

## **Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting April 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (7 of 11), the April 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Linda Gilbertson at 5:57 PM. Secretary Don Childers was present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brenda Silva and Sam Underwood. WMSA members, Tony Silva, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Deborha Childers, Susan Underwood, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Manny Tavarez and Jeff Wall were present as was Matt Schwartzkopf from AZGFD.
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 March 8, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Robert Johnson and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Linda Gilbertson reviewed the March Treasurer's Report for Vesta Melcher.
  - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$1,037.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees and donations from Range jar; expenses totaled \$1,450.12 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone and Range supplies, two (2) additional samples for a Second Knoll logo hat from Pine Needle Embroidery, new WMSA checks and snow removal. There was a net loss of \$413.12 for the month of March and an ending checking account balance of \$114,460.56. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and second by Brenda Silva. 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. No receipts were presented for payment by Board Members.
  - c. Monthly Shooter Days for March totaled 306 with 4 visitors.
5. **Publicity Secretary Report.** Linda Gilbertson.
  - a. **The WMI published a front page article** about the Target Tamers shooting club.
  - b. **Arizona Gives Update.** Multiple email blasts were sent to WMSA members during March announcing the Arizona Gives Fundraising Campaign. Thirty-four donors gave approximately \$5,000; two donors gave \$500 each in addition to the Arizona Gives program and another \$1,000 has been pledged for a total of about \$7,000 from the initial goal of \$10,000. Receipt of additional funds from

an Arizona Gives “lottery” for Micro and Rural donation categories is still possible.

- c. **Discussion:** A suggestion was made to segregate WMSA’s share of the construction costs for the 300 yard range into a separate account when that amount is known. Additionally, a suggestion was made that an article in the WMI countering the mainstream media demands for more gun control would be a good idea. Linda advised that such an article is in the works and potential topics or ideas are welcome.

**6. Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of March 31, 2023, there were 455 active memberships; composed of 265 individual and 190 family memberships; adding the 264 dependent members gives a total of 719 current WMSA members, including 74 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 – Linda Gilbertson for John Kuehn**

- i. Four new RSOs were trained in the last 30 days.
- ii. Don Childers announced that CRSO John Kuehn will be setting a requirement that all RSOs read the Range Policies and sign off on a roster maintained in the Policy Notebook at the Range. Policies are available on the WMSA website and at the Range. Additional information will be provided by email.

**b. Baywatch Committee Update – George Butcher.** Nothing to report other than normal Club activity.

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**8. Old Business.**

**a. RSO Appreciation Event (food for the Range event in May) – Linda Gilbertson for Chris Wall.** The RSO Appreciation Event is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Range. Chris Wall is still working on getting a caterer for the event. All RSOs, and spouses, are invited

**b. CAP Rifle Class Update (sponsorships - \$17.25/student books) – Don Childers.** There are still two (2) sponsorships available; contact Don if interested.

**c. Pine Needle Embroidery – Linda Gilbertson.**

- i. Pine Needle Embroidery has produced two (2) more sample Second Knoll hats, one in grey and one in black – these have “Show Low” embroidered on the side of the cap. This change would increase the cost of each hat to approximately \$30, including taxes and shipping. No decision was made regarding purchase/sale of hats.
- ii. Because of the anticipated expense, we will defer consideration of shirts for now and focus on hats.

9. **New Business. Linda Gilbertson**

- a. **Range policies** are now on the WMSA website and are printable.
- b. **Annual Facility and Property Inspection.** The AZGFD required report has been completed and sent.
- c. **AR-15 Class.** Jeff Wall suggests another AR-15 class be held this summer, either on June 3<sup>rd</sup> or June 10<sup>th</sup>. The class is generally full and always well received. Location will likely be at the Masonic Lodge or Timber Mesa Fire Station #13. Once the date and location have been confirmed, Linda will get an announcement printed in the WMI.
- d. **Silver Creek Archery Range – Matt Schwartzkopf.**
  - i. The White Mountain Bow Hunters club has dissolved and will no longer be operating the Silver Creek Archery Range. Reportedly, the club dissolved because of lack of participation, but Matt (and AZGFD) believes there is sufficient interest in an archery range in the White Mountains to support this facility.
  - ii. A new operator will be needed to keep the range open. Matt asked that WMSA consider taking over operation of the range; other options include AZGFD taking over operation and/or a Request for Proposal (RFP) from AZGFD to groups or individuals in the White Mountain area to submit proposals to operate the range. Any non-AZGFD operator would be required to sign and abide by a Licensing Agreement similar to WMSA's agreement to operate the Second Knoll Target Range. There is a "walk-through" course on the property and the land is owned by AZGFD.
  - iii. Board Member and attendee questions about the issues related to taking over the archery range included information on annual revenue generated and any funds remaining that could be used to operate the range, any targets or other equipment remaining at the range (including AZGFD owned equipment) and insurance requirements.
  - iv. There may be an issue with USFS if funds generated by the Second Knoll Target Range were to be used to supplement operating expenses for the archery range on non-USFS property.
  - v. Linda will send an email blast to WMSA members to gauge interest in operating the archery range.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Sam Underwood and second by Brenda Silva to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.