

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting April 13, 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 Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Mike Melcher, Brian Moffatt, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members John Kuehn, Deborah Childers, Judy Sanchez, Tony Sanchez, Fred Bridges, Charles DeSalme, Chris Wall, Clay Howard, Susan Underwood, Tony Silva and Jeff Pferdeort were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Brenda Silva led Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Secretary's Report.** Brenda Silva noted that the Minutes from the March 9, 2022 Board Meeting were published on the website. A motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Mike Melcher. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the March Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,313.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and the sale of donated items as well as an unsolicited donation from Alpha Bravo Acquisitions; expenses totaled \$6,349.44 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Range Supplies and repair of shooting Bay 1. There was a net loss of \$4,036.44 for the month of March and an ending checking account balance of \$90,909.67. 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 Sam Underwood and second by Linda Gilbertson. Discussion: Vesta reported that Larson Waste has notified WMSA of a 4% fee increase plus a 7% fuel charge beginning in April. Discussion ensued on how often the dumpsters are emptied and how often garbage removal is needed based on accumulation at the range. No further action taken at this time. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members; Brenda Silva requested reimbursement for printing, paint and key duplication for the Range in the total amount of \$23.70 and Linda Gilbertson requested reimbursement for the cost of an ad in the White Mountain Independent in the amount of \$99.51. Additionally, Tony Silva was reimbursed \$109.52 and Tony Sanchez was reimbursed \$54.90 for target frame materials, but the total amount was reimbursed to WMSA from AZGFD. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Sam Underwood and second by Mike Melcher. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for March totaled 368 with four (4) visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership chairman Tony Silva reported that, as of March 31st, there were 444 active memberships; composed of 205 family and 239 individual memberships with

290 dependent members for a total of 734 current WMSA members, including 87 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.** Linda Gilbertson

- a. **Maverick Magazine Article.** The WMSA article discussed at the March meeting has not yet been published, but will appear in the April issue.
- b. **Update on White Mountain Independent (WMI).** Although a short item reporting the award of the NRA grant for Range repairs appeared in the WMI, the press release provided by the NRA Foundation as a condition of the award was not printed. A written response from the WMI regarding this issue promised to run the press release in its entirety in a future edition of the paper.
- c. **The notice regarding the upcoming AR maintenance class** did appear in the WMI and will be re-run as the date for the class approaches.

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

- a. **The repairs to shooting Bay 1** have been completed and Rawlings Construction also completed additional work to the other Bays to return the "footprints" to the original specifications.
- b. **There are two steel targets on the Public Range**, at positions 19 and 20, thanks to Charles DeSalme.
- c. **RSO First Aid Classes.** Available on Thursday, May 26th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Friday, June 3rd, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting or RSOs may email Brenda to sign up.
- d. **Two new RSOs** were trained on April 11th.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Waddles, Erosion Control and Hydroseeding.** George Butcher and Brenda Silva are working to identify the approved hydroseeding mix, once identified volunteers will be needed to clean up the edges of the berms. Once the hydroseed takes root, additional volunteers to assist with placing the erosion control blankets (ECB). Robert Johnson moved to approve \$6,500 place the ECB. Brian Moffatt second. After discussion on the estimated cost of renting the necessary equipment to place the ECB, Jeff Wall moved to amend the motion to approve up to \$8,000 for the project and Brian Moffatt second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
- b. **Dwight's Rifles Auction** in progress, closes April 15th. There is a single bid for each rifle at the approved reserves of \$1,000 for the centerfire and \$800 for the rimfire.
- c. **Grant from NRA Foundation** of \$2,000 toward the \$5,500 needed to repair the berms in Bay 1. Receipt of the funds will be reflected in the April Treasurer's report.

