

WMSA Board Meeting, 13 May, 2020

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1830. Present were Board members Julius Aubin, Dwight Yochem, Seth Nadel, Brenda Silva, Vesta Melcher, Dee White, Linda Gilbertson, Sam Underwood, and Larry Kennedy. Also present were Tony Silva, Curt Fernau, Fred Perry, Joe Darbyshire, Clay Howard, Mike Melcher, Don Childers, Deborha Childers, and Dale Kalchert.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report- A motion was made by Brenda Silva and seconded by Sam Underwood to accept the minutes of 11 March, 2020 Board meeting as published. Passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion to pay bills- Seth Nadel and Linda Gilbertson presented a \$139.07 bill for a new steel target. A motion to pay the presented bill was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dee White. Passed unanimously.

B. Motion to accept- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dwight Yochem. Passed unanimously. WMSA currently has \$62,463.74 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 Target Range generated 44 shooter days for the month of April. This significantly less than normal usage was caused by Covid-19 induced shutdown and subsequent restrictions.

D. Debit card status- \$15.41 was charged on the debit card for postage and range supplies.

5. Membership Report- As of Wednesday, 13 May 2020 we have 451 memberships, of which 200 are family and 251 are individual. Adding the 248 dependent members gives us 699 current WMSA members, of which 58 are juniors.

6. Publicity Secretary Report- This report covers the time since April 8, 2020.

A. The ad in the Arizona White Mountains magazine, 2020-2021 issue, has been submitted and paid for. A copy of the ad is available in the Secretary's files.

B. Contacted members of each club in order to develop background for future articles. So far the Target Tamers and the Second Knoll Benchrest Clubs have responded. Anticipate more contact when the quarantine restrictions have been lifted.

C. Sent press release and photos to the White Mountain Independent regarding AZG&FD grading the access road and applying cinders to the parking areas at the 50 and 100 yard ranges. This project is to eliminate the winter flood and mud issues. (This release did not get published.)

D. Sent a press release on the re-opening of the range starting on May 9, 2020. This received good coverage in the May 8 issue of the WMI with a photo in the sports section and an announcement in the news brief section.

E. New rack cards are being ordered by John Taylor.

7. Range Update

A. Range manager report- not presented due to his absence.

B. Cinders spread by AZG&FD- Cinders have been applied to the 50 and 100 yard range parking areas, and the road to/from highway 60. The AZG&FD heavy equipment section is continuing to haul cinders for a project at their archery range. The recurring passage of heavy trucks has caused rippling of the road surface. Seth Nadel will request that the road be re-graded when the cinder hauling is completed. **IMPORTANT NOTICE!** The cinders in question are being taken from the stockpile in the east end of the range. This has generated some near vertical faces in the cinder pile. Shooters are warned **NOT** to park near these faces as they will settle and may collapse. On scene barricades are not feasible because AZG&FD needs access to the pile for their archery range project.

C. New steel target has been received and is in use at station # 20 on the 100 yard range. Shooters are asked not to use .338 Lapua caliber rifles on the new target because this caliber will punch holes through the steel. Brenda Silva suggested a sign on the #20 shooting bench notifying shooters of this restriction. This is in work.

8. Old Business

A. Range use by smaller clubs- Significant discussion ensued regarding the use of the range by smaller clubs such as the Benchrest club when the range is not open to the public. (Tuesday through Friday.) This time is usually available to the RSOs for their personal shooting. The agreement was reached to approve this, subject to the following guidance.

1. The limit of 10 persons inside the range gate is absolute.

2. The club desiring to use the range will send a message to John Tod with the desired time and date of range usage. John will forward this info to all RSOs.

3. The club will post a sign at the range gate (WMSA will provide a white board with markers) with the club name and how many people (shooters, RSO, guests, etc) are present on the range at that time. For instance, "XYZ shooting club is on the range today, May XX, with 7 people." This will inform any RSOs who show up during that time whether or not they can use the range. In this case, 3 RSOs could legally use the range while XYZ club is shooting. **It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the 10 person limit is not exceeded!** In this case it would be good practice if the RSO would add a note to the sign at the gate stating how many extra shooters will be present, keeping in mind the 10 person maximum.

B. Larger clubs- In this case larger clubs could schedule a range use time, with groups of 10 or less at any given time. For example, 10 people could shoot from 9-10, 10 more from 10-11, etc. The problem is that we **MUST** ensure that there are never more than 10 people on the facility, that is inside the gate, at any one time.

C. Any club so using the range must ensure that its event is open to all, WMSA members or not. Otherwise we violate a Forest Service rule about exclusive use of a Forest Service facility.

D. AZG&FD has provided an Anti-discrimination sign to be posted at the range. Brochures and complaint forms will be made available as well.

E. The Forest Service has requested a report regarding what affect Covid-19 has had on the range, to include what disinfectant is used, how much is on hand, what is our source, etc. AZG&FD is pleased with our procedures, and will compose the report. After concurrence from Seth Nadel, they will submit the report.

F. Seth Nadel provided the following guidance to all RSOs, and any one else who may be at the range during these times. Be Patient. Maintain a sense of humor. And be agreeable and considerate of the desires of shooters who may be extra cautious with Covid-19 protections.

9. New Business

A. Report on the WMSA Board Member at Large election- This election cycle, with 6 candidates running for 4 positions, was completed recently. However, serious problems have arisen. Not all WMSA members, including your humble secretary, received the ballot for this election. It is unknown as to whether the emails went to spam and were unintentionally trashed, or otherwise just were "lost in the ether." Less than 50% of the membership had sent in a vote. This generated significant discussion. In fairness to the candidates and membership, it was decided to discard these results and re-do the election. To preclude a recurrence of the problem a warning email will be sent out, followed by the ballot email. The key to a successful and fair election will be for the WMSA membership to network both within your clubs as well as with the general membership. When the emails are received, talk to friends, fellow club members, members at large, etc to ensure they have received the same emails and are acting on them. The WMSA Board of Directors needs your assistance in this situation, and your participation will help to ensure an honest and fair election. As a reminder, the by-laws state that those of you with individual memberships have one vote while family memberships may cast two votes.

B. WMSA President- After eleven years serving as the WMSA Board President, Seth Nadel has stated that he will not run for another term.

10. Motion to Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Silva and seconded by Dwight Yochem. Passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1900.