

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Annual Membership Meeting July 16, 2021

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by President Brenda Silva. Vice President Dwight Yochem, Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were present as well as board members, Sam Underwood, Dee White, George Butcher, Brian Moffatt and Jeff Wall. WMSA members Mike Melcher, John Kuehn, Susie Underwood, Fred Bridges, Kale Kalchart, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Bill Weldon, Jo Ann Weldon, Charles DeSalme, Rob Gerner, Fred Parry, Howard Faltz, Mary Faltz, Doug Hill, Al Warner, Jim Aylor Chris Wall, and Larry Kennedy were also present. A quorum, in accordance with Article V paragraph 2 of the WMSA Bylaws, is hereby certified as being present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Following the Pledge, the membership observed a moment of silence in recognition of Seth Nadel.
3. **Introduction of the Board.**
 - a. President Brenda Silva introduced the Board of Directors (BOD), beginning with the representatives of each shooting club. Sam Underwood of the Mountain Riflemen, Vesta Melcher of the White Mountain Bullseye Shooters, George Butcher of Cowboys of the High Country, Dee White of Target Tamers, Brian Moffatt of the White Mountain Young Guns, and Dwight Yochem of the Second Knoll Benchrest Shooters. Dan Fondren of the White Mountain Practical Shooters and Manny Tavares of Second Knoll Defensive Pistol League were not present. Representatives gave a short description of their respective club. Additionally, the at large Board members were introduced; Brenda Silva, Don Childers and Jeff Wall. At large member John Tod was not present.
 - b. Current officers; President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will remain in office until July 2022 for the second year of their term.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer, Vesta Melcher, provided the following reports:
 - a. Shooter Days Report: Shooter days for FY 20/21 totaled 4,182 with 245 visitors, up almost 200 shooter days from last Fiscal Year despite the Range being closed due to weather and COVID.
 - b. Fiscal year 2021 Financial Summary. Vesta reviewed the financial activity for FY 20/21; the pertinent details included
 - i. Total Income from Range fees, membership dues, donations and commercial sponsors totaled \$33,210.78
 - ii. Total Expenses from website maintenance, telephone, porta-potties, garbage collection, printing, range and office supplies, advertising, insurance and various other fees (including subscriptions and memberships) totaled \$16,132.21
 - iii. Net Income: \$17,078.57

- iv. Beginning bank balance (July 1, 2020) of \$68,950.84 plus Net Income of \$17,078.57 provided an ending bank balance (June 30, 2021) of \$86,029.41.
 - c. Tax returns were filed as required
 - d. A copy of the Treasurer's Annual Report is maintained in the Secretary's files.
- 5. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by President Brenda Silva; as of June 30, 2021 there were 487 current WMSA memberships consisting of 221 Family Memberships and 266 Individual Memberships. Adding the 301 dependent members, the total WMSA membership was 788 at FY end, including 80 Juniors. The Membership Report is available in the Secretary's files.
- 6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Publicity Secretary, Linda Gilbertson was unavailable for the meeting and a short publicity report was provided by Treasurer Vesta Melcher. The BOD has approved advertising in Outdoors SW magazine, a free publication distributed at medical offices and other public locations. The June issue of Outdoors SW featured an ad and article about the Second Knoll Target Range. The July issue will have another article detailing the Shooting Clubs.
- 7. **Range Update.** President Brenda Silva provided the Range Report.
 - a. **New Office for the shooting bays.** There is now a small office at the east end of the shooting bays for use by the clubs during their matches.
 - b. **New shooting benches approved for construction.** Brenda announced that the BOD has approved construction of new steel framed shooting benches. WMSA member Jim Aylor was recognized for his offer to build the benches at no labor cost. The current wooden benches will be replaced as the steel benches are completed at a rate of approximately two (2) per month. The brass plaques on the current benches will be retained for the new benches.
 - c. **Solar at the 50 yd range.** Brenda also recognized WMSA member Doug Hill as having contributed a 120v solar system for the 50 yd range. The system was installed earlier this year and is up and running.
 - d. **Future projects.** Unfortunately, AZGFD has announced it will likely be three (3) years before any further capital improvements are made to Second Knoll Target Range. It is possible that improvements could be financed by WMSA; Brenda has discussed the Phase I plan with AZGFD and was promised email updates as available.
- 8. **New Business.**
 - a. **Special Presentations.** President Brenda Silva acknowledged that the Range could not function without the (approximately) 50 RSOs who regularly volunteer their time. She also announced Exceptional Performance 100 Hour awards to Dee White, Rob Gerner, Rick Meitz, John Kuehn, Don Childers and Fred Parry; notably Fred was recognized for the fourth (4th) year in a row. A photo of the 100 hour recipients was taken for possible publication.

- b. **Bylaw Changes.** Brenda reviewed each proposed change to the WMSA Bylaws as outlined in the Bylaws proposal and gave the general membership the opportunity to comment on each proposed change. There was no discussion. Bill Weldon moved to ratify the changes to the WMSA Bylaws, Fred Parry second. The motion was passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. **Membership Vote to ratify actions of the Board.** Brenda called for a motion to ratify actions of the Board. Bill Weldon moved to ratify the Board's actions for the previous fiscal year, Fred Parry second. The motion was passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - d. Chris Wall was recognized for bringing the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to WMSA. RSVP paid for much of the RSO recognition luncheon. Chris briefly spoke about RSVP and the insurance coverage available to participants while they are volunteering; she also mentioned the importance of volunteers to non-profits like WMSA.
 - e. Dee White mentioned the many comments and compliments she has received regarding the quality of the RSOs working the Range.
 - f. Jeff Wall relayed an incident where an RSO recognized that a group of shooters had not been to the Range in some time and commended the RSO for taking the time to politely brief these shooters on range safety procedures. This is the type of action that makes the Second Knoll Target Range a great place to shoot.
 - g. Susie Underwood displayed a notebook of photos and articles from the development and construction of the Second Knoll target Range.
9. **Motion to Adjourn** by Bill Weldon, second by Dee White. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.