

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting June 9, 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 Vice-President, Dwight Yochem at 6:00 PM. Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were present; Board Members Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall, Manuel Tavares and George Butcher completed the necessary quorum of Board members. WMSA members Mike Melcher, Julius Albin, Deborah Childers, Susie Underwood, Joe Darbyshire, Doug Heckman, Jim Tuvell Alice, Tuvell, John Kuehn, Clay Howard, Fred Bridges and Tony Silva were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** Vice-President, Dwight Yochem noted that the Minutes from the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the May Minutes was made by Manny Tavares and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher provided the Treasurer's Report for the calendar month of May 2021.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,451.71, resulting from New Memberships and Renewals, Range Fees, donations from Range jar and a new sponsor, WM Meat Packing; routine expenses totaled \$1,839.19 for website maintenance, printing expense, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, Range phone, range supplies and final payment for catering of the RSO appreciation lunch last month. There was a net gain of \$612.52 for the month of May and an ending checking account balance of \$80,615.73. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Jeff Wall and second by Sam Underwood; the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed
 - b. Vesta further advised that unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members: Dwight Yochem requested reimbursement of \$193.27 for range supplies and hardware, Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$108.45 RSO BBQ expenses and name badges, Bill Weldon requested reimbursement of \$161.26 for target frame materials and Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$99.32 for postage stamps, copy paper and annual CMP membership fee. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Sam Underwood but was improperly second. After the meeting Vice President Dwight Yochem polled board members present for the meeting via email to update the motion; Sam Underwood restated his motion to approve payment of unreimbursed expenses and Vesta Melcher second. The original voice vote is sustained with none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for May totaled 424 with 21 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairman, Tony Silva, reviewed WMSA Membership status as of this date, reporting 482 active memberships; composed of 218 family and 264 individual memberships with 288 dependent members for a total of 720 current WMSA members, including 70 juniors. Additionally, as of this date there have been 91 membership renewals (45

family and 46 individual) adding 62 dependent members (including 17 juniors) for a total of 153 member renewals for FY2022. Tony provided a copy of both Membership Reports to the Secretary following the meeting to be filed in the Secretary's records.

6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson prepared a written report which was presented by Vice-President Dwight Yochem on the following topics. Linda's written report is filed in the Secretary's permanent file.
 - a. The Dillon Raffle continues through July 14th.
 - b. An article about Young Guns was published in the May 28th edition of the White Mountain Independent (WMI).
 - c. The WMSA Raffle was mentioned in the WMI under the News Brief heading. Additionally, the Raffle was included in the Pinetop Lakeside Chamber of Commerce email blast to its members.
 - d. Thanks to Dee White, Dale Kalchert, John Kuehn and Joe Darbyshire for manning the WMSA table at the Springerville Gun show (May 29th and 30th)
 - e. Dwight asked for volunteers to man a table at the Show Low Gun Show and provided the contact information for the Show organizers.
 - f. The first article on the Second Knoll Target Range will appear in next week's Outdoors SW magazine.
7. **Range Update.** Chief RSO Seth Nadel is taking a leave of absence from the Board; Vice President Dwight Yochem lead discussion and reporting on the following topics.
 - a. **Activity – Staffing adjustment.**
 - i. Dwight announced temporary changes in responsibilities at the Range pending Seth's return; President Brenda Silva and Secretary Don Childers will assume the RSO training responsibilities and Dwight will assume responsibility for Range activities and supplies.
 - ii. The steel target continues to suffer unanticipated damage. There have now been three steel targets broken and are awaiting repair. Dwight has suspended use of the steel target until a determination on the feasibility of continued use can be made. Discussion ensued on the design of the steel target with an apparent weak point at the "ears" where hangers are attached. Dwight reported that there is one more steel target in the 40' connex, but it will be held in reserve for the time being.
 - b. **New RSOs.** Discussion about OJT for new RSOs highlighted the fact that even though new RSOs have completed two OJT shifts, they still need supervision by experienced staff.
8. **Old Business.**
 - a. **New or refurbished Shooting Benches with Wheels – Steel vs Wood, cost and durability FINAL COST ANALYSIS.** Vice President Dwight Yochem provided Board

Members with a written cost analysis (including photos) for new shooting benches; highlights of the report were:

- i. Approximately 10 benches need immediate repair to front legs
 - ii. Cost to remodel current benches with new top, wheels and 4X4 rear post is \$82 each
 - iii. Estimated cost for bench maintenance is running \$250 - \$300 per year
 - iv. Steel benches would cost approximately \$165 each and could be completed at a rate of two per month.
- b. Dwight continued the verbal report on the cost for new shooting benches and noted that it would cost approximately \$80 to replace the current benches using the same design. The estimated cost of \$165 for steel benches is for materials only as the labor would be donated and the current tops and stools would be used. Conclusion: the options are to 1) build new benches using the old design, 2) refurbish the current benches or 3) build new steel benches.
- c. A motion was made by Jeff Wall and second by Manny Tavares to table the vote on new benches until more Board members are present. Discussion on motion included the utility of the wood benches as well as the urgency of and impact of continued delay in making a decision on this matter as it has been on the agenda for several months. Additional discussion ensued on the possibility of creating concrete bench tops, but no cost estimates are available. Ultimately the motion to table the discussion passed by voice vote with one opposed.
- d. **Approval for new sign/information board at gate.** Dwight reported that the new sign at the Range gate has been approved by AZGFD and President Brenda Silva will take the lead on this issue.
- e. **Vinyl floor tile for Bays Office and 100 yd Office – Bays Office scheduled for July.** Brenda and Dwight will install the new flooring.

9. New Business.

- a. The following representatives to the WMSA BOD for the 2022 fiscal year were confirmed as follows:
- i. White Mountain Bullseye Shooters – Vesta Melcher
 - ii. Mountain Riflemen – Sam Underwood
 - iii. White Mountain Practical Shooters – Dan Fondren
 - iv. Second Knoll Defensive Pistol League – Manny Tavares
 - v. Cowboys of the High Country – George Butcher
 - vi. Second Knoll Muzzleloaders – Seth Nadel
 - vii. Second Knoll Benchrest Shooters – Dwight Yochem

viii. White Mountain Young Guns – Brian Moffatt

ix. Target Tamers – Dee White

- b. Secretary Don Childers announced that the Second Amendment Foundation (2AF) is seeking memberships by firearms owners to help pay the litigation expenses associated with filing lawsuits that benefit all of us.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood to adjourn and second by Manny Tavares at 6:49 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with one opposed.