

# Notes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Membership Meeting

The Meeting was conducted in the meeting room of “The Inn At Lander” in Lander WY, and begin at about 2:45pm. Note: We delayed the schedule starting time of the meeting to talk with house district 34 representative Pepper Ottman about bill SFO169 (Wyoming State Shooting Complex).

President Kenny Lankford chaired the meeting and the other board officers present were Vice President Paul Garbin, Secretary-Treasurer Nick Nickelson, Competitions Director Phil Morgan, Hunting/Conservation Direction Roger Sebesta, and Legislative Director Cynthia Garbin. WSSA Club members present were Joel Otto, and our guest present was Pepper Ottman. . Please note that the Small Bore Director, and the Junior Hi Power Director positions are open

## President's Comments

Kenny opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. Kenny noted that these are crazy times we live in. Kenny encouraged everyone to remain steadfast and do what we can to promote the shooting sports. The current onslaught of negativity toward firearms is ever present. Kenny reminded us that WSSA's goal to put firearms education back in class rooms is still on track, although progress is little and slow. He noted that the Hi Cost of fuel, ammo, components, and lack of competitors is hurting efforts to promote the shooting sports.

The clubs property inventory was reviewed, questioned, and updated. The club now has eight shot marker electronic target systems. We have also sold a couple of our firearms and scopes.

A copy of the audit report from S&A Bookkeeping about the clubs financial practices, methods, and status, was reviewed by the board. The secretary will maintain a copy of the report with the clubs papers and files. It is note that the required audits to the clubs financial records are not helping anything and are costing money that could be put to better use. A proposal to change the bylaws was made and the details will be put in the May-Aug newsletter to inform the membership.

Vice President Paul Garbin noted that the Thermopolis club conducted a successful YHEC event this year. Paul, and Cynthia are working with the Wyoming Outdoorsman organization to help fund the education of our youth in the shooting sports

Competitions Director Phil Morgan informed us that most of the State Championship matches have been scheduled for this year. Please check the web site matches schedule pages for all the current details.

Hunting & Conservation Director Roger Sebesta is monitoring the Wyoming public land cross corner issues, which still await court rulings. Also, because of our hard winter the game population is down so the issue of hunting

licenses to the public may be down as well. Fewer game tags and trespassing violations remain problems for our sportsmen.

Legislative Director Cynthia Garbin explained that only some of the proposed hunting bills passed and were signed by the Governor. Cynthia noted that the new law (sfo160) {Wyoming State Shooting Complex}, was somewhat vague. It should be noted that we all talked with house district 34 representative Pepper Ottman for about 2 hours. All of the WSSA board agreed that we should try to have a wssa member appointed to that Task Force, or at the very least, have their ear.

Kenny updated us about Senate Joint Resolution 0001 in that he is still working with folks from the education dept, and the game and fish to help put firearm training and or hunter education in public schools as a PE elective. Progress has been slow but he will keep working on it. Kenny noted that he will get in contact with the governor about a seat on the task force for the Wyoming State Shooting Complex. He will also try to get in touch with Coach Dobkins about the junior shooting matches and how we can better work together.

As of the writing of these minutes, the following personnel have agreed to have their names place on the 2024-2026 election ballots for the positions as indicated below, and the election ballots should be snail mailed to the members not later than the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

Note: Current Secretary/Treasurer Nick Nickelson did not want his name on the ballot this time.

<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Paul Carbin</i>
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Junior Small Bore Director</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Conservation Director</i>	<i>Roger Sebesta</i>

### *M-1 Garand Raffle Drawing*

*James Heath Harrower*, is the M-1 Garand Rifle winner. He is a resident from Pinedale, a WSSA member, and is currently in the military on active duty, in Tampa, Florida. The CMP will be contacted and given the necessary information so that James can receive his rifle.

*At this point the meeting ended*