

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President:

Time just seems to keep getting away from me. It is already the end of October, what happened to fall? The weather went from 100 degrees one day to 30 degrees the next. It has been a fairly busy fall. I just barely made it over to Sheridan for the pie shoot. We were only 2 hours late; I didn't count on getting stopped 3 times by road construction between Worland and Buffalo. Everyone seemed to have a good time at the pie shoot; a few even walked away with a pie or two. Jane cooked a meal of sloppy joes with the fixings. A big thank you goes out to the Sheridan club for hosting another great pie shoot.

Ned Dunn and LZ hosted a Wyoming Muzzleloaders Skeet and Trap shoot September 22, 2012 at the Powell Rod and Gun Club. Complete story to follow elsewhere in the newsletter. I have even made it out to float the river a couple of times this fall.

When I was elected president by the board of the Wyoming State Muzzleloaders, one of my major concerns was the Bylaws and procedures of the organization. It seemed that as a board we kept making motions for things that had already been voted on by the board or membership in the past. It seemed to me that as an organization we have some problems getting motions that are voted on and accepted from the minutes to the actual bylaws and procedures. I charged the board with trying to correct this problem. A committee was formed and chaired by Angie Lehto with reviewing past minutes and updating the By-laws and procedures. Attached in the newsletter is a copy of the updated By-laws with corrections made according to past minutes and updating the By-laws according to Robert's Rules of order. The up-dated By-laws will need to be accepted by the general membership at the general membership meeting on Saturday January 26, 2013. Please review the updated By-laws. If you have concerns please direct the comments to me or the board, prior to the state convention.

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The board still needs to update the procedures; however, this is a start. The board is also looking at few changes at state convention, to try and run the general meeting according to the By-laws and Robert's Rules or order. Hopefully if we run WSMLA per the By-laws and procedures, we can avoid some of the issues we have had the past couple of years.

According to my notes, we have 4 directors with their term expiring in January. Myself, Paula Sorter, Ginger Baumann, and Willie Felton.

Hope everyone is having a safe and successful hunting season. Remember to vote on November 7th. Bill Morrison

Pumpkin Bread Recipe

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups (200g) flour

1/2 teaspoon of salt

1 cup (200 g) sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup (240 ml) pumpkin purée*

1/2 cup (120 ml) olive oil (light)

2 eggs, beaten

1/4 cup water

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon allspice

1/2 cup (120 ml) chopped walnuts



- * To make pumpkin purée, cut a pumpkin in half, scoop out the seeds and stringy stuff, lie face down on a foil or Silpat lined baking sheet. Bake at 350°F until soft, about 45 min to an hour. Cool, scoop out the flesh. Freeze whatever you don't use for future use. Or, if you are working with pumpkin pieces, roast or boil them until tender, then remove and discard the skin. Method
- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Sift together the flour, salt, sugar, and baking soda.
- 2 Mix the pumpkin, oil, eggs, 1/4 cup of water, and spices together, then combine with the dry ingredients, but do not mix too thoroughly. Stir in the nuts.
- 3 Pour into a well-buttered 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake 50-60 minutes until a thin skewer poked in the very center of the loaf comes out clean. Turn out of the pan and let cool on a rack. Can easily double the recipe.

Yield: Makes one loaf.

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BY-LAWS

Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 Name

The name of this Corporation shall be the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc. The Corporation is also commonly known as the WSMLA.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

Section 1 Object

The object of this corporation shall be to encourage and advance organized shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of sportsmanship, safety, and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Section 1 Admission to Membership

Any individual and/or his/her family residing in a common household may acquire a Membership of their own upon payment of dues established by the Members, unless he or she is disapproved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Certificates of Membership

The Corporation shall issue cards evidencing Membership in the Corporation to each Member.

Section 3 Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be due and payable on/before the annual meeting of the Members. Annual Membership dues shall be \$25 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via electronic delivery and \$35 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via mail delivery (hard copy). Members who are in arrears at the time of the annual meeting of the Members shall have voting rights suspended and be barred from further rights and privileges of Membership. Members who are still in arrears 30 days after the annual meeting of the General Membership shall be automatically dropped from Membership in the Corporation until such time that all dues owed to the Corporation are paid current.

Section 4 Membership Classes

Membership Classes in the Corporation are as follows:

A) Regular Membership

Any paid Member who does not fall under a different Membership Class shall be considered a Regular Member of the Corporation.

B) Charter Membership

Original Charter Members of the Corporation shall receive a free Life Membership which shall include their annual Membership dues and subscription to the Corporation's newsletter. (January 2012)

C) Membership for Military

Any active Military Service person will be allowed a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly, with the presentation of an active military card. (January 2010)

D) 65 and Over

Members over 65 years of age at the time of renewal shall receive a 20% discount on their annual membership. (January 1996)

E) Junior and Sub-Junior Membership

Juniors and Sub-Juniors shall receive a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly. (January 2012)

F) Life Membership (no longer available for purchase as of January 1996)

A Life Membership may be presented to a Member of the Corporation with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

G) \$10 Membership

An Individual or a Family who is not a Member of the Corporation will be allowed to participate in Corporation Sanctioned Shooting Matches by paying a \$10.00 fee per shooting event. (January 2009)

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Members shall be held in January in Casper, Wyoming with the exact time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect Directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be posted in the Corporation's newsletter no less than 90 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2 Voting

Each member in good standing shall have one vote to be cast in person and not by proxy. All Members shall have the right to attend and be heard.

