

## WMSA Annual Meeting, July 17, 2020

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to Order at 1830 by outgoing President, Seth Nadel. Other Board members present were Dwight Yochem, Brenda Silva, Don Childers, George Butcher, Dee White, Jeff Wall, Linda Gilbertson, Vesta Melcher, Larry Kennedy and Sam Underwood. Others present were John Lewis, Liz Lewis, Deborha Childers, Susie Underwood, JoAnn Weldon, Bill Weldon, Fred Parry, Cathy Parry, Clay Howard, Fred Bridges, Tony Silva, Mike Melcher, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Ralph Young, Susan Young, Dennis Wright, Ed Banas, Julius Aubin and Douglas Hill
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Introduction of new Board Members and Officers.**
  - a. Seth Nadel introduced two new at large Board Members, Don Childers and John Tod (not present).
  - b. New Board officers were also introduced: President Brenda Silva, Vice President Dwight Yochem, Secretary Don Childers and Chief Range Safety Officer Seth Nadel. Vesta Melcher remains as Treasurer.
  - c. Seth Nadel also commented on his term as President, taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoll Shooting Range from conception to construction and operation, emphasizing the “group effort” necessary to accomplish the task and thanking all the past and present Board members and officers.
  - d. Incoming President Brenda Silva assumed control of the meeting and made presentations to outgoing Board Officers Seth Nadel, Larry Kennedy and Sam Underwood. Brenda Silva also thanked all the past, present and new Board members. Finally, Brenda Silva introduced all the WMSA Board Members present at the meeting as identified above.
4. **Treasurer’s Report.** Continuing Treasurer, Vesta Melcher, provided the following reports:
  - a. Shooter Days Report: Shooter days for FY 19/20 were 4,030 with 183 visitors, down about 300 shooter days from last Fiscal Year despite the Range being closed for several months.
  - b. Fiscal year 19/20 Financial Summary. The complete report was presented and the pertinent details included:
    - i. Total Income from Range Fees, Membership Fees, Facility Rental, Donations, Commercial Sponsors, Raffle proceeds and a bank adjustment (in our favor) totaled \$44,129.05.
    - ii. Total Expenses from Website maintenance, Telephone, Porta-Potties, Garbage collection, Printing, Range and Office Supplies, CPR Training, Fees (including subscriptions and memberships), Advertising, Insurance and a Donation to Target Tamers and Young Guns totaled \$13,560.27.
    - iii. Net Income: \$30,568.78
    - iv. Beginning Bank Balance (July 1, 2019) was \$38,382.06 plus Net Income of \$30,568.78 provided an Ending Bank Balance (June 30, 2020) of \$68,950.84.
  - c. Tax Returns were filed as required

- d. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is available in the Secretary's files.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Secretary, Tony Silva, announced that there are 214 active paid memberships as of July 17, 2020, consisting of 128 Individual Memberships and 86 Family Memberships, including 103 Dependents (17 of which are juniors) for a total of 317 WMSA members. At the end of the 2020 Fiscal year (June 30, 2020) there were 475 Memberships, consisting of 265 Individual and 210 Family Memberships including 273 Dependents (63 of which are Juniors) for a total of 748 members. At the end of the 2019 Fiscal year (June 30, 2019) there were 450 Memberships, consisting of 249 Individual and 201 Family Memberships including 276 Dependents (75 of which are Juniors) for a total of 726 members. A copy of the Membership Report is available in the Secretary's files.
  6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary, Vicki Matsumonji was not present, but provided a report of her activity from January 1, 2020 activity (which was read by Board Secretary Don Childers); highlights are
    - a. January 2020 attended Ladies Night at Cal Ranch on November 26, 2019 and solicited input for an article on WMSA intended for the White Mountain Independent.
    - b. March 2020. Met with Tony Silva about competition pistol results from 2020 Desert Midwinter Team Matches and Inland Empire Rifle & Pistol Association Tournament which were posted with graphics and copy on the WMSA website. Met with Arizona White Mountains Magazine representative regarding an ad in the 2020/21 issue and reviewed copy. Also spoke with John Taylor about a WMSA t-shirt and hat promotion.
    - c. April 2020. Arizona White Mountains Magazine 1/8<sup>th</sup> page ad and cost approved for \$250. Sent press release to White Mountain Independent regarding Range closure due to COVID.
    - d. May 2020. Proof from Arizona White Mountains Magazine ad received and invoice paid, contacted representatives from WMSA clubs to discuss future plans for photographing club activity and an article once COVID quarantine ends, provided press release regarding spreading cinders to parking lots at Range, prepared and distributed press release to White Mountain Independent on Range re-opening and ordered new rack cards.
    - e. June 2020. New rack cards received and distributed to Cal Ranch, Show Low Chamber of Commerce and Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber of Commerce. Continued coordination on WMSA clubs articles.
    - f. A copy of the Publicity Report is available in the Secretary's files.
  7. **Range Update.**
    - a. Seth Nadel commented on the RSVP program that provides insurance coverage for volunteers while traveling to/from and working on the Range. Additionally he expressed his appreciation for "the generous donation of time from all the RSOs" and reviewed the COVID related shooter limits imposed by the Forest Service (FS); he also expressed his opinion that the limits would likely NOT be lifted anytime soon. The Arizona Game & Fish (G&F) Heavy Equipment Group spread

cinders to the 100 yd. range parking lot and FS Road 206; WMSA personnel are working to spread cinders to the 50 yd. range parking lot. The Caretaker pad and related improvements funds anticipated this year were frozen due to COVID; we are hopeful to see this work completed soon and anticipate additional capital improvements based on increased tax revenue from increased gun and ammunition sales resulting from the COVID crisis.

- b. Brenda Silva read portions of an email from G&F State Range Administrator, Matt Schwartzkopf, stating that there is no budget allocation in current FY Budget for further improvements but expects to re-submit for FY 22/23 budget. He also commended WMSA for adhering to the COVID guidelines and said when the numbers go down and the Governor loosens the restrictions, he will ask the FS to revisit the 10 person limit. Additionally, he stated he received positive feedback from a G&F Commissioner who visited Second Knoll to shoot.

**8. New Business.**

- a. Special Presentations: Brenda Silva announced RSO Exceptional Performance 100 Hour awards to Tom Bradford, Gary LaBounty, Don Childers and Fred Parry: she also acknowledged those RSO Volunteers that exceeded requirements and would likely have achieved 100 hours had the Range not been closed because of the COVID crisis; George Butcher, Linda Gilbertson, Seth Nadel, Jeff Guiso, John C. Hoffman, John A Hoffman, Sam Underwood, Dee White, Dwight Yochem and Clay Howard.
- b. Jeff Wall asked about the steel target on the range and Seth Nadel stated that Brian Moffatt is exploring alternative mounting methods to avoid breakage and is coordinating with G&F personnel at Ben Avery Range Facility in Maricopa County. Jeff Wall suggested WMSA extend an invitation to the new Apache-Sitgreaves Chief Ranger Josh Miller to visit the Range; he will coordinate with Chris Wall to see if the White Mountain Independent might want to publish an article about Ranger Miller.
- c. Vote to Ratify Actions of the Board: Linda Gilbertson moved for same, Dee White second. Motion approved unanimously.

- 9. Motion to Adjourn** by Bill Weldon, second by Dwight Yochem. Motion passed with only Jeff Wall dissenting.