

## **Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting May 3, 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, Robert Johnson, Mike Melcher, Brian Moffatt, Manny Tavares, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members John Kuehn, Sheila Moffatt, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Chris Wall and Susan Underwood, were present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** Brenda Silva led Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Board Meeting were emailed to the Board for review. A motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Robert Johnson. 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 \$4,281.42, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, commercial use of the Range and proceeds from the sale of one of Dwight Yochem's benchrest rifles as well as reimbursement for targets from the AZGFD and receipt of Grant funds from the NRA; expenses totaled \$697.84 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, printing, Range Supplies and a fee for an article regarding the NRA Grant in the White Mountain Independent (WMI.) There was a net gain of \$3,583.58 for the month of April and an ending checking account balance of \$94,493.25. 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 to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - b.** Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members; Linda Gilbertson requested reimbursement for the cost Range supplies in the amount of \$50.96 and Jeff Wall requested reimbursement in the amount of \$18.98 for printing flyers advertising the AR class. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Sam Underwood and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and one abstention.
  - c.** Monthly Shooter Days for March totaled 360 (including USFS LE firearms qualification conducted during the month) with 13 visitors.
- 5. Membership Report.** Membership Report was provided by Brenda Silva in Tony Silva's absence; as of May 3, 2022, there were 467 active memberships; composed of 215 family and 253 individual memberships with 300 dependent members for a total of 767 current WMSA members, including 88 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 it should be out the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b. **The Adopt a Highway cleanup** is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our stretch of US 60 is from MP 345 to MP 346. Sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

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

- a. **Bays groomed and waiting on Matt for go ahead on hydroseed.** Jim Aylor, George Butcher, John Kuehn and Robert Johnson worked smoothing out the berms in preparation for hydroseeding and erosion control blankets. **Discussion** on the response time for the hydroseeding contractor, once approval of seed mix comes from AZGFD; consideration should be given to waiting until summer monsoon season before seeding.
- b. **AZGFD Range Development will work on drainage ponds and berm roads within three weeks.** Heavy equipment has been delivered to the Range and the work should be completed by the end of May.
- c. **RSO First Aid Classes for May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Thursday) and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Friday.)** The training is still scheduled, but may be cancelled if enough RSOs do not sign up.

**8. Old Business.**

- a. **Waddles, Erosion Control and Hydroseeding on hold.** Nothing new, awaiting AZGFD decision.
- b. **Dwight's Rifles** auction successful, both rifles sold for total of \$1,800.

**9. New Business**

- a. **Shoot the Deuce, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Lions Club Fundraiser** – Lions Club representative, Phyllis Clark, will be at the next meeting.
- b. **AR-15 Class – May 14<sup>th</sup> Jeff Wall.** There are 20 attendees signed up as of this date, a notice will appear in next week's WMI.
- c. **July 4, 2022 - WMSA Member Appreciation – Postpone?** Celebration of Life for Seth Nadel is postponed until November 7<sup>th</sup>, details to follow at a later date.
- d. **New Shooting Stools Ordered and in Transit.** The stools should be delivered to Mike and Vesta Melcher's home and will be assembled by Mike, Howard Logsdon and Tony Sanchez.
- e. **Annual Review of Bylaws and (Range) Policies, suggested changes emailed.**
  - i. Don Childers reported on the changes in wording suggested by BOD members for the Shotgun Policy as well as elimination of the language on the empty chamber requirement for black powder firearms prior to Cease Fire. Language emailed to BOD for review.

- ii. **Discussion:** Should shotguns be allowed on the Public Range: the consensus of BOD Members is that shotguns **SHOULD** be allowed with limitations. Suggestion that page numbers be added to the Range Policies.
  - iii. Motion by Mike Melcher to approve all changes to Range Policies with latest language. Second by Robert Johnson. Vote by show of hands; six (6) in favor and three (3) opposed, the motion passed.
  - iv. **Discussion:** Should the Bylaws be changed to give the President an annual budget as suggested last year. What would be the amount and would the authorization be for a month or for a fiscal year. Brenda Silva does not feel a budget is necessary. The consensus of the Board is that no action is needed on this issue.
- f. **Member at Large (MAL) process (Bylaws) needs a Board Member or committee to manage.** Mike and Vesta Melcher are coordinating the process. Brenda reviewed the tasks to be completed, deadlines and status.
- i. **Solicit interest and candidates from general membership via email blast and mailings by the end of April** – This is complete, including 31 notices sent by USPS.
  - ii. **Provide voting method for membership via WMSA website before the end of May.** Richelle Anderson has obtained a “plug-in” for the website that will allow on-line voting by the members. Additionally, the 31 members without email will need to vote by mail.
  - iii. **Tabulate votes and name Members at Large by the end of June.**
  - iv. **Board solicits candidates for Officer positions then votes by the end of June.**
  - v. **Board members and Officers installed at Board/Annual Meeting in July.**
- g. **Annual Board Meeting scheduled for July 22, 2022.** The board meeting will begin at 5:00 PM and the General Membership Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.
- h. **RSO Appreciation:** Brenda Silva reminded everyone of the event on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the House in Show Low, following the Adopt a Highway clean-up. Sign up, contact Brenda Silva by May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- i. **Non-Agenda Item:** Red light or flag at the Range, activated during cease fire periods, to provide a visual indication of the Range status. Discussion about multiple different colored lights to indicate Active Fire or Cease Fire condition. Comments about possible confusion with a light or flag to indicate a Cease Fire condition where many (mostly military) ranges have a light or flag to indicate an active fire condition. The matter will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting and the RSO Appreciation event. Jim Aylor volunteered to research the cost and prepare a recommendation.
10. . **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood to adjourn at 6:48 PM, Jeff Wall second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.