

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting October 11, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 11), the October 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order by the Board Vice President Jim Aylor at 6:00 PM, Secretary Don Childers and CRSO Charles DeSalme were present, as were Board members George Butcher, Robert Johnson, Brian Moffatt, Brenda Silva, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members Linda Gilbertson, William Berlo, Fred Bridges, Deborha Childers and John Meyer were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Jim Aylor led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Motion to Accept the Agenda.** Jeff Wall requested time to present information regarding a “target pit” for the proposed 300 yard range; he will do so during the New Business section of the agenda.
4. **Secretary’s Report.** The Minutes from the September 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the September BOD meeting minutes was made by Rob Johnson and second by Sam Underwood. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.
5. **Treasurer’s Reports.** Don Childers reviewed the September Treasurer’s Report for Vesta Melcher.
 - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$4,202.50, resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar, the sale of salvage brass, commercial use of the Range and contributions in memory of John Kuehn; expenses totaled \$2,513.02 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, office and range supplies, Hight 5 Design, printing, hat design and insurance. There was a net gain of \$1,689.48 for the month of September and an ending checking account balance of \$143,634.63. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Brenda Silva and second by Sam Underwood. 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. **Reimbursement for expenditures.** Jeff Wall moved to defer review and approval of Board member expenditures until the November meeting. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
 - c. **Monthly Shooter Days** for September were 569 with 7 visitors.
6. **Publicity Secretary Report** –Linda Gilbertson.

- a. **ADOT Adopt-A-Mile** clean-up is scheduled for October 18th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, meet just south of the intersection of FR 206 and US 60 at 9:00. There are currently 13 WMSA members signed up to participate, but everyone is welcome. Additionally, mile 346, which includes the entrance to the Range, is now available and changing to this mile would provide flatter terrain along the road, making clean-up easier, and would help keep the approach to the Range entrance presentable. Sam Underwood moves to give Linda the authority to contact ADOT on behalf of WMSA to change our Adopt-A-Mile segment. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
 - b. **The NRA Grant** period will close on November 10, 2023; Linda is still waiting for a response from AZGFD regarding proposed cover to shooting areas of the shooting bays.
7. **Membership Report** – Brenda Silva for Tony Silva. As of September 30, 2023 there were 388 active memberships composed of 226 individual and 162 family memberships. Adding the 205 dependent members, that gives us 593 current WMSA members, including 43 juniors.
8. **Range Update. Charles DeSalme**
 - a. Charles announced that the Range would be open on Monday, Christmas Day, if there are RSOs willing to work. Christmas Day is on the schedule and available for sign-up.
 - b. Since the Shooter Days numbers are relatively high, there will be three (3) RSOs scheduled for each shift; if there aren't many shooters the Lead RSO can send the extra person home.
 - c. Three (3) target frames were broken by the wind last week. As a reminder, RSOs should review the closing policy for excessive wind.
9. **Baywatch Committee Update.** George Butcher. The Baywatch system is running smoothly. As a note, the entire Range will be closed all day on Wednesday, October 18th for AZGFD LE qualification and again the next Wednesday, October 25th, for NCSO Top Shot competition. CRSO, Charles DeSalme, will be at each event to obtain waivers from shooters.

10. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Stop the Bleed Training, Second Class Date.** Jeff Wall. Training will be on Friday, October 27th, at the White Mountain Nature Center at 6:00 PM. Jon Peters will be instructing and this will be joint training with the Back Country Horsemen who will split the cost of the venue rental. Jeff moves to have the BOD approve the joint training session and expenditure of not more than \$40 as WMSA's share of the rental cost. Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.
 - b. **Promotion – shoot day with gun purchase – Update.** Charles DeSalme. The promotion has been well received by local firearms retailers. The HUB and Sportsman's Warehouse have not yet been contacted. ATF was auditing the HUB

when Charles DeSalme visited to discuss the program and RSO Howard Logsdon, a Sportsman's employee, will discuss the promotion with their management. To date, one purchase certificate has been used at the Range.

- c. **Wording modification on Policy for shotgun target frames.** Don Childers presented a proposed revision to Range Policy 2.9.C regarding use of shotguns on the Nadel Range. The Board proposed additional restrictions to include use of the new metal target frames no closer than the seven (7) yard line and the requirement that only the metal target frames supplied by the Range are authorized.
- d. **Wording modification – RSO No Show Policy.** Charles DeSalme reviewed the current “informal” RSO no show procedure and asked that Don Childers email the language for a new Range Policy 2.2.C that formalizes the procedure.
- e. **Celebration of Life – John Kuehn – Friday October 20th 2:00 PM.** Jim Aylor. Betty Kuehn has moved to Springfield, MO. She and other family members will be attending the memorial as well as 20-30 friends from Eagar. WMSA members are reminded to bring a chair if planning to attend.

11. New Business.

- a. **RSO Hours – Gate Code and Lock Changes.** Charles DeSalme.
 - 1. A review of RSO volunteer hours at the Range revealed that some RSOs have not consistently worked the requisite two (2) shifts per month to permit access during non-public hours, consequently 12 RSOs have been removed from the active RSO list.
 - 2. The gate code and office locks have not been changed for approximately two (2) years, so the gate code and office locks will be changed effective November 1st.
 - 3. Charles moved to approve the expenditure of not more than \$175 for purchase of new locks and keys for 70 RSOs. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.
- b. **First Aid Training.** Efforts are underway to schedule First Aid training for RSOs and details will be announced by email once final arrangements are made.
- c. **Non-agenda item.** Jim Aylor announced that he had installed a new propane supply line into the Range office that will permit the use of a large propane bottle, located outside the office, for the propane heater in the office.
- d. **Non-agenda item.**
 - 1. Jeff Wall presented a proposal to include a “rifle pit” in the construction of the 300 yard range. The proposal would provide a unique capability in the White Mountains, allowing targets to be raised and lowered by personnel

behind a protective berm. The use of a rifle pit would also allow the 300 yard range to be used for sanctioned shooting matches and would improve marksmanship of the users. Jeff provided BOD members with a written outline of the rifle pit proposal.

2. CRSO Charles DeSalme asked about any additional insurance requirements and what the rifle pit would add to the dimensions of the 300 yard range. Charles will contact AZGFD Matt Schwartzkopf about the proposal.

12. Call to the Public

- a. John Meyer asked that he be allowed to speak and recalled that Seth Nadel had taught a reloading class at Sportsman's Warehouse several years ago. John wanted to express his appreciation for assistance provided by RSO Tom McAdams when he recently went to the Range to zero a new firearm.
- b. Discussion by Jeff Wall and others regarding Seth Nadel's reloading class and the requirements/benefits of re-starting this training. An NRA certification would be required for the instructor.

13. Motion to Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Sam Underwood and second by Brenda Silva. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.

14. Addendum. On October 23rd, Don Childers sent an email to all Board members and moved for adoption of a proposed change to Policy 2.9 PUBLIC RANGE TARGETS, paragraph C., relating to Shotgun use on the Nadel Range and an addition to Range Policy 2.2 RANGE SAFETY OFFICER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES by adding paragraph C. formalizing the procedure for RSO no-show for a scheduled shift. Charles DeSalme second the motion. Board members unanimously approved the changes via email.