

MCSA Meeting
19 December 2017

8:01 Meeting called to order by President Rod Browning who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mike Vennard, Dan Rader, Chuck Stricker, Pat McCoy, Steve Constable, Rod Browning, Jess Secrest, Rosalie Greener, Nick Greener, Mike Greener, Jay Kolbe, Ron Hamm, Kyle Kohn, Scott Thomas, Jim Richard, and Marcus Strange from Montana Wildlife Federation. Also one person who signed in illegibly.

Opening Remarks:

Mike Vennard presented a note on the passing of Lones Wigger at age 80. He was from Carter, Montana up near Great Falls and became the best rifle shot in the world. In his career he earned 111 medals, set 29 world records, won 2 Olympic gold medals and a silver for position shooting and is in the Olympic Hall of Fame. Pat McCoy then added several personal notes of his friendship with Lones. Pat also made a suggestion that the Association make a donation of \$100 dollars to his memorial. Mike Vennard makes the motion, Scott Thomas 2nd. Motion passed. [Note Pat McCoy will get the address of where to send the donation and communicate with Joanne.]

Minutes and Treasurers reports:

Mike Vennard read the minutes of the November 2017 meeting. Pat McCoy made a motion to accept as read, Dan Rader 2nd, motion passed.

Mike Vennard, presented the Treasures Report. Checking Balance is \$4468.39. Construction Account is \$4493.07. Paid membership is 139. Dan Rader made motion to accept report, Ron Hamm 2nd, motion passed.

Correspondence:

Two items of correspondence were presented by Mike Vennard. The first was from the Civilian Marksmanship Program. It was a thank you letter for our continuing membership in the CMA and announcement of the state of the art airgun ranges and the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park opening in Alabama.

The second correspondence was a offer for mining of the berms for lead. In discussion it was noted that this is a for profit offer and would cost us to have the operations performed. As our berms are less than a year old no actions should be taken. Rod Browning will take a closer look at the offer.

Committee Reports:

Dan Rader reported that he has gotten a less than positive response for the 4-H shooting program, sighting scheduling as the major problem. He will try again after the first of January next year, to put together a minimum of 5 shooters for the course.

A short discussion ensued as to what to do to get youth interested in the Association and its programs. Pat McCoy pointed out the club in Lander, Wy. held classes one a month for youth to learn how to take care of their guns, mount and align scopes, and proper handling along with many other items of interest and these were on going as the need arose, without the commitment of a rigid schedule. Mike Vennard pointed out the Association used to hold a spring time open house where youth were invited to bring

out a 22 rifle and compete for prizes, inspect the facilities and get to shoot in a safe environment. Further discussion was suggested by Pat on this subject.

Unfinished Business:

The insurance bill has been paid in the amount of \$2326.00 Several items were deleted from coverage that do not apply to our situation.

President Rod Browning noted that if you have not reviewed the By-Laws updates please do so as a vote will be taken on acceptance, at the January meeting. A couple of members noted that it would be good if the changes were sent out for review, one more time.

It was noted that as Ron Coleman, Range Manager is recovering from knee surgery that any range problems be directed to Rod Browning or Bill Cummins.

New Business:

A Christmas card has been sent along with \$200 as a thank you to the Jacksons for the continued use of their property for the Association range.

Nominations for expiring terms of Association officers were opened. Ron Hamm nominates Rod Browning to remain in the position of President. Mike Vennard 2nd. Nominations closed.

Mike Vennard noted that in January the Budget review committee should be formed so the revised budget can be accomplished by the March 2018 meeting. Pat McCoy also noted that the annual audit should also be conducted during the same period. These two items will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Guest Marcus Strange of Montana Wildlife Federation asked to speak to the membership and granted permission by President Rod Browning. Marcus stated that the MWF is in the process of revamping their goals and procedures and will send an invitation to MCSA to once again become a member in their Federation. He noted some of the Federation changes and our compatibility with the overall goals of the Federation. Both Jess Secrest and Jim Richards spoke highly of the Federation and suggested that we support the re-branding effort. It was noted that our next meeting is 16 January and we hoped that the invitation would arrive before that time in order that informed discussion on the pending membership can take place, Mr. Strange said that he would expedite the invitation.

The next meeting of the Association is 16 January 2018.

Pat McCoy made a motion to adjourn, Ron Hamm 2nd. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Vennard for
Joanne Cummins, Secretary/Treasurer