

## Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting August 9, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (8 of 10), the August 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors 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 Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, Jeff Wall, Sheila Moffatt, Sharon DeSalme, Fred Bridges, Jeff Pferdeort and Tony Silva were also present as was Matt Schwartzkopf from AZGFD.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the July 2023 Board Meeting and the 2023 Annual Membership meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the July BOD and 2023 Annual meeting minutes was made by Rob Johnson and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the July Treasurer's Report.
  - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$7,446.00, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, the sale of salvage brass and contributions in memory of John Kuehn; expenses totaled \$955.07 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, office and range supplies, RSO name badges, the RSO appreciation lunch and reimbursement to a member for overpayment of WMSA dues. There was a net gain of \$6,490.93 for the month of July and an ending checking account balance of \$134,905.35. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and second by Rob Johnson. 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 \$132.96 for postage, caution signs, printing and printer paper. Tony Silva also submitted receipts for postage and office supplies. Sam Underwood moved to approve the outstanding expenses and Jim Aylor second; the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - c. **Monthly Shooter Days** for July set a one month record at 757 with 45 visitors.
5. **Publicity Secretary Report** –Linda Gilbertson.
  - a. **The NRA Grant** period opened on August 8, 2013, the Arizona submission deadline is November 10, 2023

- b. **ADOT Adopt-A-Mile** clean-up is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, back-up date is October 25<sup>th</sup> in the event of inclement weather.
  - c. Linda reports no response from the membership for a volunteer to take over the Publicity Secretary's position and recommends an email blast to generate a response.
6. **Membership Report** –Tony Silva. As of July 31, 2023 there were 274 active memberships composed of 155 individual and 119 family memberships. Adding the 151 dependent members, that gives us 424 current WMSA members, including 32 juniors.
7. **Range Update.**
- a. **Metal Target Stands (frames).** Jim Aylor displayed a prototype of a shotgun target frame made from rebar – Jim reports that this version of the shotgun target frame will need additional work to make it compatible with the current target stands. Discussion ensued on the use of salvage cardboard for a backer and possible sources for same.
  - b. **RSO Emergency Contact List.** Charles DeSalme has prepared a list of RSOs who have volunteered to work in the event of an emergency or an RSO no-show . The list will be laminated and posted in the Range office.
8. **Baywatch Committee Update.** George Butcher was absent so there was no report.
9. **Old Business.**
- a. **AR-15 Class (July 16 and July 29<sup>th</sup>)** Jeff Wall.
    - 1. The Care and Feeding class was held at the Nature Center in Lakeside and was attended by 36 individuals. Thanks to Brian Moffatt and Don Solomon for their assistance.
    - 2. Fourteen attendees from the Care and Feeding class participated in the Marksmanship class and most requested follow-on instruction of more advanced techniques, another class is under consideration. Thanks to Brian and Josh Moffatt as well as Jake Barnette for their assistance at the Range.
    - 3. The two AR-15 classes provided \$2,200 in proceeds, after expenses, to WMSA.
  - b. **Wording modification on personal target stands.** Don Childers presented suggested language to update Range Policy 2.9.B.by adding paragraph 7, and moved that the suggested language be incorporated into Policy 2.9. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
  - c. **Wording modification on guardianship issue.** Don Childers reported that this issue concerns granting adult children under guardianship membership privileges as part of a Family Membership. The parameters for a Family Membership are contained in Bylaw III.2. Mike Melcher advised that changes to the WMSA Bylaws could only be made by vote of the general membership and that this issue will need to be deferred until the next Annual Meeting.

d. **Promotion – shoot day with gun purchase.**

1. Charles DeSalme explained that this promotion, granting a free Range day with the purchase of a new firearm from area retailers, is intended to increase awareness of the White Mountain populace to the existence of the Range and ultimately increase WMSA membership and Range use.
  2. This issue was discussed with Matt Schwartzkopf who stated that granting free or discounted use of the Range would require approval from the USFS in the form of an amendment to the Range Operations Plan. Board members made the point that USFS and AZGFD Law Enforcement uses the Range for free. Discussion on whether WMSA could pay the Range fees for this promotion as well as other suggestions on how to implement this program without engaging the USFS bureaucracy. Ultimately, Matt promised to raise the issue to USFS as soon as possible; first to request a free shooting day and then, if free shooting is still not permitted, to establish a nominal fee.
- e. **Discussion** on moving a connex to a location adjacent to Bay 4 and adding an awning to provide shade for club shooters and visitors during competitions. Mike Melcher and Charles DeSalme will meet with Matt Schwartzkopf at the Range on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the move. The cost to move the connex and erect an awning will be submitted to the NRA as a grant request.
- f. **Jeff Wall introduced Travis Short**, who is willing to provide NVG equipment for a night fundraiser at the Range. Matt Schwartzkopf has approval authority to use the Range at night for an event and/or law enforcement night proficiency training, but requires two (2) weeks notice.

10. **New Business.**

- a. **Stop the Bleed Training – Jeff Wall reported that the proposed instructor for this training is considering a class sometime after August 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information to follow.**
- b. **DAL Vacancy.** Jeff Wall was appointed by Mike Melcher to finish out the vacant DAL Board member term.
- c. **Celebration of Life** for John Kuehn will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at the Nadel (100 yd) Range. More information will be provided via email and/or on the WMSA website. John's family has asked that donations to WMSA be made in lieu of flowers.
- d. **Call to the Public** – Nothing to report.

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM by Sam Underwood and second by Rob Johnson. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.

