

Notes from this Year's Board and Membership Meetings

Folks, please be aware that these notes were collected from 3 different meetings. That is 2 board of director meetings and one membership meeting. Kenny opened the membership meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He then ask the age of some of the members. The youngest person was 46 years old. Kenny noted that the world was changing fast, seemingly against the shooting sports, and maybe we should address some of the problems.

Overall, within the three meetings, a very lengthy conversation was conducted by the board with regards to the clubs strengths, weakness, and threats. The strengths found were the clubs finances being in good order, together with its long history. The weakness noted was lack of junior leaders, low turnout at traditional matches, and the lack of clinics conducted to train members and the general public. The major threats to the shooting sports was generally agreed to be the political climate, the schools and media's antigun sentiment along with the lack of interest/indifference in traditional past time sporting activities.

It took some time, but, Kenny went over with the board all of the action plans to confront and remedy our difficulties and concerns regarding the lack of junior competitors, clinics being conducted, the antigun sentiment in our culture, and low turnout at our matches. The action plans that list these problems, possible solutions, and assignments will be included with the minutes of our minutes. Everyone agreed that the action plans was a good start, and that the board will begin working on them immediately. At this time the board begin to confront some of the concerns facing the club.

The board agreed that we should expand our junior activities and action plans to include clinics and other shooting sports disciplines. The ROTC, Postal Matches, Small Bore, and Black Powder shooting events could help us recruit more shooting coaches and leaders. We will seek to expand our efforts and ideas.

It was agreed by all that we should start to support more training for our juniors, but primarily our junior leaders. The first step could be to reach out to the 4-H folks and sponsor some awards for the 4-h State Championship matches in Douglas.

Kenny, Dudley, Paul, and Cynthia agreed to attend, and set up a table representing WSSA during the 4-h championships in Douglas on July 11, 12, 13 of this year. The idea is to try and recruit some 4-h leaders to become more involved in the shooting sports, such as the Olympics, and High Power Rifle.

WSSA will sponsor \$320.00 for the 4-h state championships (awards) in Douglas this July, and also sell raffles ticket for one of the Kimber 22's at the event. The board conducted a thorough conversation to finalize plans for selling raffle tickets at the 4-h Wyoming State Championships. It

was decided to include 2000 rds of 22 target ammo with the Kimber 22 rifle that will be raffled off at the event. We will display our banner, pictures of our matches, and firearms on our table. Kenny will bring change for the raffle tickets. Arrangements for an FFL dealer to be there have been accomplished. We plan to sell 200 raffle tickets at the event at the rate of one ticket for 5 dollars, or 3 for ten dollars. We will also pass out mini constitutions.

It was suggested that we need to get a professional video put up on u-tube to inform the public about the shooting sports and our role in it. Another suggestion was to maybe get a table at some of the major gun shows and let folks know about the competitive shooting sports and the wssa as well.

The board spend a long time reviewing the Policy Manual in order to make the necessary changes and updates needed to conduct the clubs operations. Change 4 will contain all of these corrections, updates, and guidelines.

One of the new changes is that the highest scoring competitor will have their name placed on the appropriate trophy for that year, and if a Wyoming Resident is not the highest scoring competitor, then at the match director's discretion, the highest scoring Wyoming competitor may receive a Wyoming Champion Hat or maybe a certificate.

Another new item is that except for juniors, competitors must be a member of WSSA at the time the record score is shot, to set Wyoming State records, which are to be posted on our web site.

Also "Newsletters" starting in 2020, only the January editions will contain printed hard copy newsletters mailed via U S Post Office, and the May U S Post Office mailing will contain only the elections ballots, and membership applications, and the September newsletter will be posted only on the WSSA web site.

In 2019, WSSA will get out of the Pac Money business and will no longer give political donations. It takes more people to keep up the paper work than we have the volunteers to support. The small amount of funds we currently have will be placed in the appropriate financial instrument/account.

At this time the Board begin the lengthy process of inventorying the clubs property of firearms, associated equipment, as well as the clubs trophy's, awards, and cups. All of the clubs property was accounted for. It was noted that some of the equipment need updates, fixing and repairs.

WSSA will spend up to \$1000.00 to build two new Flat Top Uppers, (for scopes) and to spend up to \$1500 for two scopes, for the upgrade of two of our A R 15 rifles so that they appear and operate very much like those in the Army, and will comply with the rules so competitors can legally shoot the rifles in EIC matches, and will be ready for operation by our Fall Meeting this year.

A lengthy conversation was conducted by the board with regards to the clubs trophy's, awards and cups. Everyone Agreed that the safety, maintenance, and stowage, of these items need a more secure

and permanent solution. The Thermopolis Museum made an offer of interest to display the trophies in an appropriate sitting. It would seem that this could be a temporary solution.

The board decided to spend up to \$800.00 to build the display container, and include a donation for the Hot Springs County Museum so that our Cups, Awards, and Trophies can be properly displayed with museum for the next two years passed overwhelmingly. Kenny and Nick signed the necessary agreements to begin this process with the Museum. Paul, Cynthia, and Nick will take the lead on this.

M-1 Garand Raffle Drawing

Gary Bailiff is the M-1 Garand Rifle winner.

The WSSA will notify the CMP that Gary is our raffle winner. Everyone please note that the CMP will then initiate the necessary paper work process, and physical actions that are required, so Gary can legally receive a Field Grade M-1 Garand .30 Caliber Rifle from the CMP.