

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting July 14, 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 Sylvia at 5:57 PM. Vice-President Dwight Yochem, Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were present; Board Members Sam Underwood, Jeff Wall, Manuel Tavares, George Butcher, Brian Moffatt and Dee White were also present. WMSA members Mike Melcher, Deborah Childers, Susie Underwood, John Kuehn, Clay Howard, Fred Bridges, Charles DeSalme, Linda Gilbertson, Sheila Moffatt, Chris Wall and Dale Kalchert were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Board Meeting were completed and published on the website. A motion to approve the June Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Vice President Dwight Yochem. 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 June 2021.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$7,584.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees and donations from Range jar; routine expenses totaled \$2,170.32 for website maintenance, printing expense, porta-potties, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Range supplies, RSO name badges, insurance and advertising in Outdoor SW magazine. There was a net gain of \$5,413.68 for the month of June and an ending checking account balance of \$86,029.41. 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 \$170.40 for range supplies and hardware, Brenda Silva requested reimbursement of \$407.72 for a new gate lock, Range forms, sign hardware and WMSA logo shirts/towels, Tony Silva requested reimbursement of \$55.00 for postage stamps, Don Childers requested reimbursement of 10.36 for a Range office key and Roberts Rules book, and Linda Gilbertson requested reimbursement of \$89.81 for Range AED battery, first aid supplies and gun show entry fee. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursements was made by Jeff Wall and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - c. Monthly Shooter Days for June totaled 467 with 15 visitors. FY 2021 shooter days totaled 4,182 with 245 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** President Brenda Silva provided the membership report for Tony Silva. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 487 active memberships; composed of 221 family and 266 individual memberships with 301 dependent members for a total of 788 current WMSA members, including 80 juniors. Additionally, as of July 14, there have been 163 membership renewals (74 family and 89 individual) adding 99 dependent members (including 25 juniors) for a total of 262 member renewals for FY2022. A copy of both Membership Reports was provided to the Secretary following the meeting to be filed in the Secretary's records.

6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson reported on the following topics and provided a copy of her written report to be filed in the Secretary's permanent file.
  - a. The Dillon Raffle is extended until September 8, 2021. Ticket sellers and contact information is on the WMSA website.
  - b. Outdoors SW Magazine Article. The June issue of Outdoors SW Magazine featured an ad and article about the Second Knoll Target Range. Next month's issue will have another article detailing the Shooting Clubs.
  - c. Show Low Chamber Magazine. The Second Knoll Target Range was featured at no charge to WMSA.
  - d. Pinetop/Lakeside Wines in the Pines. Seven hundred fifty participant "bags" be distributed to attendees and each will include a Second Knoll Target Range rack card.
  - e. An article about the Young Guns and several notices about the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, Range re-opening and the continuation of the WMSA raffle appeared in the White Mountain Independent (WMI).
  - f. Treasurer Vesta Melcher read a letter from the LDS Tucson Stake Young Men's President, Dana N. Willis, commending Brian Moffatt for "His (sic) patience and professionalism" in providing "gun safety instruction and second amendment (sic) awareness" training to members of that group. (A photocopy of the letter is retained in the Secretary's file.) Jeff Wall moved to authorize funds to frame the letter for Brian, Dee White second. The motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - g. Linda reported that the State of Arizona has made funds available to "accelerate tourism recovery", including \$16 million for outdoor tourism revitalization. A synopsis copy of the program is maintained in the Secretary's records. President Brenda Silva will contact Matt Schwartzkopf regarding an application for grant funds.
  - h. During the meeting, Brenda drew the winning names from the early WMSA renewals; Dennis Wright #698 and David Snader #763. Each winner is to receive a Second Knoll Target Range logo towel.
7. **Range Update.** President Brenda Silva reported on the following topics.
  - a. **Activity – Staffing adjustment.** Range shut down and re-opening. Special thanks to Vice President Dwight Yochem and George Butcher for expeditiously closing down the Range following the notification of closure due to Stage III Fire Restrictions then removing dead vegetation required to re-open.
  - b. **CRSO shared duties continuing.** Brenda distributed an updated Board Task List adding the CRSO shared duties.
  - c. **Weeding of 50/100 yd ranges and shooting bays.** Thanks to the staff and Dwight for completing the necessary weeding on the 50/100 yd ranges to meet the re-opening requirements. Discussion ensued about how best to weed the growth from the berms; essentially, just don't climb the berms while removing dead vegetation.
  - d. **Reminder;** as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, membership renewals and new waivers are due.
  - e. A new steel target and stand have been placed at position 20 on the 100 yd range; this one with no hanging chains.
8. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Shooting Benches with Wheels – Steel vs Wood, cost and durability.** President Brenda Silva opened discussion on this issue; Jeff Wall moved to approve replacement of the current shooting benches on the 100 yd range with new wooden benches with wheels. Discussion ensued on why movable benches are necessary as well as the durability of steel benches vs wooden benches. The Board adjourned briefly to inspect the latest prototype steel bench transported to the meeting by Vice President Dwight Yochem.

