

## Notes from the Wyoming State Shooting Association Board and Membership Meetings on May 14th 2022

*General Information: There was a lot of time spent by the board officers talking about the various issues and concerns involving the clubs missions and goals. These notes will cover most of the main points and conversation by the board officers.*

*Discussion: President Kenny Lankford thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and discussed progress with regards to our accomplishments, goals, and action plans. The subjects of Kenny's conversations included high inflation, the country's current president and his entire administration is waging war on our second amendment rights. Kenney noted that the 4-h officials were not willing to conduct any organized sanction center fire rifle match that involved rapid fire. It is also evident that we need to meet with Coach Dobkins in Cheyenne, and Amanda Small in Lander to help build our current junior shooting sports goals into more efficient and effective programs. Kenny reminded us that we need to be proactive and to vote for our freedoms every opportunity we get. He noted that the NRA is fighting in the New York courts to continue to exist as a shooting sports association/organization. He discussed the goal of WSSA to put firearms education back in class rooms and that we need to vote wisely for those running for positions like Superintendent of Schools. He noted that the Hi Cost of fuel, ammo, components, and lack of competitors is hurting efforts to promote the shooting sports. We hope that within the next couple of years, we can hold a youth national championship at Guernsey.*

*With this being an election year we need to inform our members to vote wisely in support of their 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. The WSSA should continue financial support to YHEC, 4H and other youth shooting sports organizations. The WSSA will continue to work with the Wyoming Game and Fish in support of Wyoming Law to help our youth learn basic firearms safety and marksmanship in school curriculums for both classroom and field studies. The Treasure will contact the Board by the second week in June to finalize the decision about best the way to reinvest our current cash reserve funds.*

*The WSSA Secretary placed copies of both the Jan-May 2022 Treasure Report, and the 2021 Annual Financial Report, on file for further audit and review.*

*Our Vice President Paul Garbin went over the inventory of the clubs assets & property. Kenny provided him & Nick with a list of items that the club owns, important to have for a shooting organization. We have pictures of the clubs trophies and a list of all the firearms make model and serial numbers. See the Annual Inventory list for all the details. It was noted that the Thermopolis School pulled the pictures of the Kids training*

with their air rifles from the schools face book pages. The Game & Fish are starting to teach the Hunter Safety Class in some schools.

We talked about the clubs firearms and equipment that is not being used. We are not supporting and have not supported any youth or new shooter teams, or shooter/competitors in the last few years. The WSSA has enough equipment to send a team to the nationals, but no one wants to go. Perhaps we should sell some of the firearms & equipment, or arrange for a Museum to display it. We will sell some of the fire arms and equipment to our associate clubs or our members. Note, Kenny will oversee this project and we will put out the word in our newsletter.

Vice President Paul Garbin noted that the Thermopolis club has received some financial support for the YHEC this year. It was agreed that YHEC is a good way to reach out to the youth across the country.

Competitions Director Phil Morgan noted 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. We decided to purchase one shot marker electronic target system along with 2 tablets.

Legislative Director Cynthia Garbin explained that Wyoming Elections are very important this year. Many Congressional, and State representatives are up for reelection and many are retiring. We need to ensure our members are aware of the need vote wisely in support of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights and youth education. Also noted was, as of now, 28 states have constitutional carry.

Hunting & Conservation Director Roger Sebesta noted that the Game and Fish may not issue as many tags in the future. There was a long discussion about the ongoing Wyoming public land cross corner prosecutions and civil lawsuits. Fewer game tags and trespassing violations remain problems for our sportsmen.

As of the writing of these minutes, the following personnel have agreed to have their names placed on the 2023-2025 election ballots for the positions as indicated below.

President	Kenny Lankford
Competitions Director	Phil Morgan
Junior Hi Power Director	Open
Legislative Director	Cynthia Garbin

M-1 Garand Raffle Drawing

Harley Booth, 2121 Newton Ave. Cody WY 82414 is the M-1 Garand Rifle winner.