

WMSA Board Meeting August 12, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** The monthly Board Meeting was called to order by the Board President, Brenda Silva. Board members Vesta Melcher, Seth Nadel, Sam Underwood, Brian Moffatt and Don Childers were also present. Others present were Deborha Childers, Mike Melcher, Chris Wall, Fred Parry, Cathy Parry, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, Larry Kennedy and Sheila Moffatt.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** Board President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of July 17, 2020 were completed and published on the website; additionally, the Arizona Corporation Commission records were updated with the names of the new Board Members and the new Board of Directors. A motion to approve the July Board Meeting as well as the Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Seth Nadel; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher provided the Treasurer's Report for the calendar month of July 2020.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$5,117.00, composed of Range Fees, Donations and brass sales; routine expenses totaled \$778.20 for website maintenance, printing, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up and range supplies. There was a net gain of \$4,338.80 for the month of July and an ending checking account balance of \$73,289.61. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files.
 - b. Treasurer advised that receipts were presented for payment by Board and WMSA members: Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$56.20 for flags, flagpole and hardware for the Range, Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$60.17 for office supplies, Seth Nadel requested reimbursement of \$65.96 for backer paper (\$43.21) and (walkie-talkie) batteries (\$22.75) and Don Childers requested reimbursement of \$81.30 for a new main gate lock and bolt cutters (\$44.36), (walkie-talkie) batteries (\$16.94) and AZ State Rifle and Pistol Association Membership renewal for the Range (\$20.00). A motion to approve reimbursements as requested was made by Seth Nadel and seconded by Sam Underwood. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - c. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Don Childers; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - d. July Monthly Shooter Days totaled 526 with 21 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 263 active memberships as of August 11, 2020, composed of 105 family and 158 individual memberships with 131 dependent members for a total of 394 current WMSA members, including 26 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Vicki Matsumonji reported no activity for July 2020, but provided copies of the Arizona's White Mountains, 66th Annual Official Guide magazine with the WMSA ad on page 86.
7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel reported the following information regarding Range operations.
 - a. **Activity.** The total number of people on the Range at any one time is still restricted to ten (10) – two (2) RSOs and eight (8) shooters. Additionally, Seth reports having trained five (5) new RSOs in the past month and a half. There was recently a problem with the lock on the main gate to the Range which necessitated purchase of a new lock (which was installed with the same combination) and a pair of bolt cutters purchased to cut the chain on the gate in case the lock fails again.

- b. **Club Shoots.** Nothing extraordinary to report, the clubs are active during the week and the Baywatch reservation system appears to be working well and may be continued after the COVID restrictions are released.
- c. **New WMSA Shirts.** President Brenda Silva commented on the availability of new design WMSA shirts with options for color of shirt and lettering as well as either a pistol or rifle embroidered on the shirt. Brenda will send an initial email to all RSOs with an order form.
- d. **G&F Matt Schwarzkopf Visit.** President Brenda Silva reported on the site visit by G&F State Range Administrator, Matt Schwarzkopf. Mr. Schwarzkopf performed annual tests including soil alkaline, lead run off and erosion. There are no issues with the range; however some erosion in two of the shooting bays was noted. Brenda also discussed the following issues with Mr. Schwarzkopf
 - i. The condition of FS 206; the FS will grade the road approximately twice a year or WMSA can drag the road ourselves.
 - ii. The caretaker pad is still on hold and there is no way to expedite its completion since the plans include a septic system for the pad and classroom which is a large expense.
 - iii. Cinderblock permanent restrooms similar to those found at FS Campsites which would eliminate the need for porta-potties; Mr. Schwarzkopf said he would look into having this incorporated into one of the phases for the range.
 - iv. Solar panels for the 100 yd Range office; there was no objection as long as the panels were mounted on the office and not the overhead shade.
 - v. A small storage container for the gate: again, no objection, if we acquire and put it at shooting bays until needed at the gate.
 - vi. A more detailed report of Mr. Schwarzkopf's visit prepared by Brenda is maintained in the Secretary's files.

8. Old Business.

- a. **Annual Meeting on July 17, 2020.** President Brenda Silva noted that new Board members and Officers had taken their positions.
- b. Vesta Melcher reminded the Board that the Fourth Anniversary of the Range is approaching and suggested Vicki Matsumonji prepare a newspaper story for the WM Independent newspaper, or alternatively, look into placing an ad in the paper.

9. New Business.

- a. President Brenda Silva reported that Dwight Yochem had requested the purchase of a cart to be towed behind the four-wheeler to haul weeds, targets and other bulky/heavy items around the Range. An appropriate cart is available at Tractor Supply for \$169.99. Seth Nadel moved to approve the purchase and Vesta Melcher seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections
- b. Chief RSO, Seth Nadel reported that a WMSA member had asked about creating a "Classified" section on the website to list items for sale, specifically in this case, firearms. Discussion by the Board and WMSA members present centered on the requirement that the FS receive a portion of proceeds for anything sold at the Range as well as AZ State and ATF rules and regulations regarding sale of firearms. Additionally, concerns were expressed over the added expense for website maintenance would likely outweigh any income or benefit derived from a classified page on the WMSA website. Seth agreed to look into establishing a physical bulletin board at the Range, and specific rules for its use.

- c. President Brenda Silva discussed purchase of an 8X10 “Storage Office” currently for sale in Taylor for \$2,500 as discussed in item 7.d.v. above. The concept was for a “ticket office” type arrangement whereby Range visitors would pay Range fees and complete necessary paperwork at the gate before proceeding down to the Range. Discussion about the size and availability of the storage office as well as concerns about security of the building were raised and discussed. Seth Nadel moved to approve the sale and Vesta Melcher seconded the motion. A voice vote for approval failed with a tie vote.
 - d. Chief RSO Seth Nadel raised an issue of whether a pregnant woman should be allowed to shoot and what policy should be in place regarding this issue. Discussion centered on concerns about possible liability resulting from a written policy on this issue and how RSO’s should respond if questioned on the issue. Seth suggested our policy should state that “A pregnant woman may shoot at the Range. If a pregnant woman asks about shooting, she shall be told to consult her doctor before shooting.” Seth moved to include the above language in a Range Policy, Sam Underwood seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with one opposed. Seth will incorporate this issue into the Range Policy manual he is preparing and also include in the RSO Training Manual.
 - e. President Brenda Silva proposed purchase of a solar system (consisting of solar panels and a power station with integral lithium battery) for the Range office. The system batteries would be sufficient to power the Range PA system, provide some lighting for the Range office and recharge capability for cell phones. Discussion on this purchase centered on expandability of the system and the ultimate addition of other electric devices to be used at the range such as power for a cell phone booster and a “Square” cell phone device to allow use of credit and/or debit cards at the Range. Ultimately, a committee consisting of Brenda, Seth Nadel and Chris Wall was formed to investigate the proposed electronic systems at the Range and the ability of the proposed solar system to support those needs.
- 10. Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Seth Nadel and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.