

NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER 28TH 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Meeting was conducted in the meeting room of “Holiday Inn Express” in Casper WY, and begin at about 10:45am. 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. There were no other members or guest present. Please note that the Small Bore Director, and the Junior Hi Power Director positions are open

President's Comments

Kenny thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their support to WSSA. He made everyone aware of the difficulty we have had promoting the shooting sports because of resignations, and elections within the Game & Fish, and Education Departments. While our legislature had pass some good laws allowing for firearms safety to be an elective in our school systems, the various state agencies and departments have been slow to put the necessary curriculum, procedures, and materials in place.

Note concerning Firearms and Equipment Inventory's:

The board is aware that the traditional shooting sports (NRA & CMP shooting matches) are not as popular in recent years as they use to be (especially service rifle), and that there is a strong negative public images of firearms. Therefore the WSSA will continue to sell our remaining firearms and equipment since we have not received any request from our members to

use any of it. A review was completed by the board and the Vice President was made aware of the remaining firearms & equipment in the clubs possession. Kenny gave the trophy's (Mid-Range, Service Rifle and Hi Power) to Paul and Cynthia, and they will place the clubs trophy's back in the Thermopolis Museum

Director Reports and Notes:

The state shooting complex task force is holding meetings and listening to suggestions concerning the best possible place to build a world class shooting range or ranges in Wyoming. We have been to the meetings and we will continue to go and monitor the progress. Kenny, Paul, Cynthia, and Nick will conduct a phone meeting Wyoming's Superintendent of Public Education on Friday 3 November concerning Senate Joint Resolution 001, and the Game & Fish efforts to fund and adopt firearms safety in the schools. The lack of reloading components and the high cost of fuel is continuing to hurt match attendance. It appears we are waiting on an appeal ruling from the courts before Wyoming may pass anymore laws with regards to corner crossings.

Discussion:

Our work and test with the shot marker electronic targets systems have been rewarding. These targets systems seem to meet all of our needs. They worked very well at this year's state champion high power match in Laramie. It appears that Cheyenne's wants to use them next year, and they also want to conduct the State Championship High Power match there. WSSA will keep selling M-1 Raffle Tickets to fund the junior shooting sports, and also give out Wyoming Championship hats to the match directors. It is hoped that the Lander Indoor Range will be back in operation next year so the juniors can conduct their air and small bore state championships.

The Game and Fish sent us a Grant Agreement to sign. It basically said that we would simply give the (commissioners game tag proceeds) \$17,100.00 to them. However there was not any language in the grant agreement that showed the money would go to funding education in the public school systems for firearms safety training such as outlined in Senate Joint Resolution 001. Because of this, as well as other issues while working the Wyoming Game & Fish, the board was not comfortable with approving any funding to anyone for the moment. We will talk with the Wyoming Superintendent of Education, and also talk more the Wyoming Game and Fish before we approve funds.

It was noted that Paul, Cynthia, and Nick plan to attend the next Wyoming State Shooting Complex Task Force Meeting on Nov 17th. Also, we are working with coach Dobkins to ensure one of members can get a youth left handed air rifle for his son.

The proposed By-Law change passed. It is now the effective wssa by law, as noted below.

The President or the board of directors may initiate an audit of WSSA financial records in a manner, and a frequency, either by current members, or an outside organization, as deemed necessary.

The following is the election results.

Vice President:	Paul Garbin
Secretary Treasure:	Nick Nickelson
Junior Small Bore Director:	Open
Conservation Director:	Roger Sebesta

That is about it for the meeting.