

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting November 9, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 11), the monthly meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Linda Gilbertson at 6:00 PM. Vice President Mike Melcher, Treasurer Vesta Melcher, Secretary Don Childers and CRSO John Kuehn were also present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Clay Howard, Sharon DeSalme, Charles DeSalme, Fred Bridges, Jeff Pferdeort and Ken Josten were present. Civil Air Patrol members Jeff Hess and TJ Hess also attended.
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 October 12, 2022 Board Meeting were published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the October Meeting Minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Robert Johnson. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the October Treasurer's Report.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$2,036.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and proceeds from WMSA sponsored firearms classes; expenses totaled \$1,325.00 for website maintenance, printing and office supplies, porta-potties maintenance, Range phone, Range supplies and a donation to Meals on Wheels in lieu of a charge for use of the Show Low Senior Center. There was a net gain of \$711.00 for the month of October and an ending checking account balance of \$113,525.67. 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 Mike Melcher and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
  - b. Unreimbursed receipts were presented for payment by Don Childers for renewal of NRA membership for five (5) years and fee for filing the Arizona Corporation Commission annual report in the total amount of \$185. 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. Monthly Shooter Days for October totaled 530 with 6 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was not available due to Tony Silva's absence. The report was subsequently emailed to the Secretary following the meeting; as of October 30, 2022, there were 405 active memberships; composed of 169 Family and 236 Individual memberships with 229 dependent members for a total of 634 current WMSA members, including 60 juniors. A copy of the Membership Report will be filed in the Secretary's records.

6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Linda Gilbertson commented on an article by Chris Wall in the CSV (Committee of Service and Volunteerism), a publication of Northern Arizona University's VPI program.

7. **Range Update:**

- a. CRSO John Kuehn reported that no RSOs were trained in October, but YTD in 2022 at least 30 new RSOs have been trained. Additional RSOs will be trained as volunteers come forward.
- b. Discussion on RSO badges for new volunteers raised the issue of where the badges are sourced, Vesta Melcher will provide the necessary information to Linda Gilbertson and John Kuehn. John will coordinate with new RSOs on who needs a badge and arrange for these to be ordered.
- c. A sign designating the 100 yd Range as the Seth Nadel Memorial Range has been placed.
- d. George Butcher reported on the status of the Baywatch committee.
  - i. Seth Nadel's Celebration of Life was earlier this month and very well attended.
  - ii. Winter hours for the Range and most Clubs will begin hours in November.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Safe Zones and Meeting with Matt Schwartzkopf (ongoing).** Matt will be in town to meet with WMSA representatives, Rob Johnson and Linda Gilbertson, regarding specifics of the proposed Safe Zones construction and proposed materials. Date and time TBD.
- b. **Seth Nadel Celebration of Life (November 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-2) – Recap.** Attendance was good and \$675 in donations was collected for WMSA. Thanks to all WMSA members and RSOs that assisted with the event; thanks also to Rob Johnson and WMPS for use of their steel targets. The remainder of Seth's holsters, magazines and paraphernalia is available for purchase at Mogollon Safe and Gun in Lakeside.
- c. **Policy revision regarding Law Enforcement (LE) fees (ongoing).** At the present time, only USFS and AZGFD Law Enforcement officers are permitted to shoot for free at the Range, only while actively training or qualification with an agency instructor. Matt Schwartzkopf is working with the USFS on a policy regarding other LE users of the Range.
- d. **Arizona Gives – State Tax Program (submitted).** Linda Gilbertson has submitted the necessary documentation and paid the application fee for inclusion in the annual Arizona Gives program. Approval of the application would result in a tax deduction for contributors; funds would come directly to WMSA.
- e. **AR Class – October 15, 2022 (Recap)** No report; Jeff Wall absent.
- f. **Cell phone booster follow-up – Jim Aylor.** Jim has obtained a system and tested it at the Nadel Range with good results. Once the system is installed, cell phone calls can be made from inside the office; eliminating the need to drive to the gate to call 911. The

current solar system will provide sufficient power for the booster. The system is on order and will be installed once received.

g. **Non-Agenda Items. Jim Aylor**

- i. Removing the redundant locking handle from the 40' Connex will make it significantly easier to open and close – this will not affect the security of the Connex. John Kuehn moves to approve the modification but BOD approval is not necessary; Jim is asked to proceed as discussed.
- ii. Shooting table tops will be removed, two at a time, to be refurbished.
- iii. A new sign announcing “Winter Hours” for the Range is needed. A metal sign with magnet attachments is suggested. Linda Gilbertson will coordinate the requirements and cost for the new sign.

9. **New Business**

- a. Former WMSA member Tim Moore has donated over 300 miscellaneous targets for use by WMSA Clubs or Range patrons.
  - b. **CAP Rifle Qualification – CAP Lt Jeff Hess.** Assistance from WMSA is requested to allow the Show Low Squadron of the CAP to earn a rifle badge without traveling to Tucson. The requirements include up to eight (8) hours of classroom training by an NRA certified Rifle instructor and commensurate range time. Of the 30 or so Cadets in the Squadron, approximately 20 are expected to participate in the training. Lt Hess stated that weekend training is necessary to accommodate the Cadets and believes a late April 2023 time frame will work well for the Squadron. Mike Melcher moves to support the CAP in this training. Sam Underwood seconds. Discussion – Don Childers and Brian Moffatt will coordinate and conduct the training. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - c. **Law Enforcement Night Training (Letter to Matt)** A letter from Lakeside District Ranger Josh Miller addressed to Matt Schwartzkopf authorizes LE night fire at the Range with two weeks prior coordination. A copy of the letter is maintained in the Secretary's files.
  - d. **Statewide Shooting Range Quarterly Meeting – Recap.** This meeting is normally held in Phoenix at the AZGFD Hq., however it was held remotely with a Zoom type connection this month. The topic was insurance for ranges and Linda Gilbertson was able to speak to the issue based on WMSA's success in obtaining insurance coverage for the Second Knoll Range and the WMSA BOD. Coincidentally, next month's topic will be how to increase youth involvement at the Statewide ranges.
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Mike Melcher to adjourn and second by Sam Underwood at 6:57 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.