

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting June 14, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), the June 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. Vice President Mike Melcher, Treasurer Vesta Melcher, Secretary Don Childers and CRSO John Kuehn were present, as were Board members Jim Aylor, George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt and Sam Underwood. WMSA members, Tony Silva, Charles DeSalme, Sharon DeSalme, Deborha Childers, Susie Underwood, Sheila Moffatt, Jeff Pferdeort, Joe Darbyshire, Manny Tavares, Chris Wall and Jeff Wall were present as was guest Hannah Collins Melcher.
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 May 10, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the May meeting minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Mike Melcher. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the May Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$5,247.10, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, donations from a private party as well as commercial range rental; expenses totaled \$1,262.00 for website maintenance, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone and Range supplies, printing and fee for email blast to WMSA membership. There was a net gain of \$3,985.10 for the month of May and an ending checking account balance of \$123,745.81. Vesta also noted that donations from AZ Gives totaled \$9,412.44 following a goal of \$10,000. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and second by Jim Aylor. 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. There were no receipts submitted for reimbursement.
 - c. Monthly Shooter Days for May totaled 575 with 3 visitors.
5. **Publicity Secretary Report** - Linda Gilbertson.
 - a. **The Weekender Magazine** for May included an article on shooting opportunities in the White Mountain.
 - b. **Baseball Cap Order.** An alternative vendor for Second Knoll baseball caps, utilizing silkscreen instead of embroidery, would be able to provide the caps for

approximately \$14 each with a minimum order of 48 hats available in two (2) colors.

- c. **July 4th Parade.** WMSA participated in the Show Low July 4th parade in 2010 and inquiry was made about anyone interested in participating in the parade this year. It appears there is not sufficient interest so this proposal will be dropped.

6. **Membership Report.** The Membership Report was provided by Tony Silva; as of May 31, 2023, there were 495 active memberships; composed of 287 individual and 208 family memberships; adding the 285 dependent members gives a total of 780 current WMSA members, including 77 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. John Kuehn**

- a. **Disposable Camera.** John explained that the Range Policies require photographing any damage or injury in conjunction with the required Incident Report. In the event of a serious injury, Law Enforcement would likely seize any camera/cell phone, used to take photos, as evidence. A disposable camera has been obtained for the purpose of documenting significant damage or injury. More information on this issue to follow.
 - b. **Personal Target Stands on the Public Range.** Current Range policy prohibits the use of personal target stands or frames on the Public Range. John articulated proposed language allowing personally owned target stands or frames to be used. Discussion about the current prohibition resulted in a motion by Brian Moffatt to allow any personal target stand or frame at the RSO's discretion with stated limitations. Mike Melcher seconds. Discussion, on this motion, related to the permissible target stand/frame materials, distance from the shooting line and other parameters resulted in Brian suggesting his motion be tabled until next month following work on proposed language off-line so as to not take up excess BOD time working out those details. Mike also second that proposal and the motion is tabled until next month. Charles DeSalme to prepare proposed language for presentation to the Board.
 - c. **Additional day open for public shooting.** CRSO recommends not opening an additional day each week at this time. Approximately 90 RSOs are needed each month with our current schedule. Given the number of cancellations each month and open shifts in July and August, this proposal will not be acted on.
- b. **Baywatch Committee Update – George Butcher.** Jeff Wall reserved a Bay on June 17th for a family event; nothing further to report other than routine use by the Clubs.

8. **Old Business.**

- a. **RSO Appreciation Event (June 21st) - George Butcher and Vesta Melcher.** There are 62 RSVPs for the event which will be catered by Dickie's BBQ.

- b. **AR-15 Class (July 16th)- Jeff Wall.** Twenty five people have signed up so far, there are 15 slots left. The class will be at the WM Nature Center; anyone interested should contact Jeff Wall.
- c. **White Mountain Archers Request Withdrawn.** The White Mountain Archers Club has withdrawn its request for sponsorship by WMSA.

9. New Business.

- a. **Donation to Meals on Wheels - Vesta Melcher.** The last donation to Meals on Wheels as compensation for WMSA's monthly meetings at the Senior Center was in October 2022. Mike Melcher moved to approve a \$200 donation to Meals on Wheels in lieu of a fee for WMSA's use of the Senior Center. Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed and no additional discussion.
- b. **May 24th Statewide Shooting Range Meeting – Linda Gilbertson.** Matt Schwartzkopf's email regarding this meeting mentioned that in the next fiscal year volunteers will be entering their hours into an online portal. Linda recommends continued use of the paper volunteer log until any bugs with the new online portal are worked out.
- c. **Annual Meeting in July – Linda Gilbertson.** Suggested that the July monthly BOD meeting be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 21st, to be followed by the Annual Membership Meeting at 6:00 PM.
- d. **NRA Grants – Linda Gilbertson.** Linda provided an outline for NRA Grant criteria for 2024. The application period opens in August. Discussion about the proposed Bay Safety Zones. Other suggestions are welcome. Linda will also contact Matt Schwartzkopf regarding AZGFD funding for the Safety Zones.
- e. **Resignation – Linda Gilbertson.** Linda announced her resignation as President and from the WMSA BOD pursuant to a letter sent to all Board members via email. Mike Melcher will assume the position of President. A copy of Linda's letter of resignation is maintained in the Secretary's records.
- f. **Mike Melcher Comments.**
 - i. FR 206 into the Range was graded by AZGFD last week, more work is still to come.
 - ii. Thanks to Linda for her years of contributions to WMSA in many different roles.

- iii. Jim Aylor is appointed as Vice President until the next election in July 2024.
- iv. Charles DeSalme is appointed to assume Linda's "At Large" Board position until the next election in July 2024.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by Sam Underwood and second by Rob Johnson. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.