

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting January 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), 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 Linda Gilbertson, Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were also present, as were Board members George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Manny Tavares, Jim Aylor, Jeff Wall and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Mike Melcher, John Kuehn, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Chris Wall, Susan Underwood and Tony Silva were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Brenda Silva led Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Secretary's Report.** President Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting were prepared by Vice President Linda Gilbertson due to Secretary Don Childers' absence; the minutes were subsequently published on the website. A motion to approve the December Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Linda Gilbertson. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher provided the Treasurer's Reports for the calendar month of December 2021.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$626.35, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and one sponsorship; expenses totaled \$2,216.79 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Insurance premiums, Range supplies, RSO CPR training, and the WMSA holiday party. There was a net loss of \$1,590.44 for the month of December and an ending checking account balance of \$92,967.77. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's Report is maintained in the Secretary's files. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Vice President Linda Gilbertson 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: Linda Gilbertson requested reimbursement for Range supplies in the amount of \$65.78. President Brenda Silva requested reimbursement for Range supplies and a membership to the Show Low Senior Center (needed for WMSA to continue using the facility) in the total amount of \$50.88. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Sam Underwood and second by Jeff Wall. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for December totaled 172 with 2 visitors. The Range was closed on Christmas Day and the following Monday due to weather.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership chairman Tony Silva reported that, as of December 31st, there were 395 active memberships; composed of 179 family and 216 individual memberships with 245 dependent members for a total of 640 current WMSA members, including 66 juniors. A copy of the Membership Report was provided to the Secretary following the meeting to be filed in the Secretary's records.

6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Vice President and Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson had nothing to report.

7. **Range Update.** President Brenda Silva reported on the following topics.

- a. Overall, shooter days and range fees are down for December due to poor weather.
- b. Website updates.
 - i. Brenda and Vice President Linda Gilbertson are the only persons authorized to give instructions to Richelle Anderson for modifications/additions to the WMSA website.
 - ii. Following a brief discussion, the Muzzleloader Club info will be removed from the website since they are not meeting.
 - iii. Treasurer Vesta Melcher is coordinating the update of website information on the various Clubs and asked all Club Reps to contact her with changes. Specifically, the Bullseye Club needs a contact name and phone number.
 - iv. George Butcher continues to manage the Baywatch reservation and calendar program.
 - v. A comment about special interest shooting groups and formation of new clubs will be added to the website.
- c. **Sledders.** Brenda related an episode of persons parking outside the Range gate and climbing the fence to gain access to the Range for sledding on the snow. Obviously, this is inappropriate and the persons involved were asked to leave.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **AZGFD Grant proposal for caretaker pad and multi-purpose building progress.**

President Brenda Silva reported on a conversation with Matt Schwarzkopf at AZGFD regarding funds available for grants to ranges; there is a total of \$100,000 available in Matt's area and he already has requests in excess of that amount. The AZGFD estimate for work at 2nd Knoll to construct the caretaker's pad and complete other State required infrastructure and engineering is \$247,000, not including the proposed building. Discussion: Board members clarified that all the ranges are competing for a share of the available \$100,000. The Board consensus is to not submit a grant request this year.

 - i. **Motion** by Jeff wall to establish a planning committee to set priorities for improvements at 2nd Knoll. Sam Underwood second. Volunteers for the committee are Jeff Wall, Sam Underwood and George Butcher. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - ii. Brenda asked the new committee to develop a survey to determine the priorities of the WMSA general membership.
 - iii. **Discussion:** The original phase plan for the Range was developed six or seven years ago at a time when AZGFD was willing spend more money on shooting

ranges in the State; since that time the funding rules have changed and the original Phase Plan for 2nd Knoll is no longer applicable. Concern was expressed that elimination of the caretaker's pad could raise security issues with the AZGFD.

iv. Motion by Vice President Linda Gilbertson to cancel the grant application currently being prepared for this year (caretaker's pad and multi-purpose building) and possibly re-submit earlier in the grant review process for next year. George Butcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

v. Discussion: The requested amount/improvements in future grant applications should be dependent on recommendations of the new committee; possibly focused on smaller amounts aimed at maintaining our current facility.

vi. Linda reminded the Board that WMSA has a grant request pending with NRA for funds to repair the damage done by last summer's storms.

b. First Aid/CPR status update: Twenty-one RSOs attended the training. Two additional classes will be scheduled for late spring, probably the May 2022 time frame.

c. On-Line RSO sign-up and schedule now active thanks to Ted Lane. The system is up and running, though some RSOs are still reporting difficulties.

9. New Business.

a. White Mountain Bullseye Shooters Board Representative. Mike Melcher was selected by the Bullseye Shooters as their new representative to the Board of Directors. Sam Underwood moved to approve selection and Vice President Linda Gilbertson second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

b. Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) junior program start-up. Brian Moffatt is considering merging the Young Guns program into the SASP. The SASP is a growing organization and President Brenda Silva recommends Board members review the website with the goal of starting with SASP in May 2022; both Brian and Brenda will act as coaches under the SASP auspices.

c. Volker Lindenstrauss has resigned as RSO, he will be leaving the United States to reside permanently in Europe – he will be missed.

d. Condolences to Dan Fondren in the recent loss of his wife.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Vice President Linda Gilbertson to adjourn and second by Sam Underwood at 7:00 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

11. Addendum. Jeff Wall submitted a written statement regarding the priority of improvements to Second Knoll Target Range that was not read at the meeting but will be included with the Secretary's permanent record at his request.

