

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting May 12, 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, Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall, Manuel Tavares and George Butcher. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, John Kuehn, Mike Melcher, Tony Silva, Susie Underwood, Fred Bridges, Clay Howard and Larry Kennedy were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the March 10, 2021 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Seth Nadel. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed. Brenda also noted that there was no meeting in April 2021 so there are no Minutes from April.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher provided the Treasurer's Report for the calendar month of April 2021.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$868.60, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees, donations from Range jar and sale of brass; routine expenses totaled \$1,144.90 for website maintenance, printing expense, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, plowing for FS Road 206 last February and deposit on catering for RSO appreciation lunch. There was a net loss of \$276.30 for the month of April and an ending checking account balance of \$80,003.21. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files. Vesta also provided a copy of the March 2021 financial summary to the Secretary after the meeting; this report will be filed in the Secretary's files but was not voted on.
 - b. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Seth Nadel and second 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 \$795.39 for range supplies and steel target repair, Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$259.62 for range supplies and wheel repair for the four wheeler, Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$83.29 for VIP awards, name badges and cupcakes for RSO lunch, Mike Melcher requested reimbursement of \$14.09 for a phone case for the range phone, Jeff Wall requested reimbursement of \$17.46 for supplies to finish the observer benches for the 100 yd range, Don Childers requested reimbursement of \$13.10 for spray paint and Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$55.00 for postage stamps. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Sam Underwood and second by George Butcher. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.
 - d. Monthly Shooter Days for March totaled 238 with 18 visitors; shooter days for April totaled 292 with 26 visitors.

5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, provided the April 2021 Membership Report to the Secretary following the meeting, which reported 433 active memberships as of April 22, 2021; composed of 199 family and 234 individual memberships with 269 dependent members for a total of 702 current WMSA members, including 70 juniors. At the meeting, Tony reported 448 active memberships as of May 12, 2021; composed of 202 family and 246 individual memberships with 272 dependent members for a total of 720 current WMSA members, including 70 juniors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported on the following activity:
 - a. The ADOT Hwy 60 cleanup has been cancelled twice due to weather and will be rescheduled for July. Although ADOT prefers three (3) clean-ups per year, they will accept one clean-up per year.
 - b. Two articles related to the Second Knoll Target Range were published in the White Mountain Independent during March; one on the Second Knoll Benchrest Club and another on the restrictions imposed by the USFS on Range operations during the COVID lockdown. Linda is working on an article about this year's raffle as well as an article about the White Mountain Young Guns. Additionally, a table set up in front of Sportsman's by/for Young Guns is being considered.
 - c. This year's raffle will run from late May through mid-July (drawing will be at the WMSA monthly meeting on July 14th) for a donated Dillon 550 reloading machine. Five hundred (500) tickets will be sold at \$10 each with no discount for multiple ticket purchases.
 - d. The Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside Chambers of Commerce will announce the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters' Memorial Weekend Match via an email blast to all their members. Although the Show Low Public TV channel was alerted to the match, their videographer will be unavailable at that time.
 - e. Organizers of the Springerville Gun show (May 29th and 30th) offered a reduced rate table to publicize WMSA and the Range. John Kuehn volunteered to man the table and Linda has asked for another volunteer to assist.
 - f. Advertisements in Arizona White Mountains and Experience Arizona magazines have not produced the expected results and will not be renewed. Alternatively, Outdoors SW magazine seems to be a viable option; it has a circulation of eight to ten (8-10) thousand printed copies per month (with additional on-line distribution) distributed to medical offices and other public locations. Linda suggests a "small box" ad of approximately 1/8th page to run this summer from June through October at \$75 per month and she (or another volunteer) will write a series of articles for the magazine to accompany the ads. Discussion ensued on the ad size and whether it would be on the same page as our article. Ultimately, George Butcher moved to approve the expenditure of \$75 per month for an ad in Outdoors SW, Jeff Wall moved to amend the motion to approve a larger ad at \$150 per month. Sam Underwood second the amended motion which subsequently passed by voice vote with none opposed.
7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel provided a Range status report.

a. Activity – Staffing adjustment.

