

WMSA Board Meeting, 12 Sept, 2018

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1831. Present were Board members Dee White, George Butcher, Vernon Lewis, John Major, Linda Gilbertson, Brenda Silva, Jeff Wall, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Vesta Melcher, Richard Dougall, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Bill Weldon, Fred Bridges, Clay Howard, Edward Hamilton, Steve Treadway, Cyndi Treadway, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Dale Kalchert, Tom Lowe, Mike Melcher, Cathy Perry, Dan Fondren, Chris Wall, Jo Ann Weldon, Tony Silva, and Andrew Dill.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Vesta Melcher to accept the minutes of the 8 Aug, 2018 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- John Easterbrook presented a bill in the amount of \$159.70 for food served at the range anniversary weekend. Mike Melcher presented a bill in the amount of \$13.67 for water served during the anniversary weekend. Tony Silva presented a bill in the amount of \$77.70 for stamps and associated clerical material. Bill Weldon presented a bill in the amount of \$32.84 for target materials. Seth Nadel presented a bill in the amount of \$85.52 for range supplies. George Butcher presented a bill in the amount of \$25.92 for new cables for the range PA system. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Linda Gilbertson 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 Jeff Wall. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$39,179.32 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 523 shooter days for the month of August.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of Sept 12, 2018, we have 297 memberships; 144 family and 153 individual. Adding the 192 dependant members, we have 489 current WMSA members, which includes 49 juniors.

6. Publicity Secretary's Report

A. Since the last meeting the Independent has published three articles. One was on the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at the 2nd Knoll Range. The second and third were informing the public of the 2nd anniversary weekend at range. Currently there are two articles pending, one on the success of the 2nd anniversary weekend range activities and the second on Tony Silva's winning of the State Championship in the recent Short Course Bullseye Match held at the 2nd knoll Range. The 2nd anniversary celebrations were a definite success. One hundred six folks were served lunch and a large number of NSSF T-shirts and baseball caps were given away. The next big event is the Fall Festival on 28, 29, and 30 Sept, 2018.

B. Raffle drawing- The drawing for the .303 British Martini rifle was postponed because one person was out of town and not able to turn in his ticket stubs. The new draw date is TBA.

C. Fall Festival- The Annual Fall Festival will be held 28, 29, and 30 Sept at Charlie Clark's Orchard in Pinetop. WMSA will have a table there and volunteers are needed to answer questions. All shooting disciplines are asked to provide flyers to hand out describing their activities.

7. Range Update/Old Business

A. Political activities at the range- A candidate running in a local election had placed a campaign sign at the entrance to the range road. The candidate was contacted, and the sign was taken down. President Seth Nadel reminded everyone that any such political activity could adversely affect our 501.3c tax status and is expressly forbidden. This applies to anyone actually involved in WMSA associated business, such as RSO duty, not to guests using the range.

B. Need for a work day to remove weeds- Tumbleweeds have accumulated in the range. How and when to get rid of them was discussed, but no decision was reached.

C. Volunteer to set up an RSO appreciation lunch- Seth Nadel pointed out that all our RSO's are volunteers, and without RSO's to operate the range, we are out of business. Brenda Silva graciously volunteered!

D. Noise levels on the range- Previously it had been said that the noise levels on the range seemed to have been increased by the covers over the firing lines. Bill Weldon presented the results of informal tests he had run using a sound meter at the range. He used a Model 1911 .45 ACP shooting 230 grain factory ammo for the test. He first took sound level readings at various distance from the gun while shooting both

under the cover and in the open. The results showed that there was an approximate 7.5% increase in noise level under the cover. For the next test he fired from near position 1 of the firing line and sampled the noise levels near position 16. He did this test both with and without several poly-vinyl "baffles" hanging from the cover. The results indicated that the baffles reduced the noise by about 3.5%. Discussion followed. It was pointed out that there had been no complaints of noise from folks who were shooting at the range, and that the RSO's, with their extended exposure, were the ones who felt that the noise levels had increased. Comments and opinions were voiced as to whether the cover structure could carry the added weight, what material might be used, and whether advertising space could be sold on the banners. Seth Nadel will contact AZG&FD, who will in turn talk to the contractor who designed and installed the covers, to determine what kind of extra load might be supported, what to use, who pays for it, etc.

8. New Business

A. Seth Nadel made a plea for more RSO volunteers. Remember, no RSO's, no range.

B. Seth mentioned that during the winter, the RSO staff may be reduced to two vice three. This will depend on range usage.

C. Jeff Wall reported that a shooter had backed his truck up the 100 yard range and nearly hit one of the cover supports. He suggested possibly installing concrete barriers to protect the supports. Seth Nadel will research this with AZG&FD.

D. Richard Dougall reported that the recent power washing of the range equipment for lead abatement had created a need to refinish the tops of the shooting benches. Richard will take this for action.

E. Richard Dougall also reported that he had started some "advanced shooting skills" activities for the Young Guns. This has been very well received.

F. Mike Melcher commented about the condition of the road to the range. The request for road maintenance has been made to AZG&FD, but we must wait our turn. A locally built "drag" is still possible.

G. Scheduling extra shoots- This is okay, but such changes can't conflict with previously scheduled events. Please refer to the white board in the RSO shack, and check with Seth Nadel. Email is okay.

H. George Butcher briefed the Board on the PA system. Problems have arisen due to lack of knowledge and rough use. The new cables previously mentioned will help.

9. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by George Butcher. Passed with one dissenting vote, and the meeting adjourned at 1935.