

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting January 13, 2021

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, Secretary Don Childers and Chief RSO Seth Nadel were all present as well as Board Members, Brian Moffatt, Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall, Dan Fondren, Dee White, Manny Tavares and George Butcher. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, Mike Melcher, Tony Silva, Dale Kalchert, Chuck Desalme and Chris Wall were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the December Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Seth Nadel; the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher provided the Treasurer's Report for the calendar month of December 2020.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,195.50, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees, donations from Range jar and one sponsorship renewal (Extreme Defense); routine expenses totaled \$670.54 for website maintenance, office supplies, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up and range supplies. There was a net gain of \$1,524.96 for the month of December and an ending checking account balance of \$79,418.16. Vesta also reported that the expense for garbage pick-up would increase by \$5.00/month effective February 1, 2021. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files.
 - b. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Sam Underwood and seconded by Dee White; the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. Vesta further advised that unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members: Seth Nadel requested reimbursement of \$147.89 for Range supplies, a steel target and keys; Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$69.07 for materials for the new Office; Jeff Wall requested reimbursement of \$ 121.88 for Public Range bench materials; Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$13.19 for repairs to the 4-wheeler and Don Childers requested reimbursement of \$6.17 for office supplies. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dan Fondren. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.
 - d. December Monthly Shooter Days totaled 205 with 15 visitors. Vesta noted that the range was closed at intervals for weather during December.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 378 active memberships as of January 13, 2021; composed of 162 family and 216 individual memberships with 218 dependent members for a total of 596 current WMSA members, including 56 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported on the following activity:
 - a. The White Mountain Independent newspaper published an article and photo in the December 22, 2020 issue identifying John Zurica, winner of the Arizona State Short Course Pistol Championship Match hosted by the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters.

- b. Contact with the Pinetop Lakeside Chamber of Commerce appeared to be ineffectual at this time as the Chamber is currently without a chairman. No action is anticipated until Chamber operations are more organized.
 - c. A previous contact with the Show Low Chamber of Commerce (SLCC) has resulted in the display of 2nd Knoll Target Range rack cards and business cards at the Chamber office as well as a link to the WMSA website on the SLCC website.
 - d. A contact with the Arizona Tourism Board (ATB) revealed that the ATB publishes a map for distribution to potential Arizona visitors depicting various points of interest around the State. At the present time the cost to add 2nd Knoll Target Range to the ATB map is prohibitive, but negotiations are ongoing.
- 7. Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel provided a range status report.
- a. **Activity.** Seth reported that Range use has slowed for the winter, likely due to the colder weather.
 - b. **Club Shoots.** Clubs are still shooting, weather permitting.
 - i. Treasurer Vesta Melcher reported that the Target Tamers currently shoot on Wednesdays due to a change implemented during the COVID mandated range shooter limitations imposed by Game and Fish (AZGFD), but would now like to move back to Mondays since the shooter limitations are no longer in effect. This change would also reduce their dependence on RSOs while the Range is closed to the public. Following additional comments by Dee White, Jeff Wall and Sam Underwood, President Brenda Silva stated that she is fine with the change, but would like Target Tamers to remain flexible in the event the Monday matches begin to impact the public use of the Range. George Butcher moved to approve the return of Target Tamers matches back to Mondays, Seth Nadel seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with none opposed. Target Tamers will return to a 1st and 3rd Monday schedule as of February 1, 2021.
 - ii. Sam Underwood announced that the Mountain Riflemen would be shooting on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 8:30.
 - iii. Vice President Dwight Yochem requested approval to reserve a section of the 40' connex for Benchrest supplies. No motion is necessary and this request was approved by the CRSO.
 - c. **New RSOs.** New RSOs are being trained as they volunteer; new RSO Chuck Desalme was recognized as in attendance by Seth.
 - d. **New Steel Target in Place.** Seth recognized Dwight Yochem for his work to build and place a mounting frame for the new steel target.
 - i. Seth suggested that additional wood frame supports be on hand to replace those damaged during the normal use of the steel target.
 - ii. George Butcher suggested the steel target be moved to the right to better align with shooting position #20. Seth reported that erosion of the berm adjacent to position #20, causing the misalignment.
 - iii. Seth also suggested that the steel target frame is large enough to support an additional steel target; there was no further discussion on this topic.
 - e. **Non-Agenda Item: Expended Brass Cases to Phoenix.** Seth requests that anyone going to Phoenix in the foreseeable future take the two buckets of brass collected from the Range to a Phoenix recycling center for a better price on the scrap. George Butcher offered to take the brass to Flagstaff recycler. No further action or discussions on this issue.

