

WMSA Board Meeting, 10 April, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Vesta Melcher, Jeff Wall, Dee White, Dan Fondren, Brian Moffat, George Butcher, Julius Aubin, Linda Gilbertson, Scott Caswell (Mountain Riflemen stand in for Sam Underwood), Brenda Silva, Seth Nadel, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Dale Kalchert, Mike Melcher, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Don Childers, Deborha Childers, Jeff Guiso, Joe Darbyshire, Clay Howard, Jo Ann Weldon, Bill Weldon, John Tod, Tony Silva, and Chris Rohrer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

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

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Seth Nadel presented a bill for \$6.16 for sand bags. John Tod presented a bill for \$17.48 for printing costs. Brenda Silva presented a bill for \$25.94 for name badges and plaque. Brian Moffat presented a bill for \$61.05 for fuel reimbursement. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Jeff Wall. Passed Unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by Brenda Silva. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$42,170.43 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter days report- The 2nd Knoll range generated 374 shooter days and 12 visitors during the month of March.

5. Membership Report- As of Wednesday, 10 April, 2019 we have 412 memberships consisting of 188 Family and 224 Individual. Adding the 255 dependant members, that gives us 667 current WMSA members. This number includes 69 juniors.

6. Publicity Secretary Report

A. Road clean up and ADOT sign- The Adopt-a-Highway clean up between mileposts 345 and 346 on Highway 60 was conducted on 20 March. Sixteen members participated. The signs designating WMSA as the clean up organization have been installed. The next clean up will be in the fall.

B. White Mountain Magazine- The White Mountain Magazine with 2nd Knoll info will be available in June. Twenty copies will be made available to WMSA.

C. Pinetop/Lakeside Chamber of Commerce coupon book- this project is currently on hold due to lack of participation.

D. The White Mountain Independent published an article about the range and the eight clubs operating under the WMSA umbrella in the 5 April issue.

E. Plaque for the Show Low Cafe- This project is in work.

F. Future Publicity considerations

1. Brownells/NRA Day at the range- This will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Knoll anniversary on 24/25 August, 2019. Brownells and the NRA provide significant assistance for such events.

2. Future raffles- Possibly two this summer.

3. Experience AZ ad- Experience AZ is a promotional magazine with a 30,000 issue circulation. It is delivered throughout Arizona with emphasis on hotels, resorts, airports, all Chambers of Commerce in the state, etc. The intent is to provide information to visitors as to what Arizona has to offer. Linda Gilbertson was contacted by the magazine's editor who informed her that the Spring/Summer issue this year was stressing the White Mountains, and offered the 2nd Knoll Range a full page color ad in the magazine for \$1000.00, a 50% reduction in the usual cost. This generated significant discussion pro and con, and in the interest of time the subject was temporarily tabled to be addressed later on during the meeting.

7. Range Update

A. RSO First Aid/AED/CPR training- This training will be held on 13 April. John Tod is coordinating. Adequate RSO coverage is available, so the range will be open.

B. Range propane heaters- Project is still in work.

C. NRA flag on the range- Display of an NRA flag has been approved, and the decision as to where/how to mount the flag is in work.

D. New battery and pads for the range AED- The original battery and pads have expired. The spare set has been installed, and replacement of the spares is in work. The cost will be \$183.00.

E. Caretaker pad plan and perc test- The plan for the caretaker pad is complete, and a successful perc test was performed on the leach field site. AZG&FD will be picking up the entire cost for the pad, leach field, etc.

F. Sign on the 50 yard range- A sign directing shooters visiting the 2nd Knoll Range over to the 100 yard range for check in has been installed on the 50 yard range building.

G. Entry sign changes- The entry sign has been modified to show that summer and winter hours will start on 1 April and 1 November respectively.

H. Plaque for Randall Chavez- Randall Chavez of the Forest Service was instrumental in getting the 2nd Knoll Range approved. He has transferred to New Mexico and left the area. A plaque thanking him for his service has been made and will be mailed to him.

I. Opening the range an extra day- This has been declined because of insufficient RSO's to cover an extra day.

J. Trespassers- Seth Nadel encountered two trespassers on the range who said they were hiking. This is NOT an authorized use of the range. It may seem a miniscule point, but doing any activities on the range that are not specified in the Special Use Permit could result in the withdrawal of the permit, and loss of the range. The people have been trespassed from the property, and the police are to be called if they come on the property for any reason.

K. RSO Potluck- The RSO potluck will be on 26 April at 10 am at the range.

8. New Business

A. Major donation- A gentleman from the valley, a cowboy shooter, recently had a stroke and has had to stop his shooting hobby. He has offered WMSA a rather large donation of equipment and supplies. Sorry, no firearms. Included are a Dillon 650 press with accoutrements, Leupold spotting scope with tripod, smaller items such as an electronic scale, timer, shooting bench, and a gun cart, and a massive amount of reloading supplies and ammunition. The total value of this donation is approximately \$30,000. Needless to say, this generated a lot of discussion about how to distribute and gain the maximum economic value from this trove. The decision was made to set aside all .22 ammo and all factory loaded .223 ammo for use by the junior shooter program. There was no argument against this. As for the remainder, a committee was formed to make recommendations and report back at the May Board meeting. The committee consists of George Butcher, Linda Gilbertson, Jeff Guiso, Brenda Silva, and Don Childers.

B. Brenda Silva announced that the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters would be hosting a 2700 match on 25/26 May. All are welcome!

C. Brenda also suggested that a "Home on the Range" day be put on the agenda for the May meeting. The intent of such a day is to expose the public to the 2nd Knoll Range and shooting events they may not be familiar with. The suggestion was made to hold this in conjunction with the Brownells/NRA/range anniversary days.

9. Resumption of the Experience AZ discussion- After more discussion a motion was made by Dan Fondren, seconded by Vesta Melcher, to accept the offered full page ad in Experience AZ for a cost of \$1000. The motion passed with 8 in favor and 3 against.

10. Motion to adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Silva and seconded by Jeff Wall. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1935.