

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting November 8, 2023

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 11), the November 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors (BOD) 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, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members Deborha Childers, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Sharon DeSalme, William Berlo, Jon Tuvell, Alice Tuvell, and Joe Darbyshire were also present.
 - a. **Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
 - b. **Motion to Accept the Agenda.** Sam Underwood moved to accept the agenda as provided and Rob Johnson second. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
2. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the October 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the October BOD meeting minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
3. **Consent Agenda.** Three issues approved via email since the last BOD meeting were presented for Board ratification; 1) approval of \$35 to print the WMSA business card in the High Country Chorus program for an upcoming event, 2) approval of language added to Range Policy 2.2 regarding RSO no show procedures and 3) approval of language changing Range Policy 2.9 regarding shotgun targets. Sam Underwood moved to ratify action on these issues and Charles DeSalme second. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the October Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$2,840.00 resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and in memory of former CRSO John Kuehn, the sale of salvage brass and commercial use of the Range; expenses totaled \$1,024.27 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, advertising, range supplies, and printing. There was a net gain of \$1,815.73 for the month of October and an ending checking account balance of \$145,450.36. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rob Johnson 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 outstanding bills.** Vesta Melcher presented September receipts for printing Liability Waivers and Gun Purchase Promotion flyers in the

total amount of \$286.29. Mike Melcher presented a September receipt for postage to mail AZGFD forms in the total amount of \$4.76. Mike also presented a receipt from October for RSO keys and an additional postage for AZGFD mailing in the total amount of \$28.52. Don Childers presented receipts for the AZ Corporation Commission for the WMSA Annual Report and a Certificate of Good Standing as well as a receipt for the AZ State Rifle and Pistol Association annual membership in the total amount of \$45.00. Jim Aylor moved to approve outstanding Board member expenditures. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.

- c. **AZ Gives.** Vesta Melcher will manage this program going forward and plans an email blast to promote donations through the WMSA website.
- d. **Monthly Shooter Days** for October were 659 with 20 visitors.

5. **Publicity Secretary Report**

- a. **ADOT Adopt-A-Mile** highway cleanup on October 18th included 15 participants. The BOD is still looking for someone to manage this program. Volunteers should contact Mike Melcher.
- b. **The NRA Grant.** No proposal was submitted for an NRA grant this year. The BOD is also looking for someone to manage this program. Volunteers should contact Mike Melcher.

6. **Membership Report** –Tony Silva provided a written report after the BOD meeting. As of October 31, 2023 there were 411 active memberships composed of 244 individual and 167 family memberships. Adding the 211 dependent members, gives us 622 current WMSA members, including 44 juniors.

7. **Range Update. Charles DeSalme, Jim Aylor and Mike Melcher**

- a. **Game & Fish, Navajo Sheriff's Office, Tucson Church Group.** AZGFD Law Enforcement and Navajo County Sheriff's Deputies used the Range in October for qualification and Top Shot competition on separate days. Nine shooters from a Tucson church also used the Range in October. Finally, thanks to Charles for coordinating the change in the gate code and office locks/keys.
- b. **Range Office heater.** Jim Aylor has installed a 5-gallon propane tank outside the office to provide fuel to the inside heater. The hose is located between the First Aid cabinet and the bookcase. Jim will post written instructions.
- c. Jim Aylor reported he intends to refinish the Range shooting-bench tops taking three tops at a time for repair.

8. **Baywatch Committee Update.** Mike Melcher for George Butcher. The Baywatch system is running smoothly and is up to date through January.

9. **Old Business.**

- a. **Stop the Bleed Training Update.** Jeff Wall. Training on Friday, October 27th, was conducted at the White Mountain Nature Center. Jon Peters provided the joint

training with the Back Country Horsemen. Certificates will be available for all attendees.

- b. **Promotion – shoot day with gun purchase – Update.** Charles DeSalme. Three (3) certificates have been redeemed to date. Follow up with the retailers indicates that the sales staff needs to be reminded to give out the certificates.
- c. **Meeting with Matt Schwartzkopf.** Mike Melcher. A meeting with Matt Schwartzkopf, AZGFD State Range Supervisor, included Mike Melcher, Jim Aylor, Charles DeSalme and Bill Weldon discussed moving storage containers closer to the shooting bays and construction of the 300 yd range. Initial work on the new range is expected to begin this year with completion in FY2025.
- d. **Commemorative Project – John Kuehn.** Jim Aylor. The October 20th Celebration of Life had a good turn-out. Donations totaling \$1,075.00 have been collected to this point and Betty Kuehn has also donated a lever action rifle to be auctioned or raffled to raise additional funds. Jim Aylor is asking for suggestions for a suitable project to commemorate John’s service to WMSA and the Range. Any ideas should be forwarded to Jim.

10. New Business.

- a. **RSO Hours – Gate Code and Lock Changes.** Charles DeSalme. The new gate code and office locks have been installed and Range is now operating on winter hours. Ted Lane has revised the RSO sign-up website to allow three (3) RSOs per shift over the winter to accommodate the anticipated increase in Range use over the winter. If three (3) RSOs are not needed on any given shift, the Lead RSO can send someone home.
- b. **First Aid training** is scheduled on Friday, November 10th at the Timber Mesa Fire Station on US 60. Training is from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and is paid for by WMSA. Additional training opportunities are available at the fire station and WMSA will reimburse the training cost for RSOs. Contact Timber Mesa for scheduled classes.
- c. **Vesta Melcher and Judy Sanchez** presented a sample of the new Second Knoll Target Range logo. Hats with the new logo will be available at the Range for a donation of approximately \$25 to cover production costs. Jeff Wall moved to proceed with this project, and later amended his motion to allocate not more than \$1,100 to purchase hats. Jim Aylor second. Discussion centered on the plan to purchase 20 hats each, with the new logo, in gray and black and emphasized that this is an advertising effort rather than a fund raiser. The motion passed with no further discussion and none opposed.

11. **Call to the Public** – No comments.

12. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn by Jim Aylor and second by Rob Johnson at 6:41 PM. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.