After a short break, the Board re-convened to discuss the benches. Jeff Wall amended the pending motion to authorize steel benches instead of wooden benches, second by Brian Moffatt. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed. Further, Jeff Wall move to authorize immediate purchase of all steel needed to construct the shooting benches at a maximum cost of \$250/bench (\$5,000 total) and Brian Moffatt second. George Bucher moved to amend the pending motion to eliminate the maximum cost limitation and perhaps avoid needing additional Board approval, Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

- b. New sign and information board at gate.** No update at this time; awaiting coordination with vendor.
- c. Vinyl floor tile for Bay office and 100 yd office.** Brenda announced that the installation has been rescheduled for the end of July.
- d. Non-Agenda Items.**
  - i.** Dee White suggested that the Range open at 8:00 AM during the summer because of numerous instances where shooters are waiting at the gate when RSOs arrive to open the Range. Jeff Wall suggested polling the RSOs and general membership regarding opening hours. Discussion ensued on the logistical issues involved with changing the opening time; including scheduling RSOs, changing signs and updating the website. President Brenda Silva will conduct an email poll of RSOs to determine if this suggestion is feasible.
  - ii.** Jeff Wall moved to consolidate the July monthly BOD meeting with the WMSA annual meeting going forward, Treasurer Vesta Melcher second. No discussion; motion passed by voice vote with one (1) opposed.
  - iii.** Jeff Wall moved to appoint a parliamentarian, Dee White second and commented that continuing club growth may make this appointment essential. A short discussion ensued on who would assume that role. Vote of Board members resulted in three (3) votes for the measure and five (5) against. The motion failed, but will be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.
  - iv.** Sam Underwood raised the issue of Board member suspension, but did not move for any particular action. Secretary read aloud Bylaws Article IX relating to suspension or removal of a Board member. President Brenda Silva will write a letter to the Board members that may be eligible for dismissal.

## **9. New Business.**

- a. Naming the 100 yd range in honor of Seth Nadel.** President Brenda Silva announced that AZGFD had approved this idea. Sam Underwood moved to approve naming the 100 yd range in Seth's honor, Vice President Dwight Yochem second. Short discussion in favor of the motion and suggestion that naming the 300 yd range in Seth's honor might also be an option. Since construction of the 300 yd range is years away, naming the 100 yd range is something we can do now. Sam Underwood noted that the Second Knoll Target Range is actually the second shooting range shepherded into existence by Seth. Motion to name the 100 yd range in Seth's honor passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- b. Updating Bylaws.** President Brenda Silva requested an amendment to the agenda to vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws early in the meeting, no objection was raised and the Bylaw changes were considered following the Officer reports. Brenda reviewed each Amendment as outlined in the proposal document (copy maintained in the Secretary's records) circulated prior to the meeting and offered a short explanation of each amendment with the following results:

- i. A motion to approve the amendment to Article II, paragraphs 5 and 6 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Jeff Wall. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- ii. A motion to approve the amendment to Article III, paragraph 4 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- iii. A motion to approve the amendment to Article IV, paragraphs 2 and 4 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- iv. A motion to approve the amendment to Article V, paragraphs 3 and 4 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- v. A motion to approve the amendments to Article VII, add new paragraph 7, renumber succeeding paragraphs, amend and renumber (original) paragraph 7 and delete (original) paragraph 8 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- vi. A motion to approve the amendments to Article VIII, paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and 6 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Jeff Wall. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- vii. A motion to approve the amendment to Article IX, paragraph 2 was made by Vice President Dwight Yochem and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

**10. Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood to adjourn and second by Vice President Dwight Yochem at 7:26 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with one opposed.

**11. Addendum.** On Thursday, July 15, 2021, President Brenda Silva emailed all Board members regarding an additional Bylaw change proposal to define participation requirements for Board members and consequences of non-participation and failure to maintain membership in WMSA. Following suggested amendment edits from Jeff Wall and Secretary Don Childers, appropriate language was agreed upon and a subsequent motion to adopt same was made by Dwight Yochem and second by Don Childers. An email vote resulted in passage of the motion by eight (8) responding Board members out of 12 and included authority to submit this amendment to the general membership at the Annual Meeting on July 16, 2021.