

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting February 14, 2024

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), the February 2024 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order by the Board President Mike Melcher at 5:58 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, Brian Moffatt, Brenda Silva and Sam Underwood. WMSA members Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Deborha Childers, Sharon DeSalme and Susie Underwood were also present.
 - a. **Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
 - b. **Motion to Accept the Agenda.** Jim Aylor moved to accept the agenda as provided and Bryan Moffatt second. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
2. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the January 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the January BOD meeting minutes was made by Robert Johnson and second by George Butcher. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
3. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the January Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$1,223.15 resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and donations received for Second Knoll hats; expenses totaled \$1,473.38 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, advertising (logo hats), Range supplies, a donation to Meals on Wheels (in lieu of rent at the Senior Center), office supplies, stamps and CMP membership for the Range. There was a net loss of \$250.23 for the month of January and an ending checking account balance of \$142,698.77. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by George Butcher and second by Jim Aylor. 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 re-order of Range business cards in the total amount of \$72.44. Charles DeSalme presented a receipt for propane gas in the amount of \$11.75 and Vesta Melcher presented a receipt for a new RSO badge in the amount of \$5.42. Sam Underwood moved to approve outstanding Board member expenditures. Brenda Silva second. George Butcher suggested future orders for business cards should leave the back of the cards

blank for notes. Motion to approve payment of bills passed by voice vote with none opposed.

c. **Monthly Shooter Days** for January totaled 155 shooters with no visitors.

4. **Membership Report** –Brenda Silva reported that as of January 31, 2024 there were 448 active memberships composed of 268 individual and 180 family memberships. Adding the 228 dependent members, gives us 676 current WMSA members, including 57 juniors.

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

a. Charles DeSalme announced that Jim Aylor had plowed the Range parking lots so that clubs and the public could use the Nadel Range following the recent snowfall, saving \$600 normally charged by the contracted vendor. Additionally, RSO Amy Johnson has volunteered to provide an “Office Refresher Class” to RSOs on the Range office procedures.

b. **Discussion on updating the electrical system at the Range.** A motion sensor/timer light switch has been installed in the Range office. We are still considering additional electric amenities for the Range, such as Range lighting and either solar or generator powered A/C and heating for the office. Jim Aylor reported on a self-contained solar lighting for the 40’ connex that could be installed for about \$100. George Butcher suggested that the connexes in the area of the shooting bays would also benefit from these same solar lighting units.

c. Bryan Moffatt moved to acquire solar lighting systems for two connexes at a cost of not more than \$200 for both. Sam Underwood second. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

d. **Meeting with Lakeside Forest Ranger.** Jim Aylor is working to schedule a meeting between Matt Schwartzkopf and the Lakeside Forest Ranger to discuss Second Knoll issues.

e. **Update on Range Policy 2.6.** Charles DeSalme reported that Range Policy 2.6, Firearms Safety, needed clarification regarding whether shooters could place cased firearms behind the yellow line during a “Cease Fire” period and before checking in with the office. He moved to add paragraph 2.6.C.4, to read “Shooters may place cased firearms behind the “yellow line” during a cease fire. The cased firearm must remain behind the “yellow line” until the line is hot.” to clarify that this activity is permitted. George Butcher second. Discussion centered on how to make sure shooters checked in with the office to register and pay if they were permitted to place their firearms on the concrete before checking in with the office. Ultimately, the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

- f. Mike Melcher reported that a USFS LE officer had used the Range on Friday, February 9th to qualify with his duty firearm and was very impressed with the facility. Mike and Charles are also in discussion for a “Fun Day at the Range” intended to involve retired and active LE officers in the White Mountains; tentative date would be April 25, 2024.

6. Baywatch Committee Update. George Butcher.

- a. George reported that written policies are needed for use of the shootings bays and ranges; specifically, the procedure for reserving bays/ranges, the maximum number of shooters and minimum number of RSOs needed dependent on group size. He will draft policies for BOD review.
- b. Discussion ensued on the availability of the bays/ranges for rent by private groups and the number of RSOs necessary to supervise these groups. A suggestion was made that an email blast would let the membership know that the bays/ranges are available for member use. There was also discussion on the efficacy of the Range Waiver of Liability – Brenda Silva pointed out that the waivers have been approved by USFS and AZGFD, any changes to the current waiver would require additional review/approval.
- c. The Range will be closed all day on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 for AZGFD Law Enforcement training.

7. Old Business.

- a. Mike Melcher raised the issue of whether the Board should consider raising the annual membership fee and/or the daily range fee. Charles DeSalme reported that virtually every expense associated with running the Range has increased and distributed an analysis of the additional revenue that would be produced by a \$1 increase in members daily range fee and a \$2 increase for non-members, as well as the impact of a \$10 increase in annual membership fees. Since the current fees were approved by AZGFD, Mike Melcher will contact Matt Schwartzkopf about raising the fees. The Board agreed to put this topic on the agenda for the March meeting.
- b. Don Childers reported that information about WMSA and the Second Knoll Target Range has been updated with ASRPA, NRA and CMP.

8. New Business.

- a. Don Childers suggested that additional cinders be spread on the Range road where the bare dirt is showing. Discussion about the erosion of the area at the right turn at the bottom of the Range road. Jim Aylor and Sam Underwood will coordinate equipment and manpower to spread cinders on the road.
- b. Don Childers also reported that the Civil Air Patrol has asked for another Beginning Rifle Course for their cadets this Spring. Don will be needing RSO support and will be looking for volunteers to assist with the course.

9. Call to the Public – No comments.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn by Sam Underwood and second by Charles DeSalme at 7:01 PM. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.