

Note from the Wyoming State Shooting Association

Meetings on May 30 2020

The Meetings was conducted inside the Hot Springs County Museum in Thermopolis Wyoming, and begin at about 9:35 am, and ended at about 4:45 pm.

President Kenny Lankford chaired the meetings, and the other board officers present were, Vice President Paul Garbin, Secretary-Treasurer Nick Nickelson, Competitions Director Phil Morgan, and Legislative Director Cynthia Garbin. Also present were Worland Clubs President Tom Outland, and WSSA Members Wes McElhinny, Mark & Beverly Spungin, and Chris & Susan Smith. Be aware the Hunting/Conservation & Junior High Power positions are open.

Discussion: President Kenny Lankford thanked everyone for coming to the meetings and discussed how far we have come on our action plans, things like how nice it was to have all of our trophies on display at this museum. Kenny talked about the corona virus pandemic this year and that we would not be able to work with the 4-h youth as we had planned, and this may have an effect on our ability to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Kenny noted that most political leaders, and much of the news media view us as non-essential, like the second amendment did not exist. The schools and media's antigun sentiment along with the lack of political interest/indifference do not represent most of the American people. Even though the corona virus has cancelled a lot of our youth shooting sports activities, we have received a letter from the Governor, and he has given us permission to issue awards on his behalf, for our championship matches. We plan to take full advantage of this next year.

Old Business:

Kenny informed and updated our members concerning the clubs display of our trophy's, awards, and M-1 Garand Rifle with the Hot Springs County Museum. He informed the members of our progress on the clubs action plans. Hopefully when this pandemic ends we can do more to educate our youth in the shooting sports.

Special Agenda:

Kenny pointed out the clubs property and equipment had been accounted for but that we needed someone on the board to conduct an annual inventory report who did not have their hands on the clubs assets all the time. Kenny suggested that the vice president position would be idea for this. At this time Kenny ask Paul if he would be willing, and Paul said he would if there was an accurate starting point to begin with. Everyone agreed that Paul would submit a report annually for each spring meeting beginning in 2021.

A. Fire Arms and Equipment. Kenny informed the board that we now have 2 A R rifles back from Keystone Accuracy and they are now flat top A R 15's and ready to be mounted with sights/scopes.

Discussion: A lengthy conversation was conducted by the board with regards to the best way to use these firearms for supporting the shooting sports. Some of the ideas that were mentioned were, possible rule changes, should we make match rifles out of them, should we only use them for service rifle matches, what about scopes for the NRA Category A R tactical? It was noted that we could buy both CMP Legal 4.5 power scopes and larger 15 power scopes for mid-range matches and Hi power matches as well. Many options and possibilities were discussed. We plan to buy two each, Nikon P-tactical .223 scopes for a total of about \$400.00 for use on the flat top A R's

Info: Phil informed us that the club had purchased the necessary ammo for the training that was approved during last Novembers meeting, and that he is ready to issue ammo as the club directs.

B. Training Secession for interested parties.

Discussion: Everyone talked about their disappointment and frustration that we would not be able to work with the 4-h youth at the state fair this year. It appears that the corona virus pandemic has all but shut down the youth shooting sports for this year. However, Cynthia noted that the Youth Hunter Education Challenge program, was planning to conduct their state event in August, and wondered if the board would be interested in supporting that. Of course all of the board members were interested and all of the board members agreed that we should conduct and accomplished next year,

all of the training and raffles and activities that were planned but not completed this year. This is for 4-h, YHEC, and all wssa activities to support the youth shooting sports. For 2020 we will donate to the YHEC \$300.00 and to the 4-H \$300.00 to help support these youth shooting sports organizations

C. WSSA Championships/Governors Participation/4-H/Awards.

Discussion: Kenny has the Governors awards ready for the matches at Laramie in June. As stated above, the wssa priority and plans are to have the Governor Issue awards to the youth, hopefully next year at the Douglas State Fair. However we are hopeful that the Governor will show up to issue awards in Laramie this year. We will offer him the opportunity. Our main goal is to make aware and connect our leaders, (the governor) with the 100 year old traditions of the shooting sports that has been conducted under the guidance of the CMP and NRA using Military Rifles and Handguns.

