

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting September 9, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Brenda Silva. Vice President Dwight Yochem, Treasurer Vesta Melcher, Chief RSO Seth Nadel and Secretary Don Childers were all present as well as Board Members Linda Gilbertson, George Butcher, Dan Fondren, Dee White, and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Deborha Childers, Mike Melcher, Larry Kennedy, Dale Kalchert, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Manny Tavares, Clay Howard, Tony Silva, Jim Tuvell and Alice Tuvell were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** Board President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the August 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 August 2020.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$3,494.00, resulting from Range Fees, donations from brass sales, donation of equipment and renewal of a sponsorship; routine expenses totaled \$636.93 for website maintenance, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up and range supplies. There was a net gain of \$2,857.07 for the month of August and an ending checking account balance of \$76,146.68. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files.
 - b. Treasurer advised that unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board and WMSA members: Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$109.56 for range supplies and hardware for the Range, Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$55.00 for stamps, Vesta Melcher requested reimbursement of \$22.00 for stamps and Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$207.56 for a footlocker and utility cart for the range. A motion to approve reimbursements as requested was made by Seth Nadel and seconded by Linda Gilbertson. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - c. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Linda Gilbertson and seconded by George Butcher; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - d. August Monthly Shooter Days totaled 522 with 25 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 295 active memberships as of September 9, 2020, composed of 127 family and 168 individual memberships with 144 dependent members for a total of 439 current WMSA members, including 41 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Vicki Matsumonji notified President Brenda Silva that she is unable to continue as the WMSA Publicity Secretary due to other commitments. Linda Gilbertson agreed to resume the Publicity duties for the immediate future. Linda reported that there was an article in the White Mountain Independent announcing the Fourth Anniversary of the 2nd Knoll Range as well as an additional article announcing the new Board of Directors. Additionally, the WMSA ad appeared in the Arizona's White Mountains, 66th Annual Official Guide magazine. Linda also appealed to RSOs and Board Members to distribute WMSA rack cards and business cards to various locations they may visit around the State (Payson, Phoenix and/or other areas) in an effort to advertise the Range to visitors and part time residents. George Butcher asked about the current photos on the rack cards suggested an update of same. Finally, Linda raised

the issue of cleaning our mile of US 60 before the weather gets too cold; she will coordinate and announce a date in the near future.

7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel reported the following information regarding Range operations.
 - a. **Activity.** Seth commended the RSOs for their good work and commented on the cooperation and understanding of the shooting public with regard to the COVID-19 restrictions. Shooters are still coming to the Range and often waiting for an opportunity to shoot. Brenda Silva noted that some shooters have opted not to wait for an opening on the Range and have left. New RSO training continues with two prospective RSOs to be trained in the near future. Brenda suggested the red and yellow lines on the 100 yard range be repainted. Larry Kennedy stated that WMSA has a template for the lines, but Dwight Yochem stated that he would prefer to tape the lines and volunteered to assemble the supplies.
 - b. **Club Shoots.** The shooting clubs scheduling procedure is working well and the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters participation is particularly high. The 2nd Knoll Muzzleloaders will begin shooting on the third (3rd) Friday of every month beginning in September from 1:00-3:00 PM. Linda Gilbertson announced that she is stepping down as the 2nd Knoll Defensive Pistol League (DPL) representative and Manny Tavares will assume the position as Board representative. The DPL will shoot every fourth (4th) Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, also beginning this month. Linda suggests an email blast to the members regarding these changes and will coordinate with OrderUp Web Design coordinator Richelle Anderson.
 - c. **New WMSA Shirts.** President Brenda Silva reported that 15 of the new design WMSA shirts have been ordered and that WMSA will likely break even or make very little on each shirt because of the increased embroidery cost. Order forms for the new shirts are available at the Board Meeting.
 - d. **Weeding done by Dwight Yochem on the 100 yard Range.** President Brenda Silva recognized Dwight Yochem for working to keep the weeds under control on the 100 yard range and noted that the competition bays also need some attention. Dwight noted that he has had offers from other RSOs and WMSA members to assist, but it is not possible to schedule a clean-up day like last year with the COVID-19 restrictions in place. Seth Nadel advised that G&F wants the plants (weeds/flowers) on the berms to remain in place to help control erosion.
 - e. **Forest Service 10 person limit review.** There was much discussion about the U.S. Forest Service (FS) 10 person limit for 2nd Knoll Range operations. President Brenda Silva reported that she had received an email from Board Member, Jeff Wall suggesting WMSA contact Arizona Game & Fish Department (G&F) State Range Administrator, Matt Schwartzkopf, regarding the 10 person limit imposed at the 2nd Knoll Range. Brenda advised that the FS had lifted the 10 person rule for campers in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and that she sent an email to Matt Schwartzkopf with a request to intercede with the FS regarding the 10 person limit at 2nd Knoll Range; as of the meeting date she had not received a reply. Chief RSO Seth Nadel stated that the FS Special Use Permit (SUP) for the Range is issued to G&F, not WMSA, and that FS policy could not be negotiated by WMSA directly with the FS. Seth believes that the FS may revoke the SUP if WMSA goes outside the "chain of command" with this issue. Dan Fondren stated that he has continued to receive inquiries from members of the White Mountain Practical Shooters about when the 10 person limit will be lifted and matches resumed at the 2nd

