

# White Mountain Shooters Association Annual Membership Meeting

July 21, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board of Directors members being present (9 of 10), the 2023 Annual Membership meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) was called to order by the Board President, Mike Melcher, at 6:00 PM. Vice President Jim Aylor, Treasurer Vesta Melcher, Secretary Don Childers and CRSO Charles DeSalme were present, as were Board members George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brenda Silva and Sam Underwood. A total of 17 additional WMSA members attended the monthly and/or the Annual meeting. A combined list of attendees at both meetings is maintained in the Secretary's files.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Board Member John Kuehn who passed away unexpectedly on June 26, 2023.

### 3. Introduction of the 2023/2024 WMSA Board of Directors

Mike Melcher, White Mountain Bullseye Shooters – President  
Jim Aylor, Second Knoll Benchrest Club – Vice President  
Don Childers, Director at Large (DAL) – Secretary  
Vesta Melcher, Target Tamers – Treasurer  
Charles DeSalme, DAL – Chief Range Safety Officer  
George Butcher, Cowboys of the High Country  
Robert Johnson, White Mountain Practical Shooters  
Brian Moffat, White Mountain Young Guns  
Brenda Silva, DAL  
Sam Underwood, Mountain Riflemen

4. **Secretary's Report – Don Childers.** Motion to accept 2022 Annual Membership meeting minutes was made by Charles DeSalme and second by Brenda Silva. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

### 5. Treasurer's Report – Vesta Melcher

a. Overall Finances. Highlights of the report included total income of \$47,099.09, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations (from Range jar, Arizona Gives and in memory of Seth Nadel), sponsorships, commercial range rental and from the sale of scrap brass and Second Knoll towels and shirts; expenses totaled \$20,655.52 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp (email blasts to WMSA membership), routine Range maintenance and supplies, insurance, RSO expenses (CPR training and appreciation event) and the snow removal contract. There was net income of

\$26,443.57 for the 2022-23 FY and an ending checking account balance of \$128,414.42. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and second by Charles DeSalme. There was a short discussion on WMSA's contribution to the cost of constructing the 300 yd range and clarification that AZGFD would pay for the range construction and WMSA will pay the ancillary costs (office, shooting tables, target stands/frames, etc). The motion 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. AZ Gives Program. Vesta briefly reviewed the AZ Gives program and noted that former President, Linda Gilbertson, established WMSA as a beneficiary of this program and the total received in FY 2022-23 was just short of \$10,000.
- c. Vesta also noted that the annual tax filing for WMSA has been submitted on a "postcard" short form for organizations with total income of \$50,000 or less, given this year's total income, future returns may require a long form submission and incur an expense for a tax preparer.
- d. Shooter Days report.
  - 1. Shooter days for the 2022-23 FY set a new record of 5,254 shooters and 100 visitors.
  - 2. As of the end of the FY, June 30, 2023, there were 515 active memberships, composed of 300 individual and 215 family memberships. Adding the 292 dependent members gives a total of 807 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.

6. **Publicity Secretary Report.** The current publicity secretary, Linda Gilbertson, is resigning and WMSA is looking for a replacement. Interested individuals should contact President Mike Melcher for more information.

**7. Range Update – Mike Melcher**

- a. Memorial plaque, dedication signs naming the 100 yd Range as the Seth Nadel Memorial Range and the 50 yd Range as the JoAnn and Bill Weldon Range have been placed.
- b. Bins for sandbags, a table for hand washing and a PA shelf have all been constructed from steel by Jim Aylor.
- c. The cell phone booster for office was acquired and installed by Jim Aylor.
- d. Formalized online scheduling for Shooting Bays is in place and managed by George Butcher.
- e. A Gift Certificate program for WMSA memberships has been initiated and one gift certificate was purchased in FY 2022-23.

- f. Use of Range by other groups – NCSO, church groups, G&F, Youth groups. Brian Moffatt, the Young Guns director was out of town but provided the following message:
  - i. LDS CAMP: A very Special Thank You to our new Sr. RSO Charles DeSalme as well as Don Childers and Rob Gerner for assisting us this last week, for 2 days we trained 41 young people from an LDS boys camp! This was a huge success thanks to their coaching and instruction; we couldn't have done it without you guys!!
  - ii. YOUNG GUNS: We are happy to announce in May this Year we added a 2nd day to our monthly Young Guns classes. Saturday we have an Introduction class in the morning and an intermediate class in the afternoon. Sunday from 1-5 in the afternoon we have an advanced class that is focusing on the AR platform and other advanced skills. During the month of July, we have added 2 more additional Training days on the 100 yard range for the advanced class!
  - iii. A huge shout out to my amigo in San Diego "Russ" for his contributions that made this happen!
  - iv. To all my Brothers and Sisters at WMSA: A Special Thank You for encouraging us and your continued support of the Young Guns program.
- g. Jeff & Chris Wall – provided AR classes.
  - i. Jeff Wall taught an AR-15 Care and Feeding class on July 16<sup>th</sup> with 36 attendees and will present an AR-15 marksmanship class on July 29<sup>th</sup> for the Care and Feeding attendees. The Care and Feeding class raised \$1,380 for WMSA; the marksmanship class will raise additional funds.
  - ii. Jeff Wall has also placed a specialized First Aid Kit for gunshot wounds in the Range office and is working to schedule a Stop the Bleed class in the next couple of months.
- h. Future Range Projects - None scheduled for the next year due to the cost of our remaining build-out projects.

## **8. New Business**

- a. A thank you to all our RSOs – The Range simply could not operate without all the RSO volunteers.
- b. Special Presentations: RSOs in the 100 Club – Brenda Silva. Certificates for 100 volunteer hours as an RSO were presented to John Taroli (162 hours), Rusty Marlow (130 hours), Fred Parry (117 hours and a 100 Club member for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row), Don Childers (101 hours), Tom McAdams (100 hours) and John Kuehn posthumously.
- c. Terry Powers was introduced as a new RSO and intends to revive the Defensive Pistol League.

## **9. Call to Public**

- a. Judy Sanchez asked the Board to reconsider Second Knoll baseball caps as a WMSA fundraiser; shirts sold in the past were great to raise public awareness about the Range.
- b. Discussion about allowing a family membership to include an adult dependent in a household who is under guardianship. This topic will be added to the August BOD meeting agenda.
- c. Discussion about the use of shotguns on the Nadel Range and the resulting damage to target frames; consideration of a metal target frame will be added to the August BOD meeting agenda.

10. Membership vote to ratify actions of the Board. Sam Underwood moved to ratify actions of the BOD from the 2022-23 FY. Glen Bevin second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

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**11. Motion to Adjourn.** Bill Weldon moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:13 PM, Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice