

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting July 22, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** The first Board meeting following the annual elections was conducted immediately prior to the 2022 Annual meeting. A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 11), the July 2022 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Brenda Silva at 5:00 PM. Vice President Linda Gilbertson, Secretary Don Childers and Chief RSO John Kuehn were also present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, , Brian Moffatt, and Sam Underwood. WMSA members, Deborha Childers, Clay Howard, Sheila Moffatt, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Jeff Pferdeort, Bill Weldon, Jeff Wall, Chris Wall and Fred Bridges were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Brenda Silva led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the June 8, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Linda Gilbertson. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Linda Gilbertson reviewed the June Treasurer's Report for the Board.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$9,652.01, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, commercial use of the Range, a donation from John Blackman and proceeds from the sale of Second Knoll Target Range towels and shirts; expenses totaled \$1,872.15 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Range supplies, CPR Training and an article in the Maverick Magazine. There was a net gain of \$7,779.86 for the month of June and an ending checking account balance of \$101,970.85. 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 Jim Aylor. Discussion: Waste Management is assuming the garbage removal contract for the Range, additionally Brenda read a commendation letter from former member John Blackman, sent with his resignation and a donation. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - b. No receipts were presented for payment.
  - c. Monthly Shooter Days for June totaled 708 with 30 visitors; this is a record for a single month at the Range.
5. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Brenda Silva; as of July 21, 2022, there were 233 active memberships; composed of 104 family and 129 individual memberships with 133 dependent members for a total of 366 current WMSA members, including 29 juniors. Brenda noted that the total WMSA membership at the end of the 21-22 FY approached a total of 800 countable members which would authorize an additional "At Large" member (a total of five instead of four) on the Board of Directors. 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. An article appeared in today's WMI highlighted the new benches, built by WMSA members, and new stools at the Range.

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

- a. Several New RSOs; Seventeen new RSOs have been trained since February 2022, Thanks to Don Childers for taking charge of this training.
- b. RSO Continuation Training to be scheduled in September and October 2022. Additional information will be disseminated at a later date.
- c. It was noted that the recent heavy rain at the Range has resulted in mud and debris on the concrete handicapped parking pad at the 50 yd range.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Shoot the Deuce – Still Need RSOs.** Brenda Silva will touch base with Lion's Club coordinator.
- b. **Hearing Protection Update - Jeff Wall.** Jeff announced that he has located a local provider of the custom ear plugs, The Audiology Clinic in Show Low, at a slightly lower price and provided samples for inspection; red, blue and beige colors are available. Jeff will test these ear plugs and provide a recommendation. Forty-five minute appointments will be available for RSOs all day on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the morning of August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Spent Brass Suggested Donations – George Butcher.**
  - i. George reported on a concern that commercial ammunition reloaders are taking large amounts of once fired and separated brass from the Range with minimal "donations."
  - ii. Large scale commercial brass buyers are not interested in the relatively small amount of brass from our Range.
  - iii. George suggested that brass from the Range be separated by caliber into 1 qt sized Ziploc bags and made available at the Range office with a suggested donation label on each bag.
  - iv. **George moved to set the suggestion donation at \$5 for a quart sized bag and \$20 for a gallon sized bag.**
  - v. Discussion: The cost for new brass usually runs about \$200 for 1,000 .223 cases; another member reported a cost of about 3 cents per round for once fired brass. A recommendation for a suggested donation of \$9/bag and discussion about whether to limit availability to WMSA members and/or shooters at the Range. A suggested limit of two bags per person was also made, but no action was taken on this suggestion.

**vi. Motion to set the suggested donation for a qt sized bag of brass at \$5 passed by voice vote with one opposed.**

**d. Build a Bench Plaques.**

- i. The “Build a Bench” program to fund the original shooting benches at the Range included brass plaques to commemorate the donor, these plaques were removed and retained when the old wooden shooting benches were replaced with the steel benches.
- ii. Jim Aylor has mounted the original plaques to permit placement on a pillar at the Range with an acknowledgement that Jim and Dwight Yochem were instrumental in construction of the new steel benches.

**e. Director at Large (DAL) Election Completed. The Directors at Large for the next year are:**

- i. Don Childers
- ii. Brenda Silva
- iii. Linda Gilbertson
- iv. John Kuehn

**9. New Business. Board Members and Officers for 2022/2023**

- a. Since only a single individual agreed to act as an Officer in each eligible position, no vote was required. The BOD Officers/Members for the next two years are:
- b. President – Brenda Silva DAL
- c. Vice-President – Linda Gilbertson DAL
- d. Treasurer – Vesta Melcher Target Tamers
- e. Secretary – Don Childers DAL
- f. Chief RSO – John Kuehn DAL
- g. Sam Underwood – Mountain Riflemen
- h. Mike Melcher – White Mountain Bullseye Shooters
- i. Robert Johnson – White Mountain Practical Shooters
- j. Jim Aylor – Second Knoll Benchrest Club
- k. George Butcher – Cowboys of the High Country
- l. Brian Moffatt – White Mountain Young Guns

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Linda Gilbertson and second by Sam Underwood to adjourn at 5:50 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
11. **Supplemental Action.** By email on July 31, 2022, Brenda Silva asked the BOD to approve payment of the \$20 entry fee for Young Guns participants in the Lions Club Shoot the Deuce fundraiser scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>. Vesta Melcher moved to approve funding for any Young Guns participant in the event, Mike Melcher second. Motion passed by email vote of eight (8) in favor with one abstention.