solomon appealed this rejection to the WMSA Board of Directors. For purposes of this discussion Mr. Nadel relinquished his position as Chairman of the Board to act in his capacity as CRSO. WMSA Vice President, Mr. Bill Weldon, assumed chairmanship of the Board.

1. Mr. Solomon presented his case to include a recap of email traffic between Mr. Nadel and himself, and his extensive list of certifications from the NRA and other entities. Mr. Solomon also satisfactorily fielded questions from Board members and WMSA members in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Brian Moffat came forward to offer comments in support of Mr. Solomon.

2. Mr. Nadel presented information regarding why he had declined Mr. Solomon's offer. This included, but was not limited to Mr. Solomon bypassing WMSA to directly approach the AZG&FD Statewide Shooting Range Administrator with questions concerning WMSA's operation of the 2nd Knoll Range. Mr. Nadel stated that in his opinion, Mr. Solomon's intentions, as evidenced by his actions, were not consistent with the desires of WMSA, and accordingly he had rejected Mr. Solomon's offer.

3. A motion was made by Larry Kennedy, seconded by Sam Underwood, for the Board to ratify the actions of the Chief Range Safety Officer regarding his rejection of Mr. Solomon's offer. Passed unanimously with one abstention.

10. Motion to Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dee White. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1930.