

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting October 14, 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 at 6:00 PM. Vice President Dwight Yochem, Treasurer Vesta Melcher, and Secretary Don Childers were all present as well as Board Members George Butcher, Dan Fondren, Dee White, Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall and Manny Tavares. WMSA members Deborah Childers, Linda Gilbertson, Mike Melcher, Larry Kennedy, John Kuehn, Tony Silva, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Susie Underwood, Dale Kalchert, Chris Wall, and Robert Raudonis were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the September 9, 2020 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the September Minutes was made by George Butcher and seconded by Dee White; 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 September 2020.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$4,183.00, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees, donations from Range jar, donations from polo shirts and from a sponsor (Triple L Dog Boarding); routine expenses totaled \$3,696.37 for website maintenance, printing, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up and range supplies. There was a net gain of \$486.63 for the month of September and an ending checking account balance of \$76,633.31. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files.
 - b. Vesta further advised that unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board and WMSA members: Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$117.76 for hardware and paint/painting supplies for the Range, Seth Nadel requested \$271.80 for walkie-talkie radios, batteries, backer paper, ear plugs and business cards, Bill Weldon requested \$86.51 for target stand repair supplies; Don Childers requested \$42.65 for batteries and file folders and Brenda Silva requested \$250.21 for paint, steel, a lock and misc. materials for the 8 x 10 Storage Office. A motion to approve payment of outstanding bills as requested was made by Manny Tavares 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 Vice President Dwight Yochem; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - d. September Monthly Shooter Days totaled 470 with 20 visitors. Vesta defined the term "visitor" as a non-shooter as differentiated from a "non-member shooter." She also offered proposed revision to the Daily Range Log intended to provide more accurate and concise information (a copy of which is maintained in the Secretary's files.) Tony Silva initiated a discussion about the need for membership numbers on the Daily Range Log and the RSO's obligation to look up the number, if necessary, to ensure membership currency and records. Dee White asked if an old membership list was available for the "check-in box". Discussion continued with additional clarification of the "members, non-members and visitors" classifications on the Daily Range Log and the need to ensure everyone on the Range has a Waiver on file. President Brenda Silva emphasized that every page of the Daily Range Log needs to be signed off by an RSO, including when

RSOs shoot on non-public days. Brenda will send an email to all the RSOs requesting input on the revisions to the Daily Range Log.

5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 323 active memberships as of October 13, 2020, composed of 145 family and 178 individual memberships with 197 dependent members for a total of 520 current WMSA members, including 52 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson asked for volunteers to sign up for the Adopt-A-Mile highway cleanup on October 21st between 1:00 and 4:00 PM; volunteers will need to watch the safety video on the ADOT website. Additionally, Linda provided racks and rack cards to advertise the Range and asked WMSA Members to distribute the racks and cards to various locations they may visit around the State (Payson, Phoenix and/or other areas) to advertise the Range. George Butcher and Jeff Wall took racks and cards for distribution. Additional racks and cards are in the 40' container at the Range.
7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel was unable to attend the meeting and President Brenda Silva provided the report.
 - a. **Activity.** Brenda advised that G&F State Range Administrator, Matt Schwartzkopf has planned to power-wash the concrete on the 50 and 100 yard ranges next Wednesday (10/21/20) and that Dwight Yochem had organized a group of volunteers to repaint the lines on the 100 yard range at a later date. John Kuehn asked about repairing and repainting the handicapped parking spot on the 100 yard range; no resolution was reached on that issue. Brenda also advised that there had been a COVID exposure event at the Range on October 5th and that all RSOs had been notified; so far, no symptoms have been reported. Brenda also reported that Seth suggested providing batteries for RSO ear protection. Although Sam Underwood felt this was unnecessary, the consensus appeared to support making AA and AAA batteries available at the Range for RSO hearing protection.
 - b. **Club Shoots.** The shooting clubs are still meeting on weekdays for the remainder of October; Brenda requests that this practice continue to accommodate the public during open days, but the clubs can decide what day would be most convenient. Sam Underwood, Mountain Shooters Board Representative, stated that he would prefer to shoot on Saturdays to accommodate at least one Club member that works full time and hasn't been able to shoot since last winter. Discussion and apparent consensus on the issue centered on the Mountain Shooters starting early (8:00 AM) on Saturday.
 - c. **New WMSA Shirts.** Brenda reported that the new design WMSA shirts have been delivered and an additional order will be submitted once there are 12 shirts ordered by members. Order forms for the new shirts are available on request.
8. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Forest Service (FS) 10 person limit review.** President Brenda Silva reported that the FS order limiting groups in the National Forest to 10 persons or less was technically rescinded in late August, but there was uncertainty and confusion as to whether this applied to 2nd Knoll Range. Since the FS order will expire on October 31st the Range will no longer limit the number of shooters beginning November 1st; COVID precautions, including 6' social distancing, optional masks and hand sanitizer will be in force. Shooting positions on the 100 yard range are 8' apart; however the shooting positions on the 50 yard range are less than 6' apart so some adjustment will be required. These changes will coincide with the reduced RSO manning (two RSOs per shift, both stationed at the 100 yard range) that takes effect November 1st. Jeff Wall suggested that three RSOs continue to work each shift, but Brenda advised there are insufficient RSO

volunteers available during the winter months for that level of manning. After discussion, the Board agreed that three RSOs will be scheduled for Saturday mornings.

