

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting January 11, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), the January 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Linda Gilbertson at 6:03 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, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt, and Sam Underwood. WMSA members, Deborah Childers, Clay Howard, Ken Josten, Sheila Moffatt, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Tony Silva, Chris Wall and Jeff Wall were present. Matt Schwartzkopf from AZGFD 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 December 14, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Mike Melcher and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the December Treasurer's Report for the Board.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,020.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and sponsorship renewals; expenses totaled \$1,452.75 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, Range phone and Range supplies. There was a net loss of \$432.75 for the month of December and an ending checking account balance of \$113,459.79. 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: Vesta noted that an expense for the WMSA PO Box as well as contributions from Arizona Gives donations will be on the January Treasurer's Report. 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. Receipts were presented for payment by Jim Aylor in the amount of \$68.70 for electrical cord for the Range generator/heater system and by Tony Silva in the amount of \$30 for the Range CMP affiliation membership. Sam Underwood moved to approve these expenses and Mike Melcher second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for December totaled 239 with 2 visitors; although the Range was closed for three (3) days due to inclement weather.
5. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Linda Gilbertson. The White Mountain Independent (WMI) is willing to provide a free add for the Second Knoll Range, contingent on Linda's willingness to continue submitting material to the WMI as a guest columnist. More on this to follow.
6. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of January 10, 2023, there were 430 active memberships; composed of 179 family and 251 individual

memberships with 246 dependent members for a total of 676 current WMSA members, including 67 juniors. A copy of the Membership Report was provided to the Secretary following the meeting and will be filed in the Secretary's records.

7. Range Update.

a. Range Status – John Kuehn

- i. No new RSOs were trained in December
- ii. There was one potentially hazardous incident with a shooter using the incorrect caliber of ammunition while shooting, fortunately there were no injuries. .
- iii. RSO requirements during the winter months will be three (3) RSOs on Saturday shifts and two (2) on Sunday shifts.
- iv. Occasionally "extra" RSOs have reported to the Range for unscheduled shifts. This is fine, but unscheduled RSO are not credited for the requisite two (2) shifts per month.

b. Baywatch Committee Update – George Butcher

- i. The Baywatch Committee is reviewing the Ben Avery range scheduling rules and will prepare a set of recommended rules for scheduling the Second Knoll Range/Bays appropriate to Second Knoll Range.
- ii. Discussion on the use of the Range or Bays by RSOs during non-public hours. Although the Range charges a fee for the use of a Bay by contractors, RSO's may schedule and use the Nadel Range or a Bay for friends and/or family without charge. Linda clarified that if the proposed range use generates revenue for the individual RSO, then the Range will charge a fee, otherwise, there is no charge, but everyone must sign in and pay the normal Range member or non-member fees.

8. Old Business.

- a. **Safe Zones and meeting with Matt Schwartzkopf.** This is an on-going issue, but Matt will meet with Robert Johnson at the Range on Thursday, January 12th to inspect the area and discuss the recommendation.
- 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. More on this issue next month.
- c. **New Flagpoles.** Contractor, Boyd Brittan, has measured and slightly modified the mounting system for new flagpoles at the Range. Replacement flags will be cotton, rather than nylon, to better resist damage from high winds.
- d. **Range notifications (weather) clarification.** Discussion about how best to notify RSOs and shooters of Range closure. Consideration of posting closure on the website – this would likely be impractical. CRSO will sent out email blast to RSOs when Range closure determination is made for each shift. Range phone will remain the primary notification for shooters.

9. New Business.

- a. **Backup for BOD Positions.** The Treasurer, Secretary and CRSO need backups for their position, including frequent update on status of issues/files related to each position.
 - i. Consideration should be given to amending Bylaws to permit backups by non-BOD members.
 - ii. Club representatives also need back-ups.
 - iii. A suggestion was made to have any computer files used by BOD officers provided to their position backup. Additionally, a laptop computer should be provided to the Treasurer for WMSA business to avoid loss of data should unforeseen circumstances require the Treasurer's backup to act.
 - iv. This topic will be added to the February agenda for additional discussion.
- b. **RSO Appreciation Event.** Linda suggested the annual RSO Appreciation event be planned for May or June 2023 as a catered event at the Nadel Range, possible including a day of shooting. The 2022 event at the House was not well attended and was more expensive than the alternative catered event at the Range. Additional discussion will be included in the February meeting agenda.
- c. **ADOT Cleanup.** ADOT has extended WMSA's Adopt-A- Highway agreement for two more years on the same mile of SR-60. A cleanup date will be scheduled at a later meeting.
- d. **Snowplow Bid.**
 - i. Of the two previous contracts for snow plowing, one vendor has not been responsive to requests for bids and the other's contract has expired.
 - ii. A bid from Mountain Top Services in the amount of \$600, which includes plowing FS 206 and the parking lots for the 50 yd and 100 yd ranges but not the Bays, has been received. Verbal communication from the contractor asserts that if minimal plowing is necessary, the job will be done at an hourly rate to reduce the overall cost.
 - iii. Discussion: Since the 2019 Perkins Cinders contract was priced at \$450, the Mountain Top Services price is probably competitive for 2023. There was some discussion as to whether AZGFD would pay for the contract but Matt Schwartzkopf reminded the Board that the Operating Agreement with AZGFD makes operating expenses WMSA's responsibility. Depending on the day and amount of snowfall on the road, plowing may not be required.
 - iv. Linda Gilbertson will contact Perkins Cinders for a bid on the snow plow contract before any further action is taken. Linda asked that any other potential vendors for this contract be forwarded to her.
- e. **Matt Schwartzkopf's comments.** The FY 2025 budget funding request for the 300 yd range has been submitted and qualifies for consideration. The estimated \$750,000 for "dirt work" would be paid for by AZGFD, WMSA is responsible for incidental expenses required to make the 300 yd range operational. The process for getting this addition to the Range is moving forward.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by George Butcher, and second by Sam Underwood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.