

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting September 14, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (11 of 11), 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, Secretary Don Childers and CRSO John Kuehn were also present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Mike Melcher, Brian Moffatt and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Deborha Childers, Clay Howard, Susie Underwood, Sharon DeSalme, Charles DeSalme, Fred Bridges, Jim Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, Sheila Moffatt, Tony Silva, Chris Wall and Jeff Wall 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 August 10, 2022 Board Meeting were emailed to the BOD for review and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Linda Gilbertson. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the August Treasurer's Report.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$4,952.50, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, commercial use of the Range, a refund of bank fees, reimbursements from Mountain Riflemen and Bullseye clubs for targets and proceeds from the sale of scrap brass and Second Knoll Target Range shirts; expenses totaled \$2,301.72 for website maintenance, printing and office supplies, porta-potties maintenance, Range phone, Range supplies, Range Membership in AZ Rifle and Pistol Association and a payment for Young Guns participation in the Shoot the Deuce Lions Club Fundraiser. There was a net gain of \$2,650.78 for the month of August and an ending checking account balance of \$110,393.73. 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 Linda Gilbertson and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
  - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Board members; Linda Gilbertson in the amount of \$96.42 for Range supplies, Chris Wall in the amount of \$53.62 for brochures for the upcoming AR class, and Tony Silva in the amount of \$101.96 for paper, toner and staples. 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 no additional discussion and none opposed.
  - c. Vesta reported that 25 RSOs had received custom ear plugs from Audiology, Inc and the expense totaling \$1,480.16 will appear on the September Treasurer's Report.
  - d. Monthly Shooter Days for August totaled 665 with 11 visitors.

5. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of August 31, 2022, there were 341 active memberships; composed of 142 Family and 191 Individual memberships with 194 dependent members for a total of 535 current WMSA members, including 52 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. Nothing to report at this time. Discussion: an article, with photos, on the upcoming AR class given by Jeff Wall may be offered to the WMI.

7. **Range Update:**

a. CRSO John Kuehn reported on the RSO continuation training, 40 RSOs have attended the training so far and the emphasis is on shooters safety, especially RSOs keeping an eye on the firing line.

i. Jeff Wall recounts an anecdote relating to his testimony as an expert witness in a civil suit that emphasized the effectiveness of our waiver only if the RSOs are paying attention and correcting safety violations.

ii. Discussion: suggestions of assigning a mentor to new RSOs and random monitoring of range activities on public days. Additional discussion on the advisability of obtaining D&O insurance for Board members.

iii. John is considering making this continuation training an annual occurrence.

b. Bins for sandbags at the Public Range.

i. Jim Aylor is willing to construct a bin to contain the sandbags that are now simply piled on the concrete.

ii. A suggestion was made to have two smaller bins, one at each end of the firing line to minimize the effort needed to move sandbags out onto the range.

iii. **John moved to authorize \$125 for materials to build two (2) metal bins to store the sandbags at the Range. Mike Melcher seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no further discussion.**

c. George Butcher reported on the status of the Baywatch committee.

i. Linda Gilbertson has resigned from the committee.

ii. AZGFD LE has reserved the Range on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and NCSO has reserved the Range for their annual Top Shot competition on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

iii. A commercial user was not able to access the Range at the time of his scheduled event and subsequently cancelled. George suggests that new commercial users be monitored the first time using the Range, but then be given access to the gate code.

iv. There was also a suggestion that new commercial users be required to go through the RSO class and be provided a copy of the Range Rules as a minimum

safety standard. There was discussion on the vetting process for commercial users before being certified to use the Range facility.