- b. Committee update on solar power/cell phone and electronic payments (Brenda Silva, Chris Wall and Seth Nadel)** George Butcher reported that his test of the "Square" credit card (CC) reader/iPhone 11 was successful from the 100 yard range and suggested one or more of the clubs may want to maintain a smartphone with CC reader at the range to accommodate club members wanting to use a CC. Brenda verbalized a goal of having the ability to accept CC for Range Fees and a computerized waiver system all supported by the solar power system currently being considered. Tony Silva commented that a tablet computer would support both activities as long as the tablet had a cellular phone line incorporated. Sam Underwood advised that he has some solar equipment that he could provide for WMSA use following upgrade of his home solar system. Of particular note, George Butcher agreed to join the solar power committee.
- c. 8X10 Storage Office.** President Brenda Silva reported that the 8X10 Storage Office has had security bars installed, has been painted and is ready to be moved to the Range. Matt Schwartzkopf has approved placement of the Storage Office on the range and it will be placed near the competition bays for the time being and relocated (possibly to a spot near the main Range gate) when and if necessary. Brenda asked for suggestions on permanent placement; the Storage Office will be moved to the Range within a week. Jeff Wall voiced concern that placement near the main Range gate may result in malicious damage to the building.
- d. Donation to Meals on Wheels.** President Brenda Silva raised the issue of a donation to Meals on Wheels as a way of expressing WMSA's gratitude for use of the Senior Center for our monthly meetings. Brenda asked for suggestions on the amount and frequency of the donations; discussion ensued about same. Sam Underwood made a motion for a \$100 donation twice a year, Dan Fondren seconded. With Jeff Wall opposing, the motion passed by voice vote.
- e. Website Calendar.** President Brenda Silva opened discussion on consolidation of the various website calendars into a single calendar to be managed by Vice President Dwight Yochem to display all the club matches/events and incorporate the "Baywatch" scheduling system. Brenda asked all club representatives to schedule range time for their clubs through Dwight.

9. New Business.

- a. AZ Corporation Commission Report.** Secretary Don Childers reported that WMSA is required to file updated information with the Arizona Corporation Commission annually to remain in good standing as a corporation; one requirement is to affirm the Statutory Agent (representative entitled to receive legal notices) (SA). The current SA, Seth Nadel, has asked to be relieved of that responsibility. President Brenda Silva agreed to act as SA for WMSA. Jeff Wall moved to appoint Brenda as SA and Vice President Dwight Yochem seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- b. Steel based shooting benches with wheels.** President Brenda Silva opened discussion about obtaining new steel shooting benches for the 100 yard range. The concept for new benches would involve a welded steel frame with a plywood top and include wheels that would only contact the concrete when the bench was tilted forward to be moved. The initial estimate for materials (steel only) and cutting is \$150/bench. This would not include the cost for purchase of the plywood bench tops, the wheels or the welding necessary to assemble the cut pieces of steel. Discussion opened with Susie Underwood clarifying that the new benches would be steel and plywood. Other options

for new benches were raised suggesting new wooden benches similar to what is currently on the range or concrete benches. Jeff Wall questioned how many benches were being contemplated at this time, but no firm response was provided. George Butcher asked if there was another bid on the benches or if there was a materials list available to obtain alternative bids, Vice President Dwight Yochem reported that only one potential vendor was contacted to get an initial cost estimate. Chris Wall suggested NPC be contacted to see if their welding school program might be interested in fabricating the benches as part of their training curriculum. There were comments from the membership about including attached seats to the bench plans, but this suggestion was generally opposed by others. Sam Underwood moved to approve \$1,500 for the first 10 benches; there was no second. Brenda asked that Sam's motion be held in abeyance pending further discussion and planning. Discussion then turned to use of salvaged steel instead of new steel as a way to reduce cost, suggestions for redesign of the bench plans using different materials as well as coordination with NPC for design, materials and construction were also made. No action was taken on this proposal.

- c. Jeff Wall raised a concern over hearing loss for RSOs from the increased noise caused by the cover over the 100 and 50 yard ranges. Jeff suggested that, in exchange for a price discount, WMSA invite a vendor to make custom fit ear plugs for RSOs that wish to purchase them. President Brenda Silva reminded the Board that vendors are not allowed on the Range.
- d. Manny Tavares announced that he would temporarily be unable to participate in the WMSA Board or Range activities due to his wife's recent health issues. The Board extended its wishes for Mrs. Tavares' speedy recovery.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Secretary Don Childers and second by Dee White to adjourn was made at 7:15 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.