

# Notes from the April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 Membership Meeting

The Meeting was conducted in Casper, at the Holiday Inn Express, inside their meeting Room. The briefings and conversation began about 10:25am, and lasted till approximately 2:30pm? Note: We delayed the schedule starting time of our regular business meeting to talk with our guest from the Wyoming Game & Fish and the Wyoming Department of Education.

Acting President Paul Garbin chaired the meeting and the other board officers present were, Secretary-Treasurer Nick Nickelson, Competitions Director Phil Morgan, Hunting/Conservation Direction Roger Sebesta, and Legislative Director Cynthia Garbin. WSSA Club members present were Linda Dobkins, Coach Phillip Dobkins, Nathan Kuehl, Don Northrop, Andy Rayland, Beverly Spungin, and Mark Spungin. Our special guest present were Janet Milek and Nish Goicolea from Game & Fish, and of course, Dicky Shanor from the Department of Education. Please note that during this meeting, Coach Phillip Dobkins was voted to Junior Small Bore Director position, leaving the Junior Hi Power Director, and the Vice President positions open.

## Guest Basic Information Briefings and Comments.

Our guest were very eager and informative. Dicky informed us that the Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, and all of the Department of Education was working with the Game and Fish, and other organizations to promote firearms safety training for Wyoming youth. Dicky noted that the school districts are the ones who decide what subjects, books, and curriculum, is taught in their schools. Janet explained that the Game and Fish were working very hard to ensure that everyone that passed the hunter safety course had to at least demonstrate how to safely handle firearms, (sometimes non live firing, inert, drill firearms, but with operational functional actions) as well as pass a written exam. Nish went on to explain that they are working with the Department of Education to certify/qualify teachers from all of the school districts that want to learn, so that teachers can instruct the hunter safety course. Our Guest expressed hope that the Wyoming State Shooting Complex would have the facilities to help with this training & education.

Paul opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. Paul noted that these are crazy times we live in. The current onslaught of negativity toward firearms, our

constitution, and basic way of life seems under attack from all sides. Paul encouraged us to remain steadfast and do what we can to promote the shooting sports. He reminded us, although progress is slow, we should maintain our commitment to put firearms education back in class rooms. Paul noted that there were open positions on the board.

#### Discussion:

It was decided that no immediate action was needed after the meeting with our guest. From now on, we will have to pay if we want to continue to use the Bucking Bronc logo/emblem. We don't want to go to the 4-h championships in Douglas this year, but we will send money. We will add a couple of pages to the May 2024 newsletter to explain that folks are quitting their jobs on the board. It was decided that for the next two years (2024-2025) we will let junior members (under 21,) join for free. We will try to git the NRA to help us recruit members for the wssa. Nick will head the effort. We must find a new bank. Our old U S Bank is closing its branch in Worland. So Nick will find another bank to help with our financial business needs.

#### Nominations for the fall election ballots.

The club received several nomination ballots in the mail. At this meeting there was a lot of discussion about who was willing to have their name on the fall election ballot. As of this writing 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 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

President	Paul Carbin
Competitions Director	Andy Rayland
Junior Hi Power Director	Beverly Spungin
Legislative Director	Cynthia Garbin

#### M-1 Garand Raffle Drawing

Rayland Andrew D. 910 Samuel Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009 307 640-0396 Is the M-1 Garand Rifle winner. He is a resident from Cheyenne, a WSSA member, and is currently our action pistol match director. The CMP will be contacted and given the necessary information so that Andy can receive his rifle.