9. **New Business**

- a. **Shoot the Deuce – August 6, 2022, Lions Club Fundraiser.** Brenda Silva asked for volunteers to coordinate this activity.
- b. **AR-15 Class – Jeff Wall.** There are 14 attendees signed up as of this date, including a couple and several new AR owners. Flyers advertising the class were available at the meeting.
- c. **July 4th WMSA Member Appreciation , volunteers needed.** Linda Gilbertson, Jeff and Chris Wall, Vesta Melcher, Sam Underwood and Brenda Silva all volunteered for this committee.
- d. **PSA Information.** Vesta Melcher reported on WWII vet Ernie Andrus' (age 98) efforts to raise funds to return a WWII Navy LST (Landing Ship Tank) to Normandy, France for a future D-Day anniversary by running from coast to coast in the US. Although an earlier effort in 2014 did not succeed in raising sufficient funds, Ernie's friend, John Martin, is running in his place and will run in Show Low on April 21st.
- e. **New Shooting Stools – information emailed.** Information on new Public Range shooting stools was emailed to BOD members prior to the meeting, since then, Brenda has communicated with the manufacturer and secured a reduced price of \$81.69 each for a total of \$2,002.80 including tax and shipping. Discussion on purchase of these stools included considerations for keeping them outside and undercover, the seat material and its life expectancy and the purchase of additional "glides" for the stool's feet. George Butcher moves to purchase the new shooting stools at the price quoted, Mike Melcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.
- f. **Dueling Tree Rimfire Target for Young Guns.** Brian Moffett requested the purchase of two rimfire dueling tree targets for the Young Guns at a cost of \$465.16, including tax and shipping. Discussion centered on alternative supplier that could provide the targets at a lower price. Linda Gilbertson may have targets that could be used. No further action taken at this time.
- g. **Annual Review of Bylaws and (Range) Policies, suggested changes emailed.** Don Childers reported on needed and requested changes to Range Policies and WMSA Bylaws. Discussion centered on suggestion to discharge all black powder firearms prior to confirming the line safe for a CEASE FIRE and a change in Range Policy to specifically permit the use of shotguns on the Public Range. A vote by show of hands resulted in eight votes in favor of retaining the current language with regard to black powder firearms being made safe prior to a CEASE FIRE. Brenda Silva asked that Don work on alternate language regarding use of shotguns on the Range so the Board can vote at the next meeting.
- h. **CSRO Position.** Brenda Silva asked for a volunteer to assume the CSRO position as an officer on the BOD IAW the WMSA Bylaws. No one volunteered. Consideration will be given to separating the current CSRO duties to be performed by more than one person. No further action taken at this time.
- i. **Member at Large (MAL) process (Bylaws) needs a Board Member or committee to manage.** Brenda Silva outlined the Bylaws requirements for electing MALs. There are currently 649 countable members (individual memberships, family memberships counted at two each and excluding minors) which amounts to four (4) MALs – one (1)

for each 200 members or portion thereof. Brenda asked for volunteers to manage the MAL nomination and election process. Mike and Vesta Melcher agreed to coordinate the process. Brenda reviewed the tasks to be completed and deadlines.

- i. Solicit interest and candidates from general membership via email and mailings by the end of April
 - ii. Provide voting method via WMSA website before the end of May.
 - iii. Tabulate votes and name Member at Large by the end of June.
 - iv. BOD solicits candidates for Officer positions then votes by the end of June.
 - v. Board members and Officers installed at Board/Annual Meeting in July.
- j. **President has scheduling conflicts with Paralympics Team events.** Brenda Silva explained that she would be out of town with the Paralympics at the next two BOD meetings (May and June) and suggested that the May meeting be moved to Tuesday, May 3rd and that Vice President Linda Gilbertson chair the June meeting on the regularly scheduled date. George Butcher moved to approve Brenda's suggestions and Linda Gilbertson second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed
- k. **Annual Board Meeting scheduled for July 15, 2022 – consider July 22, 2022.** Brenda reminded the Board that the monthly BOD meeting and the Annual General Membership meeting will be combined into a single meeting this year IAW the vote of the Board last year. Sam Underwood moved to hold the combined meeting on July 22, 2022 and Linda Gilbertson second. Vote by show of hands, nine (9) in favor, motion passed.
- l. **Non Agenda Item:** Brenda Silva reported that an RSO appreciation event is being considered for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the House. Preliminary details include a yet to be determined cost for rental of the venue and \$20 per RSO for food. Guests and drinks would be at RSO expense. More details to follow.
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Jeff Wall to adjourn at 7:36 PM, Linda Gilbertson second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

Addendum: Long time WMSA member and supporter, JoAnn Weldon passed away on April 14th. Bill Weldon has asked that a Celebration of Life for JoAnn be conducted at the 50 yd Range (aka the "Bill and JoAnn Weldon 50 yd Range" by previous BOD vote) on June 3rd for family and friends. Brenda Silva, by email to Board Members on April 18th asked for a motion and vote to affirm this request. Mike Melcher moved to approve the use of the **Bill and JoAnn Weldon 50 yd Range** as requested, Vice President Linda Gilbertson second. Email from eight (8) BOD members approving the use of the Range were received; the motion passed.

Addendum: Via email to Board members on April 21st, Brenda Silva reported the details of a planned RSO appreciation event at The House in Show Low on May 18th. Brenda asked for motion to approve funds for the event and a vote by email. Vesta Melcher moved to approve up to \$1,000 to cover the rental cost of the "Patio" area at the house and up to \$25 per attending RSO at this event. Don Childers second. Guests of RSOs are welcome, but will be at the expense of the RSO attending. The RSVP program

will cover the cost of RSVP volunteers. By email vote, seven (7) of 12 board members voted in the affirmative via email; the motion passed.