D. Action Plans.

Discussion: The Board Officers talked about the various challenges facing our rights and abilities to support the shooting sports. This conversation was not limited to the following. Although it has been noted in past conversations we still have a lack of junior leaders, and because of the Pandemic we will not be able to conduct very many, if any traditional clinics for the new shooters this year. Also, NRA high power rifle match attendance has been going down these last few years. Hopefully with the new legislation that has been passed maybe the schools will be able to take up shooting sports activities. It will be up to the wssa members to ensure we take every opportunity to promote the shooting sports. Hopefully with our ability to reach out to the Governor, we can make more people aware of the need to support second amendment rights and activities.

E. Worland Shooting Complex Clubs request for funds.

Discussion: The Worland Club filled out and submitted as required, our wssa form 400, request for funds to upgrade, repair, replace and enhance their pits and berms in order to improve safety and operational methods and procedures on their range. The Worland

Club has also requested funding from the Friends of the NRA, as well as wssa. The total requested amount was for about \$60,000. However the Friends of the NRA has only authorized about \$21,000 for this year, much less than the required amount. There was a detailed dialogue about this wssa form 400 request. The WSSA Board Officers had several suggestions for the Worland Club, including advice and an attempted amended motion to raise the Worland Clubs dues/fees to their members, and to seek funding from other sources such as game and fish, Robertson and Pittman funds. It was noted that the Worland Club is very active in conducting state championships, NRA Woman on Target, CCW classes, Hunter Safety, 4-H & YHEC & Game and Fish Grade School shooting activities support. Military, State, County, and City law enforcement personnel have used the range and continue to use it at this time. After a somewhat long and arduous conversation, the wssa officers decided to grant their request as long as they complete all the requirements listed on the wssa form 400, and that we do not donated the requested wssa funds until they receive the approved funds from Friends of the NRA, (since the NRA is closed down they have not sent any funds yet) and that the Worland club submit an additional report that list, and shows (include pictures) of all the upgrades, repairs, and enhancements to the Worland Range, for wssa to review at our fall meeting this year. The Worland Club representatives agreed

F. WSSA Pronouncements.

Cynthia informed the wssa officers about the results of her work concerning CCW, Fix the Nics Background Check System, School Shields, arming teachers and other such second amendment issues. Cynthia came up with several suggestions and statements for the wssa officers to consider that was labeled pronouncements. After wssa board officers reviewed the Pronouncements list, they all agreed with the basic concept of what they said, and that Cynthia will be given access to the wssa facebook page to post these pronouncements and other such legislature information. Cynthia will also work with Nick to post legislature information, and links on the wssa web site. The wssa board officers are excited to learn how some of our members will respond to the Pronouncements. A copy of the Pronouncements will be note on the web site and filed with these minutes which can be reviewed for further details.

G. Elections for 2020-2022 Directors/Officers

As of the writing of these notes, the following personnel have agreed to have their names place on the 2020-2022 election ballots for the positions as indicated below, and the election ballots should be snail mailed to the members not later than the 13th of July 2020.

<i>President</i>	<i>Kenny Lankford</i>
<i>Competitions Director</i>	<i>Philip Morgan</i>
<i>Junior High Power</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Legislative Director</i>	<i>Cynthia Garbin</i>

Club representatives and reports.

Thermopolis Gun Club is working with the Youth Hunter Education Challenge organization and plan to have an event in August at their range. Details will be forthcoming.

M-1 Garand Raffle Drawing

George Kevin Mowl, from Cheyenne is the M-1 Garand Rifle winner. The CMP will be contacted and given the necessary information so that George can receive his rifle.

At this point everyone just started packing up and getting ready to leave so the meeting ended.