

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

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), the December 2022 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 Chief RSO John Kuehn were also present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt, Brenda Silva and Sam Underwood. WMSA members, Deborha Childers, Sheila Moffatt, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme and Jeff Wall 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 November 9, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the November 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 November Treasurer's Report for the Board.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$4,476.25, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, proceeds from the Seth Nadel estate, and sponsorship renewals; expenses totaled \$4,109.38 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone, Range supplies, insurance (including the new D&O policy), a donation to the Masonic Lodge for use of their facility, as wells as RSO shirts and name badges. There was a net gain of \$366.87 for the month of November and an ending checking account balance of \$113,892.54. 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 Brenda Silva and second by Sam Underwood. Discussion noted that items from Seth's estate which did not sell at the Memorial were consigned and will likely produce additional revenue. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote with none opposed. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided to the Secretary following the meeting to be filed in the Secretary's records.
 - b. A receipt in the amount of 41.95 was presented by Linda Gilbertson for business cards and another in the amount of 18.38 was presented Tony Silva for envelopes. Sam Underwood moved to approve these expenses and Jim Aylor second. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for November totaled 315 with 2 visitors.
5. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of November 30, 2022, there were 424 active memberships; composed of 176 family and 248 individual memberships with 238 dependent members for a total of 662 current WMSA members, including 62 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. **New style business cards were purchased that have a photo of the range on the back.** No additional rack cards were purchased at this time.
- b. **AZ Gives** is active. Following an email review of the proposed language by the BOD, a link was added to the WMSA website which permits supporters to contribute to WMSA and receive a tax deduction. There has already been approximately \$1,400 donated through the site, but there is an approximate three week delay in funds deposited into the bank account.

7. Range Update. John Kuehn reported on the following topics.

- a. No new RSOs were trained in November.
- b. The cell phone booster in the office of the Nadel Range is operational and working well.
- c. There was no Baywatch Committee report.

8. Old Business.

- a. **Safe Zones and meeting with Matt Schwartzkopf.** This is an on-going issue and the BOD is waiting for a response from Matt to a specific inquiry regarding construction of the proposed Safe Zones on the Range.
- b. **Policy revision regarding Law Enforcement fees.** This is also an ongoing issue and the BOD is waiting on direction from AZGFD and USFS regarding their policy on use of the Range for official firearms training and qualification.
- c. **Arizona Gives - State Tax Program (clarification).** Linda Gilbertson clarified that the tax benefit from contributions to WMSA is a tax “deduction” and not a tax “credit.”
 - i. The BOD approved the language for the website link to the AZ Gives page from the WMSA website via email vote. The linked page has information on the planned improvements to the Range, including the clubhouse, care-takers pad and the 300 yard range.
 - ii. Linda asked for an in-person vote on the AZ Gives link. Mike Melcher moved to approve the language included in the AZ Gives page; Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no further discussion.
 - iii. Vesta Melcher announced that a large contribution had been made, through the new AZ Gives link, by a non-member and suggested that a letter from WMSA specifically thanking the individual for this donation. Any future donations greater than \$500 will also receive a thank you letter. Vesta will write a letter to this donor.
- d. **AR Class – October 15, 2022 recap (Jeff Wall).** Jeff reported that there were seven students, mostly individuals completely unfamiliar with the AR-15. The next AR class will probably be in April of 2023.
- e. **Electric Heater in Office.** RSOs should not use the electric heater in the Office to save power. The heater will be moved to the 40’ connex.

9. New Business.

- a. **CAP Rifle Qualification (update).** Don Childers advised that email communication with CAP Lt Hess is ongoing. CAP has agreed to conduct the training on the weekend of April 29 and 30, 2023. The NRA recommends a ratio of one instructor to every two students during the live fire portion of the training; anyone interested in assisting, please contact Don. Discussion on the use of the 25 yard range to accommodate the shooting positions for the live fire portion of the training and confirmed that these dates will not conflict with the Bullseye club.
 - b. **New Flagpoles.** The current flagpoles at the entrance to the Range are in poor condition; two have been repaired more than once. The flagpole repair vendor has agreed to provide new flagpoles at no charge, but has requested documentation of the donation in lieu of payment to document a tax deduction. This arrangement does not require BOD approval and Linda will write the letter.
 - c. **Vesta's Letter to AZGFD as support for FY25 Funding of 300 yd Range.** In response to Matt Schwartzkopf's request for input to the AZGFD FY25 funding proposal, Vesta Melcher wrote a letter outlining the advantages of a 300 yd range at Second Knoll. A copy of the November 21, 2022 letter is maintained in the Secretary's file.
 - d. **Change to Range Policy 2.2 regarding closing the Range.** A complaint was received regarding closure of the Range on December 4th; the subsequent examination of the closure revealed the need for more objective Range closure guidance. A revision of the relevant portion of Policy 2.2 was reviewed for the Board by CRSO John Kuehn to include the following
 - i. Emphasis on staying open during periods of marginal weather
 - ii. Specific criteria for closing the Range following or during inclement weather
 - iii. Proposed language was provided to the BOD: Brenda Silva moved to approve the proposed language with minor changes, John Kuehn second. Motion approved by voice vote and none opposed.
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood and second by Vesta Melcher to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.