Knoll Range. Although the new District Forest Ranger has been invited to visit the Range, he has not responded.

8. Old Business.

- a. **Wagon Purchased and modified.** President Brenda Silva reported that the “cargo wagon” approved for purchase at the July Board Meeting had been acquired and was modified by Dwight Yochem. Dwight reported that the wagon is pulled behind the four wheel ATV and easily transports target stands and other items used at the range. Additionally, Dwight has placed a motorcycle helmet in the 40’ connex for use with the ATV. Chief RSO Seth Nadel reminded everyone that there is a 14 MPH speed limit on the Range.
- b. **Committee update on solar power/cell phone and electronic payments (Brenda Silva, Chris Wall and Seth Nadel)** Chief RSO Seth Nadel opened the discussion by stating that a solar system would not run a heater or air conditioner. Seth identified a “cell phone booster” for the Range as equipment that could be supported by a solar system. The cell phone booster would be useful as a way to provide Wi-Fi service to the range via a cellular hot spot and potentially allow the Range to accept debit or credit cards. The booster would set on the top of the current 20’ connex/office at the 100 yard range. President Brenda Silva asked the group about current cell phone reception at the 100 yard range and inquired whether a specific carrier or newer cell phone equipment seemed to provide better reception. Several attendees reported on their cell phone carrier and equipment; it appears that Verizon customers with newer version cell phones are able to receive phone calls and texts at the 100 yard range. Brenda will continue to work the issue and will investigate a Verizon cellular hot spot for the 100 yard range. Additionally, George Butcher volunteered to test his iPhone 11/Square credit card reader at the 100 yard range and notify the board of the results. Brenda invited anyone interested in working on the solar power committee to contact her.

9. New Business.

- a. **Storage Office 8’X10’ \$2,500 (Dwight’s ((Yochem)) request for re-evaluation.)** President Brenda Silva opened discussion on reconsidering purchase of a small building/office to be placed at the entrance to the Range or in the vicinity of the competition bays. In support of the purchase, Vice President Dwight Yochem reported that the procedure of checking shooters in, collecting fees and confirming shooter waivers at the Range entrance is working well; additionally the person manning that position would not need to be an RSO and could reduce the workload for the RSO volunteers. Chief RSO Seth Nadel suggested that G&F may be willing to fund the building purchase. Manny Tavares raised a concern about the security of the building to which Brenda offer Tony Silva’s services to weld bars over the windows. Clay Howard questioned whether the 10 person limit would apply if the building were located inside the fence at the gate and Brenda promised to follow up with Matt Schwartzkopf on that issue. Mike Melcher voiced approval for purchase of the building. A motion to approve no more than \$3,200 for purchase, delivery and adding security to the proposed building was made by George Butcher and second by Dan Fondren. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
- b. **New Meeting Venue and Donation to Meals on Wheels.** President Brenda Silva opened discussion on an alternative venue for WMSA Board Meetings and invited anyone wanting to investigate an alternate location to please contact her. Vesta Melcher reported that Licano’s Restaurant is not available. Brenda also recommended that the Board consider a donation to Meals on Wheels in appreciation for the use of the Senior

Center for WMSA Board meetings. Although there were suggestions as to frequency and amount of such a donation, no additional action was taken. This issue will be on next month's agenda.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Seth Nadel and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.