

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting December 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 at 5:58 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 George Butcher. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, Mike Melcher, Deborah Childers, Tony Silva, Susie Underwood, Dale Kalchert, Dee White, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, John Kuehn, Larry Kennedy, Chris Wall, Richard Smith and Sheila Moffatt were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the November 11, 2020 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the November Minutes was made by Seth Nadel and seconded by Sam Underwood; 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 November 2020.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,467.00, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees and donations from Range jar as well as one order for a WMSA logo shirt; routine expenses totaled \$1,332.32 for website maintenance, printing, office supplies cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, range supplies and the cost of filing WMSA's Annual Report with the Arizona Corporation Commission. There was a net gain of \$134.68 for the month of November and an ending checking account balance of \$77,893.20. 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 members: Seth Nadel requested reimbursement of \$90.94 for Range supplies, Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$145.28 for business cards and Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$66.55 for materials for the new Office. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by George Butcher. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - c. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jeff Wall and seconded by Vice President Dwight Yochem; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
 - d. November Monthly Shooter Days totaled 274 with 24 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 362 active memberships as of December 9, 2020, composed of 157 family and 205 individual memberships with 211 dependent members for a total of 573 current WMSA members, including 54 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported on her visit with the Show Low Chamber of Commerce (CofC) which has recently experienced a change in leadership prompting Linda to renew WMSA's dormant membership in the organization as a non-paid member. Linda outlined the benefits and costs of the paid memberships and a discussion ensued on the value of paid membership to WMSA. In the end, there appeared to be a general consensus that WMSA should go slow in considering joining as a paying CofC member. Linda also expressed her intent to contact the Pinetop-Lakeside CofC to investigate any membership advantage to WMSA. Finally, Linda reported that the Maverik Magazine had a photo and short article on the 2nd Knoll Range in its latest issue.

7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel provided a range status report.
 - a. **Activity.** Seth reported that Range use is slowing down, likely due to the colder weather.
 - b. **Club Shoots.** Clubs are still shooting, weather permitting
 - c. **New RSOs.** No new RSOs trained since last month, and one RSO has resigned. The reduced winter RSO manning levels has eased the pressure on RSO scheduling.
 - d. **Steel Target.** Seth made a motion to approve \$150 to purchase a steel target for the Range, motion was seconded by Sam Underwood; motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - e. **RSVP Program.** Chris Wall reported that the RSVP program appreciation dinners have been cancelled this year due to COVID, alternatively, the Program managers decided to provide gift baskets, including a pre-paid gift card for enrolled volunteers. Chris distributed the baskets following the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding tracking volunteer hours.
 - f. **Discussion.** Seth expounded on the value of RSO volunteers in keeping the Range operating as well as tracking volunteer hours as a method for allocating G&F funds among G&F shooting ranges. Additionally, discussion ensued on where to keep the 100 yard Range office locks while the Range is open. Seth will provide appropriate guidance.
8. **Old Business.**
 - a. **COVID 19 Update – Governor’s Order Regarding Gatherings of 50 Persons.** President Brenda Silva reported that she has not received any guidance from G&F State Range Administrator Matt Schwartzkopf regarding the Governor’s Order limiting gatherings to fewer than 50 persons. Lacking such additional guidance, the Range will continue operations under current procedures.
 - b. **8X10 Storage Office moved to Bays.**
 - i. **Flooring and shelves still needed.** Brenda also reported that she will complete the interior of the Storage Office sometime in the near future.
 - ii. **Portable Toilet Damage (still no response).** Brenda confirmed no response from Atteberry on the damage to the portable toilet when the Storage Office was delivered. No further action on this issue is contemplated at this time.
 - c. **Steel Base Shooting Benches with Wheels Update Design/Needed.** Vice President, Dwight Yochem, reported that he has had little response and made no progress on obtaining design or other information on the steel based shooting benches – mostly he is waiting for responses from NRA and other organizations. Dwight commented on using concrete or Trek synthetic wood as an alternate material, both of which have significant drawbacks. Jeff Wall reported he has contacted an acquaintance regarding a potential design that would accommodate either a right or left handed shooter. Jeff and Dwight to discuss off-line.
 - d. **New Benches for 100 Yard Range.** Jeff Wall reported that he had purchased a two piece composite base for spectator seating on the 100 yard range and completed assembly of the bench by adding 2X4s to form the seat, back and brace for the bench – total cost is approximately \$100 for each bench and assembly time was about one hour. Jeff also brought the bench to the meeting for inspection. There was some discussion about finishing the 2X4s or using Trek synthetic wood to make the benches more weather resistant. Chief RSO, Seth Nadel moved to spend no more than \$300, which was revised to no more than \$500, to reimburse Jeff for his proto-type and

purchase materials and assemble an additional bench for the 100 yard range. Sam Underwood seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote with no objections.

- e. **Targets Purchased, Potential for Future Purchases through G&F.** The purchase of general use, bullseye type, targets from American Target Co (ATC), approved at the November Board Meeting, has been completed. President Brenda Silva reported that G&F State Range Administrator Matt Schwartzkopf has been in touch with ATC about additional volume discounts if all G&F Ranges in the State order the same targets.
- f. **AR Maintenance Class.** Jeff Wall advised that the Timber Mesa classroom facility is not available due to COVID restrictions and recommends the AR maintenance class be postponed indefinitely. No further action was taken on this issue.

9. New Business.

- a. **Request for a Paid Lifetime Membership.** President Brenda Silva reported on a request for a paid lifetime membership; a local developer has expressed interest in including a paid membership to the 2nd Knoll Range with purchase of a residential lot or finished home, apparently as a sales incentive. Discussion ensued about type and duration of membership; Sam Underwood stated that there is a normal 10X multiplication factor of annual memberships for “life” memberships. Given the significant logistical difficulties involved in the Lifetime Membership issue, including changes to the WMSA By-Laws which must be voted on by the general membership, Jeff Wall moved, and Sam Underwood seconded, a motion to table further discuss and action until next year. The motion passed by voice vote with no objections.
- b. **New Drag completed and used.** President Brenda Silva reported on the construction and initial use of a drag to improve the condition of FS Road 206 approaching the entrance to the Range. The first use provided some improvement, but following anticipated rain in the near future, the drag should be more effective.
- c. **Review of Audit of WMPS Waivers, Renewals and Fees. Potential WMSA Board Action.** President Brenda Silva raised the issue of continuing and repeated deficiencies in paperwork and fee submission from the White Mountain Practical Shooters (WMPS) matches, including inaccurate reporting of the number of WMPS shooters, lack of waivers and use of expired WMSA membership numbers. Inaccurate WMPS match reporting impacts shooter revenue, Range insurance coverage and daily use statistics reported to G&F as well as other metrics. Brenda opened discussion on how best to resolve this issue and obtain compliance with WMSA Range reporting requirements. Resulting discussion included comments about the apparent unwillingness of WMPS to comply with Range paperwork for the past many months. Chief RSO, Seth Nadel, suggested a letter from the Board outlining specific deficiencies and the consequences of continued non-compliance. Seth also commented on WMSA investment in support of WMPS through expenditure of funds for upgrades to the WMPS connex and purchase of match equipment for their exclusive use. Additional discussion centered on Range rules applicable to all Clubs affiliated with WMSA and using Range facilities. Brenda will draft a letter to WMPS, for BOD officer review/input, outlining specific recent deficiencies in reporting and the consequences of continued non-compliance.

- 10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Seth Nadel to adjourn was made at 7:33 PM and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.