8. Old Business.

- a. **COVID 19 Update – Matt Schwarzkopf’s Email.** President Brenda Silva reported that an email from Matt Schwarzkopf emphasized the use of facemasks when indoors or when social distancing could not be maintained. Brenda reminded everyone that we must abide by Game and Fish (AZGFD) directives and emphasized the use of facemasks by RSOs when indoors or in close proximity to shooters on the Range.
- b. **Steel Base Shooting Benches with Wheels Update Design/Still Needed.** Vice President, Dwight Yochem, reported that he has proto-type examples of medium weight and heavy weight shooting benches available for testing. Jeff Wall’s contact is also working on a light weight shooting bench. Dwight suggests all three proto-types be placed at the range and comments recorded. Dwight also provided samples of birch plywood (tough but expensive) and Trek synthetic material intended for the bench tops. Treasurer Vesta Melcher advised that the Trek material was uncomfortably hot after a fairly short time in the direct sunlight. No further discussion on this issue.
- c. **New Bench for 100 Yard Range.** Jeff Wall reported that he has been unable to secure a sponsor to donate the materials for new benches. He will go ahead and purchase the materials for an additional three benches (for a total of four) with the funds already authorized for this purpose. The Board consensus is that four benches is the appropriate number, especially with COVID.
- d. **WMPS Status.** President Brenda Silva reports that after email exchanges and face to face meetings with the White Mountain Practical Shooters (WMPS) representatives, they are now in compliance with WMSA requirements. Dan Fondren reports that WMPS is working to maintain compliance.
- e. **Non-Agenda Item: RSVP Gift Cards.** Chris Wall reported that the RSVP Gift Cards distributed to participants were not properly authorized before being sent out and are not being accepted by merchants. Replacement cards should be issued soon.

9. New Business.

- a. **RSO Written Training Program.** President Brenda Silva reported that CRSO Seth Nadel is working on updating the RSO Lesson Plan. Seth stated that the RSO Lesson Plan is a “living document” and will be updated/changed as required. Seth will have approval authority for the RSO Lesson Plans
- b. **Written WMSA Policy Manual.** Brenda reported that a Range Policy Manual is also in the works. Individual policies will be approved by the Board of Directors. Seth is also preparing an RSO Quick Reference Guide as a supplement to the Range Policy Manual to quickly access Range policy guidance. Treasurer Vesta Melcher expressed concern that the definition of “Shooter” used in the Range Policies may impact the Monthly Shooter Days report. Seth clarified that the term “Shooter” applies to everyone on the Range only for purposes of compliance with RSO commands.
- c. **Verizon Quote for New Range Cell Phone.** President Brenda Silva reported on a quote from Verizon for a new cell phone and I-Pad. The service quote would be \$80/month for cellphone service and an additional \$10 for I-Pad service if the account were set up on Verizon “auto-pay.” Additionally, there is a \$40 per device activation fee (\$80 total) plus the cost (\$700-\$800) for the devices. The I-Pad would allow shooters to pay range and membership fees by credit card as well as for electronic completion and storage of Range Waivers. A discussion ensued on cellphone reception in the “pit” versus the gate at the Range; Brenda reminded the Board of George Butcher’s (and others) successful connection on Verizon I-Phone 11 and I-Pad from “the pit.” Jeff Wall suggests monthly service expense and device cost estimates be formalized with accurate amounts.

Additionally, Jeff suggests the phone and I-Pad be maintained at the Range and charged by the solar system being contemplated. Seth commented on the need for a Policy on use of the cell phone (and I-Pad if acquired).

- d. Non-Agenda Item – Porta Pottie Repair.** Jeff Wall inquired as to the repair of the Porta Pottie adjacent to the Shooting Bays. Brenda reported that she has intentionally NOT pursued the repair because that Porta Pottie model is no longer manufactured and repair parts would likely be expensive; additionally, WMSA may have some liability for the cost of repairs. Given that Atterberry has not responded to the initial inquiries about repair, no further action should be taken.
- e. Non-Agenda Item – Board Member Attendance at Board Meetings.** A Board member expressed concern that another Board member had not attended a meeting for six consecutive months and questioned his eligibility to continue as a Board Member. Brenda advised that she was aware of the situation and did not believe any action was appropriate because of the COVID pandemic.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Seth Nadel to adjourn and second by Manny Tavares. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.