

WMSA Board Meeting, 14 Nov, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Dee White, Jeff Wall, George Butcher, Vernon Lewis, Julius Aubin, Brenda Silva, Linda Gilbertson, Sam Underwood, Seth Nadel, John Major, Vesta Melcher, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Bill Weldon, Jo Ann Weldon, Cathy Parry, Fred Parry, John Tod, Jim Swander, Donald Solomon, Cathleen Schlesinger, Clay Howard, Tony Silva, Mike Melcher, Richelle Anderson, Dale Kalchert, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Allen Warner, Shirley Warner, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, and Dan Fondren.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Jeff Wall to accept the minutes of the 10 Oct, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Larry Kennedy presented a \$10.00 bill to cover the annual renewal charge of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Bill Weldon presented a \$30.91 bill for range supplies. Vesta Melcher presented a \$16.28 bill for charges incurred for the RSO luncheon. Tony Silva presented a \$32.43 bill for name badges. Fred Parry presented a \$6.49 bill for baggies to be used to sort brass. Seth Nadel presented a \$51.70 bill for range supplies and generator gas. Linda Gilbertson presented a \$113.47 bill for rack cards. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by John Major and seconded by Sam Underwood. 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 \$42,950.45 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days- The 2nd Knoll Range generated 364 shooter days in October.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of 14 November, 2018 we have 364 memberships, 172 family and 192 individual. Adding the 231 dependant members, that gives us 595 current WMSA members, which includes 62 juniors.

6. Publicity Secretary Report

A. Since our last meeting the White Mountain Independent published in its 26 Oct issue a story with pictures honoring the "100 Hour Club" RSO's. It also published an invitation to the 14 Nov Board meeting.

B. Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Project- Linda Gilbertson has spoken to the Arizona DOT about WMSA adopting a mile of Hwy 60. Unfortunately, the highway between mile markers 346 and 347, where the range road exits, has been taken. The highway from 345-346 is available. The requirement is to clean the road at least once a year. Discussion among meeting attendees suggested that twice, possibly three times a year would be better. No action taken on this and Linda will continue the discussion with ADOT, to include possibly swapping miles so WMSA can have the section at the range road exit.

C. Selection of a new webmaster- Due to personal reasons our current webmaster, Becky Hayes, must retire as of 1 Dec. Linda Gilbertson and Vesta Melcher introduced Richelle Anderson, owner of Order Up Web Design, as a possible replacement. Richelle had provided a handout for suggested website improvements, attached to the agenda message for this month's meeting, but not all Board members had read it. Discussion followed and the attendees expressed concerns that not enough time was available to read the handout. A motion to hire Richelle and her company as webmaster at this time, with discussion as to upgrades to be discussed and voted on at next month's meeting was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by John Major. This motion was followed by a counter-motion made by Brenda Silva and seconded by Linda Gilbertson to temporarily table the decision until later in the meeting to allow some Board members to read the handout. This motion passed unanimously.

7. Range Update

A. Road preservation work on Hwy 60- Arizona DOT has advised WMSA that roadwork on Hwy 60 will commence next spring, and will include tree removal, cattle guard rework, pavement replacement, etc. AZG&F has asked ADOT to ensure that access to the range will be maintained, and if this cannot be done, to give at least a two week advance notification of the closure. In the interests of safety, WMSA, via AZG&F, has asked that consideration be given to adding turn out lanes which will allow cars turning into the range to slow without impeding following traffic.

B. Statewide Range Summit- Seth Nadel and Brian Moffatt attended this annual meeting. WMSA received glowing kudos for the way we are operating the range. Specifically mentioned were our programs of non-competitive shooting opportunities such as Target Tamers, 2nd Knoll Muzzleloaders, and the Defensive Pistol League.

Also receiving positive mention were our use of rack cards to advertise the range, and the excellent ID badges which our RSOs are issued.

8. New Business

A. Eagar Police Department Range trip- The Eagar PD had contacted WMSA to ascertain if we had any interest in taking over their range and operating it as a public range. Seth Nadel visited the range and discussed this with the Eagar Police Chief. The range is situated on property outside of Eagar, and has firing lines at varying ranges out to 100 yards. The range has possibilities, but the side and impact berms are quite unsatisfactory due to lack of height, and berm composition. In addition, the range was built for police training with funds from the AZ Peace Officer Standards and Training Board. This potential conflict must be solved before the range can be opened to the public. Seth suggested that due to the distance from Show Low to Eagar, it would not be feasible for WMSA to operate the range, He suggested that a local club be formed in the Eagar/Springerville area to improve and operate the range, and that WMSA would stand by to help in any way we can, such as non-profit incorporation, liaising with AZG&F, etc. The Board concurred in this suggestion.

B. WMPS representative John Major reported that one of their shooters had lost his 4 month old son. The little guy passed away while the family was on a trip to California, and the family is in dire need of funds to pay for the preparation and transfer of the body back to Arizona. WMPS held two matches, with the intention of donating the proceeds to the family. John requested that WMSA waive the range fee collection for these matches. Unfortunately, this cannot be done due to Forest Service rules. As an alternative, a motion was made by Jeff Wall, seconded by Vern Lewis, that WMPS would pay the range fees as usual, and WMSA would write a check for an equal amount to the family. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. In addition, WMPS and WMSA will provide information via the website and email to all members who might wish to donate to the family.

C. Webmaster- Two motions were made by Jeff Wall, seconded by Linda Gilbertson. These were to untable the discussion of the new webmaster, and to hire Richelle and her company as webmaster. Both passed unanimously. The proposed upgrades will be discussed at next month's meeting.

D. Jeff Wall moved that WMSA purchase 4 propane patio heaters for the range. No second was heard and discussion ensued. Jeff will research the cost of such units and ascertain their applicability to use as heaters on the firing line, and Seth Nadel will contact the Forest Service to see if we can legally use them on the range.

9. Motion to adjourn- A motion was made by Sam Underwood, seconded by Brenda Silva, to adjourn. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 1938.