

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting November 11, 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 Seth Nadel, Brian Moffatt, Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall and Manny Tavares. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, Mike Melcher, Sheila Moffatt, Tony Silva, Susie Underwood, Alice Tuvell, and Jim Tuvell were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the October 14, 2020 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the October Minutes was made by Seth Nadel and seconded by Manny Tavares; 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 October 2020.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,336.00, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees and donations from Range jar; routine expenses totaled \$1,210.79 for website maintenance, printing, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, range supplies and included a donation to Meals on Wheels in lieu of rent for our meeting space. There was a net gain of \$1,125.21 for the month of October and an ending checking account balance of \$77,758.52. 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 \$36.80 for paint for the Range and Tony Silva requested \$65.02 for envelopes and stamps. A motion to approve payment of outstanding bills as requested was made by Jeff Wall and seconded by Brian Moffatt. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections. In a separate request for reimbursement, Don Childers requested \$20 reimbursement for Arizona Corporation Commission fees for filing annual report. A motion to approve this payment 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 Seth Nadel and seconded by Vice President Dwight Yochem; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
  - d. September Monthly Shooter Days totaled 399 with 34 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 343 active memberships as of November 11, 2020, composed of 153 family and 190 individual memberships with 205 dependent members for a total of 548 current WMSA members, including 52 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported that 20 WMSA members participated in the October 21, 2020 highway cleanup which produced 35 bags of trash. There will be another opportunity to participate in the highway cleanup early next year, probably in March 2021. Additionally, Linda reported that the White Mountain Independent newspaper published two separate articles on the upcoming Arizona State Short Course Pistol Championship Match at the 2nd Knoll Range on November 21 & 22, 2020 sponsored by the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters. Additionally, Linda advised that the Maverick magazine will have an article on the Range in their publication next month. John Kuehn and Jeff Wall were recognized for their efforts in placing racks and cards advertising the Range for distribution.

7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel provided a range status report.
  - a. **Activity.** Seth reported that the power wash of the concrete on the 50 and 100 yard ranges has been completed as has re-striping the red and yellow lines on both ranges by Dwight Yochem et al. Five new RSOs have been trained since the last report and will need to complete their OJT requirement of two shifts before they can work as full-fledged RSOs. Discussion on continuing improvements to the range ensued; Seth reminded the Board and attendees that the scheduled Phase 1 improvements include a caretaker's pad, with commercial electric, and the development of a 300 yard range, but all G&F programs are on hold for the foreseeable future.
  - b. **Club Shoots.** Clubs are still shooting.
8. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Forest Service (FS) 10 person limit review.** President Brenda Silva reported her conversation and email exchange with G&F State Range Administrator Matt Schwartzkopf regarding return to full operations at the Range. Matt responded via email and confirmed that the FS Developed Rec Site Closure Order has, in fact, expired and confirmed that "full operations" at the Range could proceed in accordance with (IAW) State and Local COVID guidelines. Further email correspondence again confirmed that using every other shooting position on the 50 yard range and every position on the 100 yard range is in compliance with the FS expectations. There was some additional discussion on compliance with COVID restrictions, but the general consensus was to take guidance from G&F (Matt Schwartzkopf.)
  - b. **8X10 Storage Office moved to Bays.** Brenda reported that the 8X10 Storage Office was successfully moved to the Range and placed near the competition bays for use by the shooting clubs; during the delivery, there was some unintended damage to the Porta Pottie located adjacent to the bays when the Storage Office was offloaded from the truck. Although the damage to the Porta-Pottie is currently unresolved, the driver of the delivery truck did not charge for the delivery. Finally, the combination on the Storage Office lock is the same as on the Main Gate.
  - c. **Donation to Meals on Wheels.** Brenda advised that the donation to Meals on Wheels in appreciation for use of the Senior Center for meetings was made IAW the approved motion from the last meeting.
  - d. **Website Calendar.** Brenda also advised that the Clubs and Bay-Watch calendar on the website have been merged, Brenda asked all club representatives to schedule range time for their clubs through Dwight Yochem.
  - e. **AZ Corporation Commission Report** has been submitted and acceptance is pending as of the date of the Board meeting.
  - f. **Steel based shooting benches with wheels update/review.** Vice President, Dwight Yochem reported that he contacted NPC regarding support for the bench construction project and was informed that a blue-print type plan for the fabrication of the benches would be needed and that this type of cooperative effort between NPC and WMSA would need to confirm that no commercial source for the work would lose business as a result. Discussion ensued on the requirement for private commercial source vs WMSA's non-profit status. Dwight recommended formation of a committee to resolve these issues. Linda Gilbertson suggested seeking input from the WMSA membership for input on the plans and possibly volunteers for a committee. Seth Nadel suggested contacting the NRA and/or other Arizona shooting ranges for plans for the shooting benches. Brenda will contact Matt Schwartzkopf regarding same.

**9. New Business.**

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoll Facebook Page.** President Brenda Silva asked for a volunteer to take over management of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoll Facebook page; Brenda will send an email to the WMSA membership seeking a person for this job.
- b. Benches on 100 yard Range.** The issue of replacing the weathered spectator benches on the 100 yard range was raised; discussion ensued with Treasurer Vesta Melcher suggesting acquisition of benches like those on the 50 yard range. Other suggestions including refurbishing the existing benches and purchase of suitable all weather or plastic benches. Jeff Wall agreed to research all weather benches for the 100 yard range.
- c. Purchase Targets for Range.** Brenda notified the Board that additional “bullseye” type targets are needed for general range operations and that she contacted American Target Co (ATC) for a bid on B8CP style targets; ATC quoted \$405 for 10,000 targets. Seth Nadel made a motion to purchase 10,000 targets from ATC at the quoted price; Sam Underwood seconded the motion which was passed without objection by a voice vote.

**10. Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Seth Nadel to adjourn was made at 6:39 PM and second by Manny Tavares. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.