- i. Range use was still slow during April, primarily due to ammunition shortage.
- ii. Remington is reportedly producing ammunition again, but has a full year's production output on back order.
- iii. There was one new RSO trained since March; because of the minimal Range usage currently, two RSOs are acceptable manning. President Brenda Silva will continue to schedule three RSOs per shift when possible. Additionally, when Range usage is low; the lead RSO may reduce manning to two RSOs at his/her discretion.
- iv. The steel target continues to suffer unanticipated damage. There have now been two steel targets broken; one has been repaired and a new steel target has been acquired. The repaired steel target will be tested for effectiveness of the repair.
- v. Vice President Dwight Yochem has repaired the steel target stand and attached angle iron shielding on the cross-member and legs; he also raised the height of the target itself.

b. Power Washing done on 4/29. Matt Schwartzkopf power washed the concrete pads at the 100 and 50 yd ranges and spoke with Brenda briefly. There are no new updates on proposed Range improvements.

c. BBQ and Training Scheduled (5/13 @ 11:00). RSO training is first on the agenda followed immediately by the RSO appreciation BBQ lunch. This year's event should cost WMSA less than \$1,000 with the RSVP program contributing \$300 toward the total. Matt Schwartzkopf was invited but declined.

8. Old Business.

- a. **COVID 19 Update** –While Matt Schwartzkopf was at the Range on April 29th, President Brenda Silva spoke with him but there are no updates on COVID restrictions.
- b. **Apache Sitgreaves National Forest (ASNF) Fire Restrictions.** Stage One fire restrictions are in effect in the ASNF, including a prohibition on smoking (except in vehicles or areas cleared of combustible materials) and shooting. The Range is considered a cleared area due to the lack of combustible material on the property. The NFS Rangers from the Lakeside and Black Mesa Districts recently toured the Range and took Range rack cards for distribution.
- c. **Steel Base Shooting Benches with Wheels Update.** Vice President Dwight Yochem has placed a new design steel bench on the Range and has also modified one of the current wooden benches; both are available for RSO inspection at the luncheon. The modification to the wooden bench can be made for about \$27. A short discussion ensued on alternatives for bench tops, but no action was taken on this issue.
- d. **New Benches for 100 Yard Range.** Many thanks to Jeff Wall for constructing new observer benches for the 100 yd range; a fourth bench will be delivered on May 13th. There was a short discussion about marking or securing the benches, but no action was taken on this issue.

- e. **Road (FS 206) Maintenance.** Brenda reported that FS Road 206 should be graded and crowned in the next couple of months.

9. **New Business.**

- a. **Approval for new sign/information board at gate.** President Brenda Silva reported that she has received authorization from Matt Schwartzkopf to place a new sign at the Range gate. Generally, the sign will welcome shooters and have logos for WMSA, AZGFD and USFS. Discussion ensued on whether to include a space to write temporary notices; specific details of the sign are yet to be determined. No further action was taken on this issue.
- b. **Request from George Butcher for access to Cowboys webpage.** George requested access to the Cowboys of the High Country section of the WMSA website to make last minute changes to the schedule. George cited an incident when a match was cancelled, but a new shooter came out to the Range without knowing of the cancellation. Discussion centered on Richelle Anderson's preference not to release access to the website because others may also expect access and the current agreement is that she will make all changes. A suggestion was made that a link to the Range calendar could be established on the Club pages. No action was taken on this issue.
- c. **Vinyl floor tile for the Bay office and the 100 yd Range office.**
 - i. At her own expense, President Brenda Silva purchased new vinyl floor tile for the small competition bay office and received authorization from Matt Schwartzkopf to re-tile the main office at the 100 yd range also.
 - ii. Seth Nadel moved to reimburse Brenda the \$50 cost for the tile, Manny Tavares second. Motion passed by voice vote with one opposed.
- d. **General Discussion.**
 - i. New lane markers are needed on the 100 yd range. Discussion ensued on the availability and source of the markers as well as annotating the 75 yard distance marker on the east wall of the 100 yd range. No action was taken on this issue.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to notate the fee schedule on the website to advise that only cash or checks are currently accepted for daily range fees or membership fees. No action was taken on this issue.
 - iii. President Brenda Silva announced that she would be unavailable for the June meeting and advised that Vice President Dwight Yochem would preside in her absence.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Seth Nadel to adjourn and second by Sam Underwood at 7:04 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.