

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting February 10, 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, Dee White and George Butcher. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Mike Melcher, Susie Underwood, Bucky Gwartrey, Tony Silva, Dale Kalchert, and Chuck Desalme were also present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the January Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dwight Yochem; 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 January 2021.
 - a.** Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,266.00, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees, donations from Range jar and one sponsorship renewal (Team Impact); routine expenses totaled \$983.52 for website maintenance, office supplies, cell phone, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, PO Box Rental, bank checks and range supplies. There was a net gain of \$282.48 for the month of January and an ending checking account balance of \$79,700.64. 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 Dwight Yochem; 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 \$195.81 for Range supplies, targets and butcher paper; Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$15.00 for name badges; Jeff Wall requested reimbursement of \$ 365.85 for Public Range bench materials; Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$42.68 for repairs to the steel target. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Sam Underwood and seconded by Dee White. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.
 - d.** December Monthly Shooter Days totaled 221 with 20 visitors. Vesta noted that the range was closed for six days due to weather in January.
- 5. Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reported 397 active memberships as of February 10, 2021; composed of 176 family and 221 individual memberships with 234 dependent members for a total of 631 current WMSA members, including 58 juniors.
- 6. Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported on the following activity:
 - a.** WMSA's agreement with ADOT to clean a mile of Hwy 60 was renewed; the next highway clean-up will probably be scheduled at the end of March and Linda will coordinate the date and volunteers.

- b. Videographer Bret Halfpup attended the BOD meeting at Linda's invitation and was introduced. Bret produces videos for Show Low TV Channel 4 and will be working on a video of the Second Knoll Range, including Club activity and the history of Second Knoll Target Range. It was also recommended that Bret interview some shooters on why they enjoy shooting sports.

7. Range Update. Chief RSO Seth Nadel provided a range status report.

- a. **Activity.** Range use has slowed due to winter weather and the ammunition shortage. The Clubs are still shooting; the Second Knoll Muzzleloaders Club meets have resumed and George Butcher hopes to have a Cowboys of the High Country match this month.
- b. **Steel Target.** The steel target was damaged after only 15 days in use. There was a brief discussion on the specific damage to the steel target and how it might have occurred. Seth and Vice-President Dwight Yochem have implemented an alternative system to attach the target to the frame that would likely preclude similar damage. To date, the Range has purchased two additional steel targets and spare parts for the target frame; total cost to this point is approximately \$300. Seth spoke with the manufacturer of the steel target about the damage; the manufacturer offered to replace the broken target at no cost or accept return of all the purchased items with a full refund. George Butcher moved to have the damaged target replaced; Sam Underwood seconded the motion which passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- c. **Non-Agenda Item – Brass at the Range.** The expended ammunition brass, usually sorted and made available to re-loaders at the Range, has apparently all been distributed. Seth advised that there is a new gun store in Pinetop that also includes a commercial reloading operation. Seth will visit the new store and provide an update at the next meeting.

8. Old Business.

- a. **COVID 19 Update** –President Brenda Silva reported that she has not received any updates from AZGFD regarding COVID mitigation guidance. Pending further information, the use of facemasks when indoors or when social distancing cannot be maintained will continue at the Range.
- b. **Steel Base Shooting Benches with Wheels Update.** Vice President Dwight Yochem will place two prototype shooting benches on the 100 yd. Range for inspection and comment by RSOs. The prototype bench that Jeff Wall was coordinating proved to be unworkable, leaving only the two benches referenced above as potential replacements for the wooden shooting benches on the 100 yd. Range.
- c. **New Bench for 100 Yard Range.** Jeff Wall has purchased materials for new observer's benches at the 100 yd. Range and is working to assemble the benches. Jeff is also looking to adapt the excess wood from the bench construction for use on target stands and/or frames. There was discussion about purchase of a special saw blade for this purpose, but no BOD action taken at this time.
- d. **Policy Manual in the works.** Brenda reported that a Range Policy Manual is in the works and has already been reviewed by the Executive Board; revisions based on that input is in progress. Secretary Don Childers reported that the latest version of the Range Policies should be distributed to the entire BOD by February 19, 2021 with the expectation that any further revision would be completed and the Policies ready for BOD action at the March 10, 2021 BOD meeting.
- e. **Snow Removal.** President Brenda Silva reported that, although the snowplow contract is still in place, neither FS 206 nor the road down to the 100 yd. Range were plowed following the recent snowfall because of the extensive drifts on the Range road.

f. Range Phone. Discussion about the Range phone emphasized that the flip- phone we are currently using is obsolete. Mike Melcher had a new SIM card placed in the phone but this is a temporary fix and the phone will likely not work much longer. George Butcher moved that we purchase a new phone for the Range, CRSO Seth Nadel seconded and the motion passed by voice vote with one opposed. Subsequent discussion centered on how the purchase of a new phone at this time would fit into the overall plan of a contract to provide phone service and a tablet computer for use at the Range as well as the brand (Apple or other) of phone and tablet to be purchased. President Brenda Silva and George Butcher will investigate alternatives to Verizon as vendor for the Range phone/tablet service agreement and which brand of phone/tablet would best meet our needs at the least cost. Brenda will send an email to the BOD with her findings.

9. New Business. There were no New Business agenda items.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Seth Nadel to adjourn and second by Jeff Wall at 6:59 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.