

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

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (11 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, Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were also present, as were Board members George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Mike Melcher, Brian Moffatt, Manny Tavares, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members John Kuehn, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Chris Wall, Clay Howard, Sheila Moffatt, Susan Underwood and Tony Silva were present, as was Matt Schwartzkopf from AZGFD.
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 February 9, 2022 Board Meeting were published on the website. A motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes was made by Vice-President Linda Gilbertson and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Treasurer Vesta Melcher reviewed the February Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,776.86, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and the sale of donated brass; expenses totaled \$795.22 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, printing, Range supplies, and return of a new membership overcharge. There was a net gain of \$981.64 for the month of February and an ending checking account balance of \$94,946.11. 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 Manny Tavares and second by Sam Underwood. The motion passed by voice vote with none opposed. A copy of the Treasurer's report will be maintained in the Secretary's records.
 - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members; Tony Sanchez requested reimbursement for target frame materials in the amount of \$54.09 and George Butcher requested reimbursement for purchase of a shelving unit in the amount of \$367.58. **Discussion on the shelving expenditure:** shelves are to be used to store targets and equipment by WMSA Clubs (Cowboys, Defensive Pistol League and Young Guns) and will aid in organizing the storage in the connex. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Vice-President Linda Gilbertson and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for February totaled 145 with no visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership chairman Tony Silva reported that, as of March 9th, there were 427 active memberships; composed of 195 family and 232 individual memberships with 271 dependent members for a total of 698 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.** Vice-President Linda Gilbertson reports that the article in the Maverick Magazine has been submitted with photos. Linda is currently waiting for a proof of the accompanying ad (approved at the last BOD meeting) that will appear with the article in the April issue.
7. **Range Update.** President Brenda Silva ceded the floor to Matt Schwartzkopf who reported on the following topics.
 - a. **Meeting with new USFS Recreational Officer for the White Mountains.** Matt and Brenda met with the new Recreational Officer to show her around the Range. This meeting included a discussion on the original USFS Special Use Permit (SUP) which allows use of the Range for 20 years as well as the Site Plan which requires completion of the Range "build out" within 10 years – by 2024. Matt has coordinated with USFS to extend the build out time for an additional 10 years, to 2034. The delay is due to a change in the fund's allocation process at AZGFD and the need to accommodate more pressing expenditures at other ranges across the State. **Discussion on how funds are allocated:** Matt submits an annual proposal to the AZGFD Executive Staff who decides on the prioritization of capital improvements at the various State ranges according to the AZGFD "prioritization matrix."
 - b. **Night Shoot Approval Procedures.** Currently USFS must approve night shoot requests, primarily by Law Enforcement Agencies. Given the pending closure of the Show Low Police Range for renovation, Matt is working to get night shoot approval delegated to the AZGFD.
 - c. **Bay clean-up by Rawlings Specialty Contracting.** Work will likely start the week of March 14th and will take about two days – Rawlings will coordinate with Brenda prior to starting work. Brenda also reviewed the terms of the work to be done. **Discussion** whether it would be advantageous to have additional work done on the other bays while Rawlings has the equipment on site. Additionally, there was a suggestion that another contract be considered with Rawlings to rehab the other berms. Sam Underwood moved to authorize up to, but not exceeding, an additional \$3,000 to rehab the other bays to their original footprint at Brenda's discretion should Rawlings agree to do that work. Mike Melcher second. Vote by show of hands, seven (7) in favor and three (3) opposed. Motion passed.
8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Waddles, Erosion Control and Hydroseeding.** George Butcher provided a schedule of hydroseeding mix that was approved by the USFS for another job. **Discussion:** Hydro seeding must be done before the erosion control blanket or waddles are installed. Recommendation to coordinate between erosion control company and Rawlings before working on the berms.
- b. **Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) junior program start-up.** Brian Moffatt reported that the full-on integration of Young Guns into the SASP program is on hold for the time being. His objective is to introduce the use of steel targets and build a program based on the clubs currently active at the Range (i.e., Cowboys, WMPS. Mountain Riflemen, etc.); partly to accommodate parents/guardians transportation and other issues, but also to introduce young shooters to a more active shooting style. Some additional investment in steel targets and other equipment may be required. Matt Schwarzkopf mentioned that he may be able to provide some steel targets and/or blank steel plate for Young Guns. Additional discussion regarding possible program funding– Brian will coordinate with Matt directly.
- c. **Dwight Yochem’s Rifles – second donation made for .22 CZ benchrest rifle and flyers updated.** President Brenda Silva reported that Jim Aylor estimated the value of the centerfire rifle (30 BR caliber) at approximately \$1,400 including the scope and the rimfire at approximately \$900 with scope. **Discussion:** Suggestion that a minimum bid for the centerfire be placed at \$1,000 and \$800 for the rimfire. Matt agreed to post flyers for the rifles at the next Phoenix benchrest match.
- d. **Three letters needed for NRA Grant.** The application for a \$5,500 NRA Grant to repair the berm in Bay One is proceeding – three letters from supporting organizations were requested by the NRA; letters have been provided by Young Guns and White Mountain Practical Shooters – the Lions Club has also promised to provide a letter.
- e. **Additional Steel Targets at the Range.** Greg McMillan has donated a new steel target to the Range- albeit a thicker, heavier one than we currently have. Brenda has requested a volunteer to coordinate acquisition of mounting hardware – Charles DeSalme volunteered. Discussion about the popularity of the steel target at position 20 and the occasional waiting line to shoot the steel target. Sam Underwood moved to approve expenditure of up to \$100 for materials to mount the new target at position 19. Mike Melcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed. Charles will use materials he has on hand to construct a test stand and if successful will purchase materials for a permanent steel target stand IAW Sam’s motion.

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- a. **Shoot the Deuce – August 6, 2022, Lions Club Fundraiser.** This date is available for the activity; Young Guns will participate. Discussion on reduced participant Range fees for that date. Sam Underwood moves to set Range fees for participants at \$2, Mike Melcher second. Motion passes by voice vote, none opposed.
- b. **AR-15 Class – Jeff Wall.** The class will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Vice President Linda Gilbertson will place a notice in the White Mountain Independent.

- c. **July 4th WMSA Member Appreciation and Naming 100 yd Range in Seth Nadel's Honor.** This will be a Celebration of Life for Seth and a BBQ; hours from 10:00 to 2:00. All four bays will be used and the Bays Office will have displays honoring Seth. BOD is considering closing the Range to the public that day (Monday)
 - d. **AZGFD Law Enforcement (LE) Qualifications set for April and October.** The AZGFD LE will use the 50 yd Range primarily and during the week. No RSO needed, but WMSA RSOs should be notified to avoid conflict when the AZGFD LE qualifications are scheduled.
 - e. **US Fish and Wildlife Services qualifications set for April with probable night shoot.**
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Jeff Wall to adjourn at 7:17 PM, Mike Melcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.