

Minutes of the White Mountain Shooters Association Board Meeting March 19, 2024

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** A quorum of Board members being present (10 of 11), the March 2024 meeting of the White Mountain Shooters Association (WMSA) Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order by the Board President Mike Melcher at 10:00 AM; 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, Sam Underwood and Jeff Wall. WMSA members Tony Sanchez, Judy Sanchez, Bobby Owens, William Berlo, Jeff Moyer, James von Gesjen, Tony Silva, Doug Hill, Tom McAdams and John Major were also present.
2. **Mike Melcher led the Board and other members in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
 - a. **Motion to Accept the Agenda.** Jeff Wall requested time on the agenda to discuss an AR-15 class proposed for this summer. Charles DeSalme moved to accept the agenda as amended and Jeff Wall second. Motion passed by voice vote with no discussion and none opposed.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The Minutes from the February 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed by the BOD and published on the WMSA website. A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Sam Underwood and second by Jim Aylor. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion and none opposed.
4. **Treasurer's Reports.** Vesta Melcher reviewed the February Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Highlights of the report** included total income of \$1,243.00 resulting from new memberships and renewals, Range fees, donations from Range jar and donations received for Second Knoll hats; expenses totaled \$647.65 for website maintenance, Mail Chimp, porta-potties maintenance, garbage pick-up, range phone, Range supplies, and a member refund for a membership overcharge. There was a net gain of 595.35 for the month of February and an ending checking account balance of \$143,294.12. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Robert Johnson and second by Sam Underwood. 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 in the total amount of \$6.31. Jim Aylor presented a receipt for solar lights for the 40' connex in the total amount of \$59.39. Sam Underwood moved to approve reimbursement of the receipts presented and Jeff Wall second. Motion to approve payment of bills passed by voice vote with none opposed.
 - c. **Monthly Shooter Days** for February totaled 238 shooters with six (6) visitors.

5. **Membership Report** - Tony Silva reported that as of February 29, 2024 there were 463 active memberships composed of 277 individual and 186 family memberships. Adding the 246 dependent members, gives us 709 current WMSA members, including 60 juniors.
6. **Range Update. Charles DeSalme, Jim Aylor and Mike Melcher**
 - a. Charles DeSalme announced that two (2) new RSOs have completed their OJT and are ready to begin filling RSO shifts. Additionally, John Travoli has repaired the Range PA system. Charles also reported on an apparent bug in the RSO scheduling system resulting in all the remaining vacant RSO shifts for a given month being filled with the name of the last person to schedule a shift. Ted Lane is working on the issue.
 - b. **Discussion on updating the electrical system at the Range.** Jim Aylor has installed two (2) self-contained solar lights in the 40' connex.
 - c. **Policy Changes.** Charles DeSalme and Don Childers prepared suggested language for changes to the WMSA By Laws and Range Policies. Discussion on this issue was deferred until the end of the meeting and ultimately deferred again until the April BOD meeting due to deteriorating weather.
 - d. Mike Melcher reported that 19 AZGFD LE officers participated in training at the Range on March 6, 2024. Lt Shawn Wagner indicated that two more training sessions will be scheduled later this year.
7. **Baywatch Committee Update.** George Butcher reported that there are currently no issues with the Baywatch scheduling system.

8. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Range Fees.** This issue was continued from the February BOD meeting. Discussion by the Board centered on whether an increase in daily and/or annual membership fees is required or whether the current fee schedule should be maintained. Any increase in Range fees must be approved by the USFS and AZGFD.
 1. George Butcher moved to maintain current fees. By a show of hands, three (3) in favor and five (5) against, the motion fails.
 2. Jeff Wall moves to raise annual membership fee by \$10/year for both Individual and Family memberships, Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote.
 3. Sam Underwood moves to increase daily range fees for non-members to \$10/day and maintain the current \$2/day fee for members, Charles DeSalme seconds. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. These changes will take effect on July 1, 2024 pending USFS and AZGFD approval.

- b. **John Kuehn Memorial.** WMSA has received approximately \$1,000 in donations designated for a memorial to former CRSO John Kuehn. Jim Aylor reported that a 20' flagpole would cost approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000 and moves to erect a flagpole in the vicinity of the Nadel Range and place a plaque memorializing John Kuehn's contributions to WMSA, with any expense in excess of donations to be made up from the WMSA funds, Sam Underwood seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed. An American Flag displayed near the Nadel Range would necessitate removal of the flags near the entrance to the range complex.
- c. **Lighting Bid.** The BOD discussed purchase of a generator to provide power to the Range for various uses, including the PA system, office environmental systems (lighting and AC/heat), power tool outlets and Range lighting. The BOD agreed to form a committee to make a recommendation to the Board and to send an email blast to the general membership requesting input regarding installation of a generator and possible uses. Doug Hill reported that lighting to illuminate the Range out to about the 50 yard line would cost approximately \$6,200. A propane powered generator to meet current and anticipated needs at the Range cost approximately \$10,000 more. Discussion centered on whether there would be enough interest in night shooting to justify the expense as well as whether the current RSO pool could support night shooting. An email blast to evaluate the interest level was suggested.

9. New Business.

- a. **Donation – Linda Gilbertson** has donated some reloading supplies and equipment to the Range. These items are available to WMSA members for a cash donation – see Mike Melcher for details.
- b. **AZ Gives Promotion.** WMSA is participating in the Arizona Gives (azgives.org) promotion again this year. The early giving period has already begun and donations made prior to April 2nd qualify for bonus funds. An email blast will go out to all WMSA members to announce this fund raising promotion. Donations can be made through the WMSA or AZ Gives website. Tax receipts for donations are immediately available from the AZ Gives website.
- c. **Upcoming Elections.** Directors At Large will be elected for positions on the WMSA Board of Directors this year. Candidates need to provide a statement of interest to Vesta with qualifications and leadership experience. An election committee consisting of Mike Melcher, Vesta Melcher and Jim Aylor, was appointed. Interested members should contact Vesta for more information.
- d. **Silhouette Club.** Jeff Moyer and Doug Hill are working to establish a rimfire Silhouette Club that will shoot on the main range once a month – the actual day is still to be determined. There will be an initial meeting on March 27th at 10:00 AM to discuss the club and give prospective participants a chance to shoot at

actual targets. Sam Underwood moved to fund the prospective Silhouette Club with \$100 to cover initial startup costs. George Butcher seconds. Motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

- e. Jeff Wall volunteered to teach another “AR-15 Care and Feeding” class on the first or second Saturday of June this year. This class has been very popular and a good fundraiser for WMSA. Jeff was asked to proceed with the planning.

10. Call to the Public – No comments.

11. Motion to Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Sam Underwood and second by Robert Johnson at 11:20 AM. Motion approved by voice vote with none opposed.