

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting February 9, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 12), 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, and Secretary Don Childers were also present, as were Board members George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt, Manny Tavares, Jim Aylor, Jeff Wall and Sam Underwood. WMSA members John Kuehn, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Charles DeSalme, Chris Wall, Clay Howard 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 January 12, 2022 Board Meeting were published on the website. A motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Manny Tavares. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vice President Linda Gilbertson reviewed the January Treasurer's Report in Vesta Melcher's absence.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,596.03, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and one sponsorship; expenses totaled \$599.33 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Insurance premiums, Range supplies, postage and Senior Center membership. There was a net gain of \$996.70 for the month of January and an ending checking account balance of \$93,964.47. 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 Jeff Wall and second by Sam Underwood. The motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members: Linda Gilbertson requested reimbursement for Range supplies in the amount of \$28.17. President Brenda Silva requested reimbursement for purchase of a small space heater for the Range office in the amount of \$60.00 and Tony Silva requested reimbursement for postage and envelopes in the amount of \$70.63. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Sam Underwood and second by George Butcher. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - c. Monthly Shooter Days for January totaled 315 with no visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership chairman Tony Silva reported that, as of January 31st, there were 406 active memberships; composed of 187 family and 219 individual memberships with 263 dependent members for a total of 669 current WMSA members, including 78 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.**

- a. Vice President and Publicity Secretary Linda Gilbertson noted that a request for a volunteer to help writing press releases has been posted on the website.
- b. Linda recommends purchase of a half page ad in the April issue of Maverick Magazine at the non-profit organization price of \$150. Linda will prepare an article to accompany the ad. Manny Tavares moved to approve expenditure of the cost and Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

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

- a. A meeting with AZGFD, was cancelled. The meeting was originally requested by Matt Schwarzkopf to discuss the original 2024 deadline for completion of the Range buildout per the AZGFD Special Use Agreement with USFS. The meeting has not yet been rescheduled. WMSA's agreement with AZGFD to manage the Range expires May 31, 2027
- b. Five RSO volunteers are scheduled for initial training on February 10, 2022.
- c. An electric heater with limited output consistent with the capability of the solar system at the Main Range was purchased for use in the office. Board has approved reimbursement of this expenditure.

**8. Old Business.**

- a. **Committee for Range Priorities.** The Committee sent President Brenda Silva received a draft letter, intended to solicit suggestions from the general membership, instead of the anticipated membership survey.
  - i. Jeff Wall reviewed the draft letter for the Board members and discussed the consensus of the Committee that a better result would be achieved with general guidance from the committee and suggestions from the membership. The Committee is continuing to work on this issue.
  - ii. Brenda discussed holding the draft letter until she receives specific guidance from AZGFD. Discussion ensued on the cost of improvements suggested by the committee.
  - iii. Jeff Wall moved to table the proposed membership survey until AZGFD clarifies the pending improvements or any limitations on WMSA funded improvements. George Butcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- b. **Waddles Update.** George Butcher presented the results of his extensive research into mitigation of the erosion problem with the berms at the Range and provided the Board

with a written report on the same. George's research indicates a three pronged approach to erosion control consisting of 1) hydro-seeding the cleaned and groomed berms, 2) installation of "erosion control blankets" and 3) placement of waddle along the bottom of the berms. The estimated cost would be approximately \$4,600 plus the cost of "tractor work" to reshape the berms.

- i. Brenda advised that Matt Schwarzkopf has previously approved the placement of waddle to control erosion and would likely support the hydro-seeding and erosion control blankets.
  - ii. The company advocating hydro-seeding recommends its application in April to optimize the chances of success.
  - iii. Discussion: Is the seed mix for the hydro seeding indigenous to this area? Additionally, none of the estimates includes the cost of labor to set the waddle and blanket.
  - iv. Brenda will discuss the project with Matt Schwarzkopf and coordinate with Rawlings Construction. The target date is April 2022.
  - v. Jeff Wall moved to approve George's recommendation and expenditure of \$4,600 to apply the hydro-seed and install the erosion control blankets subject to AZGFD approval. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - vi. A copy of the written report will be maintained in the Secretary's permanent files with thanks to George for his excellent work.
- c. **Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) junior program start-up.** This issue will be deferred for discussion/action until next month. The goal is to start the program in May 2022; more volunteers will be needed as well as an additional participation day every month.
- d. **Dwight Yochem's Rifles – donation of a second rifle: .22 CZ benchrest rifle.** Discussion on an email donation lottery for Dwight's benchrest rifles – highest donation offer gets the gun(s).
- i. Additional discussion on who would get the opportunity to bid on the guns; WMSA only or other interested parties.
  - ii. George Butcher moves to offer to WMSA only, then open to others if there is insufficient response from WMSA membership. Brian Moffatt second. Motion passed by voice vote with one opposed.
  - iii. Jeff Wall requests roll call vote: voice vote confirmed with eight (8) YES, one (1) NO and one (1) ABSTENTION.

## 9. New Business

- a. **Range clean-up, minor tractor work.** President Brenda Silva will talk to Matt Schwarzkopf about cleaning up Bay 1 to return it to use. This will require a volunteer with a tractor to move dirt, but keep it in the bay.

- b. **AR-15 Class – Jeff Wall.** The Masonic Lodge has agreed to the use of their building for the class, date would likely be in May 2022, the cost would be \$15-\$20 and open to the general public.
  - c. **July 4<sup>th</sup> RSO Appreciation and Naming 100 yd Range in Seth Nadel’s Honor.** July 4<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Seth’s passing; the event would possibly open the bays to WMSA members for shooting with Linda Gilbertson donating the ammunition.
    - i. Logistics of the event will need to be worked out, including RSOs for each bay.
    - ii. July 4, 2022 is on a Monday, discussion on whether to close the Range to the public on that day.
    - iii. The issue is deferred until next month for additional planning.
  - d. **WMSA Board Calendar.** Brenda has published a BOD calendar to help keep track of events for 2022. At Large Board Members to be elected this year, Brenda is requesting assistance with the election.
  - e. **Non-Agenda Item: Additional Steel Targets for positions 18 and 19.** Discussion about obtaining two additional steel targets and stands for shooting positions 18 and 19. This seems to be a very popular activity and more steel targets would enable more shooters to participate. There are additional steel targets in the 40’ connex. No further action on this issue.
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Jeff Wall to adjourn at 7:37 PM, Vice President Linda Gilbertson second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.