

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting July 21, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 10), the July 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Mike Melcher, at 5:00 PM immediately prior to the Annual Meeting scheduled to convene 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.
3. **A Moment of Silence** was observed in memory of CRSO John Kuehn who unexpectedly passed away on June 26, 2023.
4. **Introduction of new CRSO.** Charles DeSalme, appointed by Mike Melcher to the "At Large" position previously held by Linda Gilbertson, was introduced as the new CRSO and the Board took note of the email ratification by Board Members of his appointment.
5. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Rob Johnson. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
6. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the June Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Highlights of the report included total income of \$6,570.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar as well as an Arizona Gives donation, and commercial range rental; expenses totaled \$1,901.39 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp (for email blast to WMSA membership) porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, range supplies, the approved Meals on Wheels donation and payment for the RSO appreciation lunch. There was a net gain of \$4,668.61 for the month of June 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 Jim Aylor. 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. Receipts were submitted for reimbursement by Mike Melcher in the total amount of \$189.43 for postage, envelopes, staples and pizza for the annual membership meeting. Charles DeSalme (\$36.41) and George Butcher (\$89.33) also submitted receipts for food for the annual membership meeting. Jim Aylor

moved to approve the outstanding expenses and Sam Underwood seconds; the motion was approved by voice vote with none opposed.

- c. Monthly Shooter Days for June totaled 500 with 22 visitors. FY 2022-23 set a record for Range use with 5,254 shooter days.

7. Publicity Secretary Report – Mike Melcher for Linda Gilbertson.

- a. **Matt Schwarzkopf's article in Game & Fish.** Matt authored an article for AZGFD's Game & Fish periodical.
- b. Jeff Wall has been asked to prepare an article with photos on his recent AR-15 Care and Feeding class.

8. Membership Report – Brenda Silva for Tony Silva.

- a. As of July 12, 2023 there were 182 active memberships composed of 102 individual and 80 family memberships. Adding the 100 dependent members, that gives us 282 current WMSA members, including 20 juniors.
- b. As of June 30, 2023 (the end of the 2022/23 FY), there were 515 active memberships; composed of 300 individual and 215 family memberships; adding the 292 dependent members gives a total of 807 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.
- c. Discussion ensued on adding an additional Director At Large (DAL) based on the 800 membership level. The additional DAL will be considered when Board elections are held next year.

9. Range Update.

- a. **JoAnn and Bill Weldon sign placement.** Jim Aylor reported that he had mounted a new plaque designating the 50 yard range as the JoAnn and Bill Weldon Range.
 - b. **Update on RSO training.** Don Childers reported that two (2) new RSOs have been trained since the last BOD meeting in June.
 - c. **RSO No Show Policy Discussion.**
 - i. Charles DeSalme announced that a draft policy was being developed and will be available for discussion at the August BOD meeting.
 - ii. The idea of an "Emergency RSO Stand-By list was also discussed briefly and the topic will be included on the August BOD meeting agenda.
 - iii. Discussion on the CRSO's authority to make unilateral changes to the Range Policies will also be added to the August BOD meeting agenda.
 - d. **Baywatch Committee Update.** George Butcher reported that prospective users are beginning to schedule bays as intended.
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10. **Old Business.**

- a. **RSO Appreciation Event Recap (June 21st) - George Butcher and Vesta Melcher.** The event was catered by Dickie's BBQ and well attended by RSOs. The RSVP program funded approximately half the cost of the event.
- b. **AR-15 Class Recap (July 16th)** Jeff Wall reported that the class was well attended by 36 individuals and that he is offering an AR Marksmanship class for the Care & Feeding attendees on July 29th as an additional Range fund raiser.
- c. **Wording modification on (Policy concerning) personal target stands.** This topic was deferred to the August BOD meeting.
- d. **NRA Grant.** Mike Melcher reported that there were no proposals submitted for an NRA Grant for this year so no application will be made.

11. **New Business. Promotion – Free Range Day with Purchase of Firearm.** Charles DeSalme outlined the concept of offering a free range day at Second Knoll with the purchase of a firearm from area retailers. Discussion on the specifics of the plan; Charles will formalize the details and present at the next BOD meeting. Mike Melcher to discuss with Matt Schwartzkopf for any AZGFD concerns.

12. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 5:26 PM by Vesta Melcher and second by Sam Underwood. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed. Annual Membership Meeting to begin at 6:00 PM