

WMSA Board Meeting, March 13, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Linda Gilbertson, Brenda Silva, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Julius Aubin, Dan Fondren, George Butcher, and Judy Sanchez standing in for Dee White. Also present were Clay Howard, John Tod, Tony Silva, Deborha Childers, Don Childers, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, Tony Sanchez, and Fred Parry.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

A. Motion to accept- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dan Fondren to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay the bills- Tony Silva presented bills for stamps and the annual CMP renewal for \$85. Seth Nadel presented a bill for \$98.13 for range supplies. John Tod presented a bill for \$8.05 for range supplies. Bill Weldon presented a bill for \$580.86 for targets and target making supplies. Linda Gilbertson presented a bill for \$108 for High 5 Signs for copies and a new sign. 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 Dan Foundren. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$42,977.92 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 109 shooter days and 7 visitors during February. This is a lower number than usual, but the range was closed for 4 full and 2 partial days due to inclement weather. Seth mentioned that Game and Fish is interested in knowing how many shooters we have the weekend following any road plowing. In turn, he asked them to address the plowing that seems to be displacing too many cinders and not clearing parking areas.

5. Membership Report- As of February 11, 2019 we have 402 memberships, 186 family and 217 individual. Adding the 252 dependent members, that gives us 654 current WMSA members, which includes 68 juniors.

6. Publicity Director's Report

A. Adopt-a-Highway Program. WMSA is scheduled to do the first cleanup on March 20, 2019, on Highway 60 from milepost 345 to milepost 346. The start time is 1245, and volunteers will meet in the traffic turn-out at MP 345 in this stretch of highway. As of the board meeting there were 12 volunteers signed up. Members involved in the cleanup must view a short training video and read a handout provided by ADOT, volunteers can contact Linda Gilbertson directly for information. After the first cleanup, ADOT will install signs announcing that this road section has been adopted by WMSA.

B. White Mountain Magazine- The WMSA ad and article are in print. This year's issue will feature a two page article, with pictures, about the 2nd Knoll Range. The magazine will provide 20 copies that Linda will distribute at a future board meeting.

C. Pinetop Lakeside Chamber of Commerce coupon book- The coupon book is in print. Linda will notify the board and website when the coupons are available for purchase.

D. Brownells/NRA Day- To be held August 24-26 in conjunction with the range anniversary, with significant material support from Brownells and the NRA. We would possibly include demos of all the shooting venues. This project is in process.

E. Plaque for the Show Low Cafe- Previous discussion was held regarding presenting a plaque to the Show Low Cafe thanking them for their hospitality, and announcing the date/time of WMSA meetings. This project is still in process.

7. Range Update

A. RSO First Aid/AED/CPR training- John Tod will take over coordinating with Timber Mesa to lock in dates for this training. It is possible we can schedule sessions specifically for WMSA RSOs, or the RSOs can just attend during the regularly scheduled training on the first Tuesday or third Wednesday of the month.

B. Range propane heaters- Seth will meet in Mesa with a distributor to determine the feasibility of installing infrared heaters on the overhead cover of the 100 Yard range. These heaters require propane and electricity and similar heaters can be seen at Charlie Clarks.

C. Donation of NRA flag- The NRA flag can be displayed outdoors at the range. Seth will look into means and location, possibly attached to the office.

D. The batteries and pads for the AED have expired. The spares have been installed. WMSA must pay for the replacements at a cost of approx. \$183. Sam Underwood made a motion to purchase the batteries, seconded by Dan Fondren.

E. The caretaker pad plans are done, AZG&F will pay for the entire development of this project because it has the priority of a security issue for the range.

F. Sign on the 50 Yard range building- Approved and ordered, ready for pickup on 3-14-19.

G. Range plan used by USFS in five other forests- WMSA has been informed that the 2nd Knoll paperwork, range plans, etc, are being used at ranges in five other national forests.

H. The requirements for lead mitigation require that the concrete ranges be power washed twice a year, which G&F recently completed. WMSA is responsible for checking the perimeter fence twice a year as well. We will need to schedule this in the spring, perhaps in conjunction with a range clean up day, and completely close the range while this occurs.

8. New Business

A. RSO Range Day and Potluck – Brenda Silva suggested a Pot Luck, and range day for RSOs, for April 26, 2019, similar to last spring's event. We would set aside an hour or so for training and discussion for the RSOs. More details and a sign-up list will be posted in the office.

B. Randall Chavez from the US Forest Service was instrumental in the development of Second Knoll. He has been promoted on transferred to NM. There was discussion of WMSA thanking him by purchasing a plaque for him. Motion to spend up to \$50 made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dan Fondren. Passed unanimously.

C. The subject of Winter and Summer hours was discussed and agreed that the hours should be set as April 1 and November 1. Motion made by George Bucher and seconded by Dan Fondren, carried unanimously. Set will look into putting the dates on the range sign.

D. There was discussion about opening the public range one more day per week. John Tod suggested just extending specific holiday weekends. The consensus was that we probably do not have enough RSOs to run 4 days a week, but we may consider extending some holiday weekends.

E. There was discussion of doing a membership drive and offering multi-year memberships, at a 5 or 10% discount, to generate funds toward the 300 yard range and cut down on the annual membership paperwork. No changes were agreed upon.

9. Motion to Adjourn- A motion was made by Dan Fondren, seconded by Sam Underwood. The motion passed unanimously at 1934.