## WSSA

## NOTES FROM OUR NOV 4<sup>TH</sup> 2017 MEETINGS



We would like the thank Governor Mead for being our special guest with us at the meeting.

The Meetings was held at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne Wy. These notes are from both the Board of Directors and Membership meetings. Our president John Bair could not be at the meetings. However our vice president Dave Urasky chaired both meetings. Dave thanked everyone for attending. Dave then, read President John Bair's comments. The concern is for our youth and new shooting sports competitors. Our business philosophy of developing youth should be to work in coordination with the NRA, and CMP. We must provide guidelines and mentorship, (coaches) to help train and educated new shooters and junior competitors in the shooting sports. The discussion included ideas of how to reach out to our schools and colleges

on a state as well as the local levels. It was noted early on that it would take almost full time volunteer efforts. The difficulties of educating the general public, and especially our youth in the skills of basic marksmanship and the shooting sports is part of the reasons we are seeing such low turn outs at the state and national matches. It was about this time that the Governor joined our meeting. Governor Mead said that he is proud to support the shooting sports, and that he wants to elevate the shooting sports to the next level. The Governor said he would like to see Wyoming become the shooting sports state. We gave the governor a brief history of the WSSA involvement with the shooting sports. Governor Mead said, we need to ensure that everyone, especially ladies, and our youth be given every opportunity to become involved in the safety, and disciplines of the various shooting sports. This effort is to include working with our schools and other programs such as 4-H. We ask Governor Mead to authorize a Governor's Award based on the NRA/CMP's President's 100 award. The governor agreed to work with us on this and that his point of contact will be Mr. Nephi Cole. Also, in an effort to help the WSSA promote the shooting sports, Governor Mead volunteered to display our trophies in his office, especially the Remington Iron Mike Trophy.

Motion: by Tom and Second Dave to bring the Remington Iron Mike trophy out of retirement and make it ready for the 2018 season, and to allow our trophy's to be displayed by the Governor not later than January 2018 passed without objection.

Motion: by Nick and Second by Tom to adopt the updated changes that President John Bair wrote concerning the Junior /New Shooter Program, and to place them in the policy manual was approved without objection.

Motion: by Nick and second by Dave to appoint Paul Garbin to be the Hunting Conservation Director, to take effect in Jan 2018, in accordance with current By-Laws passed without objection.

Discussion: The club has permission form the CMP to obtain a low cost m-1 rifle (\$200.00) to use for our annual raffle. This creates a conflict with the policy manual.

Motion: by Nick and second by Tom to update the policy manual with the following guidelines, When fund raising events are conducted using a CMP M-1 Rifle for prizes or awards, the CMP rules will be followed with regards of how the profits will be used and spent. For other fund raising events we will use the current guidelines passed without objection

It was decided to allow Clay LeMarr to examine, fix, repair, and test the clubs A R- 15 Rifles for accuracy and reliability, and that he be reimbursed for his work, the repairs, and for ammo to conduct the test, with all funds advanced to Clay to be verified with a receipt from him for all ammo parts, and services.

Discussion: It was noted that we still do not have a midrange trophy and that the one plaque that was in the planning stages may not be a good idea since it was to include a picture of the Remington Iron Mike, and we are now going to start using the Iron Mike in 2018. The Governor has agreed to display our trophies. The details are still to be worked out.

Motion: by Dave and second by Tom to cancel the planned midrange plaque and to build a midrange trophy very similar to the long range trophy with the exception that we would use a bronze bucking horse cowboy like the Wyoming State symbol passed without objection.

Discussion: The new spotting scopes obtained for the new and junior shooters seem to work well. The new Spotting scopes and stands were purchased for the junior program and will be issued as required.

It should be noted at this time that the CMP will not be bringing their games to Wyoming. It may be possible that in the future the CMP can organize a firing school for Wyoming.

The Vice President, Dave Urasky noted that the Rawlins Range Electronic Targets are up and running very well and he is looking forward to the 2018 season.

Tom Helak, noted that the junior program is currently suspended until all the A R-15 rifles can be examined and inspected then the necessary repairs completed. He looks forward to the 2018 season and expects the rifles will be ready for issue by April. He also noted that this years' service rifle match went well with the electronic targets at Rawlins.

Mark Spungin informed us that there was not any legislation of concern at this time.

Renee Krawiec informed us that the Action Pistol Match was a success even though the dates were changed. We issued our last hat for their top Junior Shooter.

It has been noted that scoped A R service rifles have set new records this year. Both the CMP and the NRA rules allow scopes for all A R-15 Service rifle sanctioned matches. Some folks feel we should keep up with the times. The conversation covered which is the best scopes, and how much advantage they may give a young or new competitor.

Motion: by Tom Helak, and second by Beverly Spungin that the wssa fund up to \$1500.00 for scopes and the necessary equipment to outfit 3 WSSA, A R-15 rifles (receipts are required) which will meet all Rules and Regulations of the NRA and CMP, so that rifles which are so equipped, can be used to legally compete in all appropriate WSSA State Championship matches, and also noted, Tom Helak and Clay LeMarr will work out the necessary details, and keep us informed,,, passed.

Elections for 2018

The January Newsletter will contain nomination ballots, not election ballots, for the 4 board positions that are up for reelection next year.

This is about it for the Fall 2017 meetings.

As always, questions or concerns, let me know.

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