- v. George is in the process of revising the commercial user's application process and will forward the completed application to the Board for review and approval.
- d. George Butcher suggested the small connex office on the east end of the bays be used to store tools and other items for use in that area. No Board action is required and approval was granted for this suggestion

## 8. Old Business.

- a. **Membership Gift Certificates.** Brenda Silva finalized the design for the gift certificates and they will be made available for purchase, but only at full price for either an Individual or Family membership. Linda Gilbertson, John Kuehn and Vesta Melcher will manage the sale and redemption of the certificates.
- b. **NRA Grant Project Recommendations.** Rob Johnson provided photos of "Safe Zones" at other ranges where shooting club participants can holster and unholster firearms. No ammunition is permitted in the Safe Zones. Rob suggests construction of two (2) Safe Zones in the vicinity of the bays would enhance the safety of the bays and be a good project for an NRA Grant request. Rob will provide information to complete the Grant request, including drawings, dimensions and an estimate of the number of shooters to benefit. Rob moves to apply for an NRA Grant to build two (2) Safe Zones for the bays. Linda Gilbertson second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no further discussion.
- c. **Seth Nadel Memorial Day (November 7, 2022).** As a celebration of life for Seth, Linda will provide ammunition to WMSA members who wish to shoot on that day between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. At 2:00 PM the public range will be dedicated as the Seth Nadel Memorial Range.
- d. **Non-agenda item.** Discussion about protecting the steel target posts with RR ties or old tires filled with soil as is common at other ranges. No further action on this issue.

## 9. New Business

- a. **AZGFD Meeting in Pinetop.** Brenda Silva attended and spoke at the AZGFD meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> and mentioned the success of Second Knoll Target Range and the need for a 300 yd range.
- b. **Arizona Gives – State Tax Program.** Linda Gilbertson is working on an application include WMSA in the Arizona Gives program which will allow donations to WMSA to be counted as a credit against the donor's State tax liability. The application deadline is November 1, 2022 and Linda will report on the status at the October BOD meeting.
- c. **Law Enforcement officers shooting at Second Knoll Range – Fees.** Matt Schwartzkopf has verbally acknowledged that the 2018 AZGFD Operating Plan does not exempt local LE from fees to shoot at the Range; however, he agreed to a reduced fee of \$5. Don Childers moved to allow the NCSO use the Range for their annual Top Shot competition

at a rate of \$5 per participant. Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.

- d. **AR Class, October 15, 2022 – Taylor Fire Station: Jeff Wall.** The cost for the class is \$30 per person, which will cover the student hand-out and flyers. The class can accommodate a maximum of 20-25 participants. Watch for a WMI article. An AR Range Day is also being considered; more information will be available at a later date.
  - e. **Venue donations.**
    - i. Sam Underwood mentioned that the Masonic Lodge had not been compensated for the use of their facility for the previous AR class and moved to contribute \$52 for that purpose. Linda Gilbertson seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no further discussion.
    - ii. Discussion on a donation to Meals on Wheels for the use of the Show Low Senior Center for WMSA Board meetings. Sam Underwood moves to donate \$200 to Meals on Wheels. Mike Melcher seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no further discussion.
  - f. **Report on RSVP program by Chris Wall.** An MOU with NAU for WMSA participation in the RSVP program will be due by November 22, 2022; Brenda Silva will coordinate the details. Going forward, Chris Wall will need to report volunteer hours by RSVP participants for program grant compliance.
  - g. **Cell Phone Booster – Jim Aylor.** A cell phone booster for the office at the Public Range would assist with outgoing calls and be beneficial in an emergency. Wilson Wireless manufactures a booster that works with a 12V system and will boost about four (4) calls simultaneously when phones are in close proximity to the office. The approximate cost of the equipment is \$700. Jim will investigate the compatibility with our solar system.
  - h. **New WMSA President.** Brenda Silva is considering an offer as full time Paralympic Team Manager for USA Shooting in Colorado Springs, CO. Accepting this job will impact her ability to continue as President of the BOD, but she would retain her seat on the Board. Any Board member interested in assuming the position as President should contact Brenda. As of this time, Mike Melcher has expressed interest.
  - i. **Non-Agenda Item.** Discussion on the deficiencies of Range medical kit. Replenishing the medical kit may be done without specific BOD approval
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood and second by Brian Moffatt to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.