

## WMSA Board Meeting, 11 March, 2020

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Seth Nadel, George Butcher, Sam Underwood, Julius Aubin, Vesta Melcher, Dee White, Dan Fondren, Jeff Wall, Dwight Yochem, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Don Childers, Deborha Childers, Tony Silva, Thomas Bradford, Dana Bradford, Alice Tuvell, Jim Tuvell, Mike Melcher, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Vicki Matsumonji, Dale Kalchert, Joe Darbyshire, Chris Wall, and John Tod.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report- A motion was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dan Fondren to accept the minutes of 12 Feb, 2020 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Bill Weldon presented a \$46.06 bill for wood for target frames. John Tod presented a \$4.00 bill for range materials. Tony Silva presented a \$10.00 bill for envelopes. Dwight Yochem presented a \$111.47 bill for a new flag and materials to build a new flag box. A motion to approve payment of these bills was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Jeff Wall. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Dan Fondren and seconded by Sam Underwood. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$62,693.12 in the bank. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available in the Secretary's files.

C. Monthly shooter day report- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoll Target Range generated 368 shooter days and 18 visitors for February.

D. Debit card status- The debit card is working as desired.

5. Membership Report- As of Wednesday, March 11, 2020 we have 422 memberships. 181 family and 241 individual. Adding the 236 dependent members gives us 658 current WMSA members, which includes 55 juniors.

6. Publicity Secretary's Report

A. Met with Tony Silva regarding posting competition results on the website for:

1. 2020 Desert Midwinter Team Matches
2. Inland Empire Rifle and Pistol Association Tournament

3. Put together graphics to accompany the competition results. Tony submitted a copy for introduction.

4. All current results have been posted on the web site by Orderupdesign.

B. Vicki would like to meet with the head of each club to take photos and discuss future articles for the White Mountain Independent. Also to create opportunities to post news on the website.

C. Vicki contacted Brenda Mead Russell of Arizona's White Mountains Magazine regarding a 1/8 page ad. The cost would be \$250.00. This remains in work. Vicki also suggested a slight change in the ad intended to clear up clutter. Larry Kennedy moved that Vicki be authorized to make the decision on whether to purchase this ad, pending further contact with Brenda. Seconded by Dan Fondren. Passed with one negative vote.

D. Vicki attempted to contact TrainMeAZ.com. No response from either phone number or email.

E. John Taylor has ideas for further promotion via a new T-shirt and hat design. More on this when John gets back in the area from Tucson. John is also working on tracking TripAdvisor.

F. John Tod has been taking an informal survey of new shooters at the range asking how they had heard about the range. The result is: publicity- 4, drive by- 4, and website search- 2.

G. Maverick Magazine will be sending rates for an ad in the May issue, which is their Outdoor issue. This is a good fit for us.

## 7. Range Update

### A. Range manager briefing

1. The gate was found unlocked during a mid-week visit. John Tod modified the way the chain is fastened to the gate, which will preclude this happening in the future.

2. Mouse problem- The traps are working, but John asks that RSOs help to keep them baited with the peanut butter which is available in the office.

B. City of Show Low may assist in spreading cinders- John Tod and Joe Darbyshire contacted the city for possible help in spreading cinders on the range roads and parking areas, currently quite muddy. The city asked whether our insurance would cover the workers and whether WMSA or AZG&FD would pick up the fuel bill. The answer to both questions is yes, and approval is pending. Also pending is whether the cinders can be used on the range access road.

C. Due process form- Seth submitted a form intended to provide due process and appeal opportunity to anyone who may be asked to leave the range due to violations of range rules. A motion was made by George Butcher, seconded by Sam Underwood, to adopt the form for use. Passed unanimously, and copies of the form will be made available to RSOs.

D. Snow removal- An agreement has been reached with Tim's Landscape Creations to remove snow from the roads and ranges. AZG&FD has been asked to contact the Forest Service regarding the wording in the S.U.P. that 2-4 inches of snow be left on the plowed surfaces. Suggested re-wording is "Minimal disturbance of the road surface."

E. New training bay- The possibility of a new training bay sited just east of the 50 Yard Bullseye range is in discussion. AZG&FD will contact the Forest Service regarding the necessary change to the S.U.P.

F. Steel target- The steel target on the 100 Yard Range is a popular target, and has broken from usage. A discussion was held to decide whether to replace the target with another, or to purchase a replacement and a second target with stand. Seth will research the costs. A motion was made by Sam Underwood, seconded by Jeff Wall, to authorize an internet vote on this. Passed with one negative vote.

## 8. Old Business

A. Baywatch- George Butcher reported that the reservation forms, schedule, etc are available on the website. The plan is working. Significant discussion ensued regarding whether WMSA should provide RSO coverage for groups with no WMSA RSOs. Current rules are that if there is no RSO (discipline specific or WMSA) in a user group, a WMSA RSO must be present for shooting other than on the public range.

B. Revised 5 year plan- Phase 1 was reviewed.

C. RSO rewards- Our volunteer RSOs are the lifeblood of the range. Significant discussion regarding what could be done to reward them for their services ensued. One suggestion was to provide a free annual membership if an RSO served the minimum number of shifts required. No Decision was made, and the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

## 9. New Business

A. Native Womens Scholarship- Seth Nadel and Larry Kennedy briefed the Board about this program which provides financial assistance to

Native American women who desire to pursue higher education. The program started in 2013, and so far twelve women have successfully completed their desired goals. Six of these ladies have taken jobs on the reservation, thereby benefiting the tribe. The main fund raiser is "An Evening of Apache Culture," held each summer. NWS has asked for possible items that could be raffled at this event. A motion was made by Sam Underwood, seconded by Dan Fondren, to provide NWS with two free family memberships for the raffle. Passed unanimously.

B. Retired Senior Volunteer Program- Chris Wall provided a quick review of RSVP benefits.

10. Motion to Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dan Fondren. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1935.