

WMSA Board Meeting, 11 Oct, 2017

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1800. Present were Board members Bill Weldon, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Linda Gilbertson, John Easterbrook, John Major, George Butcher, Brenda Silva, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Fred Parry, Cathy Parry, Vernon Lewis, Tony Silva, Sean Mulkearns, Alice Tuvell, Jim Tuvell, Howard Logsdon, Don Solomon, Mike Melcher, Vesta Melcher, David Terwilliger, Dan Fondren, and Bo Cox.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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 13 Sept, 2017 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Committee Report

A. Motion to pay bills- The following bills were presented for payment: Tony Silva, \$19.60 for postage; Bill Weldon, \$23.00 for range equipment and repair materials; Larry Kennedy, \$175.00 for a five year renewal of WMSA affiliation with the NRA and \$10.00 for the annual Arizona Corporate Commission report; Vesta Melcher, \$101.23 for targets purchased for the Target Tamers. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Bill Weldon 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 \$24,668.32 in the bank. A copy of the report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Vesta Melcher reported that there were 427 shooter days logged in September.

D. Raffle Drawing- The raffle for the Swedish M-38 rifle netted WMSA \$636.12. The winner of the Ruger 10/22 rifle was Kay C. of Mesa. This was the last raffle until next spring.

5. Membership Committee Report- As of October 2, 2017, we have 243 memberships, 110 family and 133 Individual. Adding the 136 dependant members, that gives us 399 current WMSA members.

6. Range update

A. RSO report- John Easterbrook reports that we still have 40 RSO's on paper, but the number available to stand duty is decreasing with the departure of the summer residents. John has resigned as Chief RSO. The Board extends its thanks to John for a job well done.

7. Old Business

A. Shooting bench repair party- On 4 October the tops of 11 shooting benches were refinished.

B. On 30 Sept, Seth Nadel presented a plaque and a lifetime membership in WMSA to former AZG&FD Director Larry Voyles at Mr Voyles' going away party in Phoenix. Mr Voyles was instrumental in the funding and construction of the 2nd Knoll Range.

C. Status of storage container- A down payment of \$1000 dollars was made to Containers on Demand. As previously mentioned, some leveling of the site will be necessary before the container can be delivered. WMSA will rent a back hoe to do most of this work, however, there will be a need for "rake and shovel" help as well. A work party will meet at 0800 on 18 October at the range to do the dirt work that the back hoe cannot do.

D. Donation of trailer to G&F- While he was in the valley on 30 Sept, Seth Nadel delivered the light weight inflatable boat/kayak trailer to AZG&FD. It will be used at the Ben Avery Range.

E. Muzzle loading group- The muzzle loading group held a meeting last week. Seth Nadel is the temporary WMSA Board representative for the group. They will shoot on tuesdays at 1000. All are welcome!

F. Brenda Silva's previously tabled motion to change match participation fees for non-members. To simplify this discussion, the motion was broken into three parts.

1. The motion made by Brenda and seconded by George Butcher to lower the non-member range use fee from \$8 to \$5 for shooters who are not WMSA members and who are shooting in a club match at the 2nd Knoll Range passed with a vote of 4 in favor, 2 opposed. This new fee applies ONLY to non-members shooting in a club match. It does not affect the normal daily range use fees of \$8 for non members and \$2 for members.

2. Brenda's motion, seconded by Sam Underwood, to charge clubs which hold matches at sites other than 2nd Knoll a \$20 per match insurance fee (\$10 for an event with less than 10 shooters) passed on a 4-2 vote. In general, off site events are not to exceed 2 per month. Extra matches can be held with approval of the Board. Such

approval may be accomplished via email. The fee for demonstration events intended to educate non-participants in club disciplines and to gain additional members can be waived with Board approval, also via email.

3. The third item was WMSA required paperwork for on site and off site matches. The Board agreed that for a match held on site on a day the range is normally open, paperwork and fees must be turned in to the range office on that day. For matches held off site, or on site on a day when the range is not normally open, paperwork and fees must be turned in the next day the range is open.

G. WMPS as part of WMSA- This agenda item generated significant discussion involving both the Board members and other attendees. The gist of the discussions follows.

1. The off site match fee and the monthly cap on the number of off site matches resurfaced. No changes from what had been previously agreed.

2. John Major presented the on site schedule for WMPS:

Second saturday (AM or PM as required) - Carbine shoot.

Second sunday- USPSA pistol match.

Fourth saturday- Classification match.

Recurring on weekdays- Steel challenge. Time and day TBA.

3. Bo Cox questioned the need for WMSA to charge a storage fee for WMPS to keep their trailer at the range as apparently stated in an email discussion. This was a misunderstanding, and Seth Nadel stated that there would be no storage fees for any of the WMSA clubs.

4. WMPS members stated that the need for their shooters to sign in on both the WMPS paperwork and the WMSA forms was cumbersome. The Board reiterated that the WMSA form was necessary to account for shooter days, and since the form is an AZG&FD form, we cannot unilaterally change it. WMPS will attempt to provide a consolidated form that will meet the criteria of both WMPS and WMSA.

5. The various ranges at 2nd Knoll are currently scheduled using a monthly wall calendar in the range shack. The suggestion was made to duplicate this calendar on the website which would allow people to see when certain ranges/bays are available. Seth Nadel and Linda Gilbertson will coordinate this request with the intention of including a three month rolling calendar on the website.

8. New Business

A. Date to switch to winter hours- The decision was made to change to winter operating hours at the range on 1 November.

B. New chief RSO- No volunteers came rushing forward. Don Solomon, an NRA certified firearms instructor, had questions regarding the training/competition bay rental. He was told the bay rental fee, \$20 per bay for a half day and \$40 for a full day. He was also told that he would be required to provide proof of his certifications and insurance, which would need to indemnify WMSA, AZG&FD, and the USFS. Mr. Solomon also asked about the use of UTM and simunitions on the range. Seth Nadel will research this with AZG&FD and the USFS. Mr. Solomon expressed mild, very mild, interest in the Chief RSO position.

9. Motion to Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Brenda Silva. Passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1917.