

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting December 13, 2023

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** A quorum of Board members being present (9 of 11), the December 2023 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order by the Board President Mike Melcher at 5:59 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, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members Tony Silva, Deborha Childers, Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Sharon DeSalme, Chris Wall, Ken Josten, Jane Adams and John Humm were also present.
 - a. **Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
 - b. **Motion to Accept the Agenda.** Jeff Wall moved to accept the agenda as provided and Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
2. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the November 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the November BOD meeting minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Charles DeSalme. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
3. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the November Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$1,972.00 resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and the sale of salvage brass; expenses totaled \$3,889.41 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, advertising (logo hats), range supplies, membership refund, First Aid Training, D&O Insurance premium and printing. There was a net loss of \$1,917.41 for the month of November and an ending checking account balance of \$143,532.95. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sam Underwood and second by George Butcher. The motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and 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 reviewed receipts presented by Board members for reimbursement. Mike Melcher presented a receipt for postage to mail AZGFD forms and purchase of additional RSO keys in the total amount of \$21.98. Charles DeSalme presented receipts for RSO vests and propane in the total amount of \$45.23. 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. **Monthly Shooter Days** for November were significantly down from the previous month with 269 shooters and 7 visitors.

4. **ADOT Adopt-a-Highway.** Jim Aylor has agreed to assume responsibility for this program. WMSA now has the mile between MP 346 and MP 347 which includes the entrance to the Range.
5. **Membership Report** –Tony Silva reported that as of November 30, 2023 there were 429 active memberships composed of 257 individual and 172 family memberships. Adding the 218 dependent members, gives us 647 current WMSA members, including 46 juniors.
6. **Range Update. Charles DeSalme, Jim Aylor and Mike Melcher**
 - a. **Charles DeSalme** reported that three (3) new RSOs were trained in the last month; one (1) has completed his OJT requirement and the others will begin their OJT after January 1st. Additionally, Charles reminded the Board that he is scheduling three (3) RSOs per shift throughout the Winter, however if there aren't enough shooters to justify that many, the Lead RSO can send someone home.
 - b. **Thanks to those RSOs who stepped up** to take un-filled shifts during Charles' recent illness.
 - c. **The BOD is still looking for suggestions** for a project at the Range to commemorate former CRSO John Kuehn. Suggestions so far have included a plaque with the names of RSOs that have passed away and a flag pole at the Nadel Range with John's name on it.
 - d. **Porta-a-Potty Discussion.** It appears that someone backed into the porta-a-potty located near the shooting bays. The damage was reported on the Range Office white board, but no details were given and the individual reporting did not leave his name. Charles noted that this type of incident rates a telephone call to Mike Melcher or himself. There was discussion on different ways to prevent such damage, including parking lot type stops (curbing) or similar protective items.
 - e. **Range Office heater instructions and directions.** Jim Aylor will post written instructions on the use of the propane heater. It must be turned off (at the bottle) at the end of each shift to avoid leaking. There was discussion on the size of the propane bottle currently in use and whether it would be useful to obtain a larger bottle, rather than continue with the five (5) gallon ("BBQ" sized) bottle. George Butcher noted that he may have a larger bottle he could donate.
 - f. **Jim Aylor** has posted directions to the Range, including Lat/Long coordinates, to facilitate arrival of First Responders in the event of an emergency.
 - g. Jim also proposed a meeting with the new Lakeside USFS Forest Ranger to discuss Range operations and USFS policies affecting the Range.
7. **Baywatch Committee Update.** George Butcher. The Baywatch system is running smoothly and is up to date through January. Nothing further to report.
8. **Old Business.**

- a. **Promotion – shoot day with gun purchase – Update. Charles DeSalme.** Six (6) 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. To date there have been no new memberships attributable to the promotion; given that \$467 in printing costs have been expended to this point, there is concern over success of this program. The Board will continue to monitor the program before taking any additional action.
- b. **Second Knoll Logo Hats.** The first allotment of logo hats were available at this monthly BOD meeting, including 15 beanies (wool watch caps) as well as 20 black and 10 gray baseball type hats at an initial cost of \$1,075. Over half the total allotment of hats was sold at the meeting. Remaining hats will be available at the Range for a donation of \$25 for baseball type hats and \$20 for beanies. In light of the apparent popularity of the hats, Jim Aylor moved to allocate sufficient funds to purchase twice as many Logo hats in a second order and permit additional orders as necessary to meet demand without specific approval by the BOD. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with no additional discussion and none opposed.

9. New Business.

- a. **Publicity Secretary Position Moving Forward.** Mike Melcher observed that the Publicity Secretary Position has not been filled and is probably unnecessary; this position will not be filled in the foreseeable future.
- b. **Snow Plow.** Mike Melcher has contacted the snow plow operator from last year and confirmed that he is willing to provide snow plow service again this year at the last year's \$600 rate. Discussion: the consensus is that the competition bays should not be added to a snow removal contract because plowing would most likely also remove the position markers used by the Practical Shooters/Cowboy clubs . Alternatively, the affected clubs suggested that a vehicle path back to the parking area could be plowed if necessary. However, competitions are normally cancelled if there is sufficient snow to justify plowing. An additional consideration is the low potential for recovery of the plowing cost given that snowfall is rarely, if ever, sufficient to prohibit more than one weekend of operations and proceeds from Range use is significantly less than the cost of plowing. Under the current Policy the Lead RSO makes the decision on each Range day whether to close for snow events. Sam Underwood moved to approve the \$600 rate for snow removal, but with the condition that the WMSA President and CRSO jointly determine if the cost would be justified by having the Range open for the affected weekend. Jeff Wall seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
- c. **Member Gun Sale Notices.** Discussion as to whether to permit the use of the RSO email database to advertise private gun sales by members. After

discussion, Mike Melcher ruled that the RSO database should not be used for anything other than official RSO communication.

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

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn by Sam Underwood and second by Rob Johnson at 7:02 PM. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.