

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting June 8, 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 Vice President, Linda Gilbertson at 6:00 PM. Treasurer Vesta Melcher and Secretary Don Childers were also present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Mike Melcher, Brian Moffatt, Manny Tavares, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members John Kuehn, Deborah Childers, Clay Howard, Paul Clark, Sheila Moffatt, Charles DeSalme, Jeff Pferdeort, Fred Bridges, Richard Smith, Bill Weldon and Tony Silva were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Linda Gilbertson led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the May 3, 2022 Board Meeting were emailed to the BOD for review and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Manny Tavares. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the May Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,977.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, commercial use of the Range, including the AR-15 Class, and proceeds from the sale of one of Dwight Yochem's benchrest rifles; expenses totaled \$3,279.26 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, RSO Appreciation Luncheon at the House in Show Low, costs for the AR-15 class and purchase of new shooter stools for the Public Range. There was a net loss of \$302.26 for the month of May and an ending checking account balance of \$94,190.99. 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 Mike Melcher. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.
 - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members; Brenda Silva requested reimbursement for the cost Range supplies and RSO badges in the total amount of \$45.38 and Tony Silva requested reimbursement in the amount of \$182.00 for postage stamps. A motion to approve payment of outstanding reimbursement requests was made by Manny Tavares and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for May totaled 388 with 13 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of June 8, 2022, there were 486 active memberships; composed of 218 family and 268 individual memberships with 301 dependent members for a total of 787 current WMSA members, including 85 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 has been published in the May issue.
- b. **The Adopt a Highway cleanup.** Thanks to all that participated; ADOT picked up the bags the same day, including the mattress and auto hood cleaned up from FR 206 and left by the side of SR 60 with the blue garbage bags.
- c. **Non-Agenda Item.** Arizona Gives is an internet based public donation emphasis in April of each year that solicits contributions to 501.c.3 organizations statewide. Linda will work on getting WMSA included in the 2023 event.

7. **Range Update.** Linda Gilbertson reported on the following topics.

- a. **Bays groomed and waiting on Matt Schwartzkopf for go ahead on hydroseed.** Nothing new to report, still waiting on AZGFD to approve seed mix for hydroseeding.
- b. **AZGFD Range Development worked on Range drainage ponds improving drainage, fixing damage and changing drainage on top of the pit. No charge to WMSA on this so many thanks to AZGFD.** Work has been completed; cleaned out collection ponds and re-established inspection roads at top of berms. Some heavy equipment remains at the Range awaiting removal by AZGFD.
- c. **RSO First Aid Classes for May 26th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Thursday) and June 3rd, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Friday.)** A total of seven (7) RSOs received training in First Aid and use of the portable AED.
- d. **New stools on the Range.** The recently purchased shooter stools for the Public Range are in place and have been well received by shooters.
- e. **Additional Discussion:**
 - i. New Range Policies approved by the BOD in May are now in the Policies Notebook at the Range.
 - ii. ANY marijuana use, whether “medical” or not, is a disqualifying factor in purchasing a firearm and certification as a WMSA RSO.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Shoot the Deuce, August 6th, Lions Club Fundraiser – Lions Club representative, Phyllis Clark,** Paul Clark spoke briefly about the Lions Club and their mission to provide underprivileged children with eyeglasses. Shoot the Deuce is the Show Low Lions Club’s primary fundraiser for the year. Participants and volunteers are welcome; the competition is limited to .22 caliber firearms with iron sights or optics and steel targets. Paul provided flyers for the event.
- b. **AR 15 Class – May 14 Recap and Possible AR Marksmanship Class (Jeff Wall).** This class was very well received and attended. There were suggestions for follow up classes in AR specific marksmanship and an AR class specifically tailored to women – Jeff is working on lesson plans for these classes. The spiral bound handout at the May 14th class was a definite benefit, but will likely raise the cost of the next class.
- c. **RSO Appreciation was a success, thanks to RSVP (Chris Wall) and The House.**

- d. **Member at Large (MAL) process (Bylaws) needs a Board Member or committee to manage.** (Status update)
 - i. **Solicit interest and candidates from general membership via email blast and mailings by the end of April** – Completed
 - ii. **Provide voting method for membership via WMSA website before the end of May** - Completed
 - iii. **Tabulate votes and name Members at Large by the end of June** - No results available as of this meeting.
 - 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.**

9. New Business

- a. **Reminder - Annual Board Meeting scheduled for July 22, 2022.**This is a Friday; the BOD only meeting will begin at 5:00 PM and the General Membership Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.
- b. **Old “Build a Bench” table plaques display.** Jim Aylor is working on a “metal backboard” display for all the original donor plaques. More information to follow.
- c. **Possible display of Red/Green/Yellow lights on the Range (Jim Aylor)** Jim reported that his research into lights used on ranges around the country revealed that most ranges (15 of 17 where information was available), that use lights, have a red light for a cold (cease fire condition) range. Cost to add lights at Second Knoll would be about \$70 per light plus wiring and installation. Discussion: Where to place the lights was discussed as well as whether lights are needed at all given the PA system currently in use and the expectation that RSOs will pay specific attention to shooters downrange during the Cease Fire condition. Linda Gilbertson and Jim Aylor will discuss the issue to determine the need for additional action.
- d. **Hearing Protection (Jeff Wall)**
 - i. Jeff reminded the Board that hearing loss is a combination of intensity and duration of loud noise. Additionally, the cover on the Public Range tends to contain the noise and increases both intensity and duration of potentially damaging noise from firearm discharge. Jeff has used and is favorably impressed with his passive ear protection sold by “Ear Inc.” Ear Inc has an Arizona based representative that is willing to come to Show Low and individually fit anyone who wants a set, the cost is \$65/pair. NRR is between 25 and 30 decibels.
 - ii. ***Jeff moved to have WMSA buy a set of Ear Inc earplugs for all RSOs; estimated total cost of \$3,000. Vesta Melcher seconds.***
 - iii. Discussion centered on benefit to RSOs to be used under any electronic ear protection currently used. Additionally, once scheduled, the Ear Inc rep could provide ear plugs to WMSA member and possible even the public who are

willing to purchase the ear plugs themselves. Consideration of an email blast to all RSOs and/or a notice on the website. Jeff Wall will coordinate a date for the fittings, though not at the Range. **Vote by show of hands, 11 in favor and none opposed. Motion passed**

e. Donations for Brass – Discussion WMSA members only (eligible to receive brass from the Range) and suggested donation amount. (George Butcher).

i. Linda Gilbertson announced that Texas Metals (Mike) has offered \$2/pound for expended brass from the Range. Linda Gilbertson asks for volunteer to coordinate delivery of scrap brass to them – Mike Melcher volunteers.

ii. No action/discussion on limiting distribution of expended brass to WMSA members or for setting a suggested donation for brass.

f. Outside Youth Groups Wanting to Shoot – Propose range rental \$40 and \$5 (or \$8) for shooters 16 and older. Justification; we are supplying targets, RSO time and our supplies.

i. LDS youth group from Texas, with 25 shooters, will be shooting on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 AM.

ii. Three RSOs will be at the Range to supervise the group; Don Childers, Brian Moffatt and Tom McAdams.

iii. Sam Underwood moves to reduce the per shooter fee to \$5 for shooters 16 and above. Mike Melcher seconds. Motion passes by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.

10. . Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Manny Tavares and second by Sam Underwood to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.