Section 3 Quorum

Presence of twenty (20) Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Membership.

Section 4 Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call of Directors
- C) Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
- D) Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- E) Reports of Special Committees
- F) Filling of Vacancies
- G) Guest Speakers
- H) Election of Directors or Officers (Board of Directors meeting only)
- I) Unfinished Business

- J) New Business
- K) Time/Place of Next Meeting (Board of Directors meeting only)
- L) Adjournment

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Number, Tenure, and Qualification

The business, property, and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by an elected Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) members of the Corporation who shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. Four (4) Directors will be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Members. The immediate Past President may continue to serve on the Board in an advisory capacity if his/her elected term as a Director ends with his/her term as President. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself/herself. The election of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The term of each Director shall commence immediately upon his/her election.

Section 2 Regular Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall last no longer than two (2) hours and shall be as follows:

- 1) The location of the Annual Convention
- a) Friday at 7pm
- b) Sunday at 8am
- 2) Riverton, WY; Memorial Day Shoot
- a) Sunday at noon
- 3) The location of the annual competition
- a) Saturday at noon

The exact location of the Meetings shall be determined by the President.

Section 3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Corporation's Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any seven (7) Directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meetings shall be communicated in writing to each Director at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such special meeting.

Section 4 Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5 Quorum

Presence of fifty percent (50%) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 Internal Affairs

The internal affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IVI

OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2 Election and Tenure

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by and from the Members of the Board of Directors at the Sunday morning meeting of the Board during the annual Convention. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The President shall not serve more than two (2) years consecutively.

Section 3 Removal

Any Officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board by a three-fourths vote of the Members of the Board; provided that such Officer and all Directors shall have been served with a written notice of the accusations against him/her and of the time and place of the meeting at which such Officer shall be given an opportunity to produce his/her witnesses, if any, and to be heard. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of the meeting.

Section 4 Vacancies

A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5 President

The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings.

Section 6 Vice-President

In absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 7 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all the meetings and take care of correspondence as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 8 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all Corporation funds and shall be responsible for the collection of dues. He/she shall disperse funds of the Corporation only by checks signed by him/her. He/she shall report the financial status of the Corporation at each regular meeting and special meeting and shall keep, in books belonging to the Corporation, full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Members by a vote of a majority of the Members present. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws will be presented to the Members in writing in the Corporation's newsletter a minimum of 60 days prior to the annual meeting of the Members.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 Parliamentary Authority to govern Corporation

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (current edition) shall govern the Corporation in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules

ARTICLE IX

CORPORATION SPONSORED EVENTS

Section 1 Events Sponsored by the Corporation

Events sponsored by the Corporation such as, but not limited to, the Annual Convention and Corporation Sanctioned Shooting Matches, shall be governed by the WSMLA Policies and Procedures. These Policies and Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

This Draft will be presented to the Membership for final vote at the annual convention meeting in January.

Wad's Up? Let's shoot some shotguns!!!!!

Special thanks to Bill Morrison for donating prizes to the Shot Gun shoot. Thanks Bill!

Also, please see the rules and regulations posted on the website. Hope to see you next year.

Frank Elzay



Andy Lawrence, Jim Clark, Bill Morrison, Ethen Kolacny, Ned Dunn, LZ, RMJP, Jim Emmert. Not pictured: Alan Royal.

1st Annual Wyoming Smoothbore Skeet and Trap

The 1st Annual Wyoming Smoothbore Skeet and Trap was held September 22, 2012 at the Powell Rod and Gun Club. What a great new event! LZ was in charge of explaining to everyone what the trap and skeet shooting was all about. He had 7 willing victims to put to the test. Most of us were new to the trap and skeet shooting with a black powder shot gun. LZ, Ned Dunn and Andy Lawrence were kind enough to lend us shooting supplies and guide us on shooting the muzzle loading shotgun.

There is a lot more into shooting a shotgun than a regular muzzleloader. First is the powder, powder card, wad soaked in virgin Peanut oil, shot, and then the shot card. Than it gets complicated; you can shoot 2 practice shots. When the shooting starts you get 2 shots from each of 5 positions and then 1 shot walking the 5 positions, for a total of 15 shots per round on the trap. First round was a little rough. Ned was high with an 11 of 15 clay birds.

After a brief lunch in which Jeannie Dunn provided homemade chile, brats, chips, cookies and fruit, we were ready to try it again. Second round of trap was a little better with most scores improved. LZ came out on top with a 14 of 15 on the trap range. Then the torture got worse. We moved on to the skeet shoot. LZ and Andy had to do a lot of explaining to us poor heathens about skeet shooting. Do you know that there are 8 positions on the Skeet range? You shoot at birds going over your head, coming directly at you and then sideway's in front of you at 57 miles per hour. Darn that was tough for us first timers.

Ethen kicked everyone's butt with 13 of 16 shots, Ned wasn't far behind at 11 of 16. Everyone shot at least 2 of the clay pigeons. After the 3 rounds everyone was ready to call it a day, I know my shoulder and arm was hurting after shooting about 50 shots with the 12 gauge. I came up with a few prizes and we held a raffle for the prizes. LZ, Ned and Ethen were the winners.

Great time was had by all. A big thank you goes out to Jeannie for the fine lunch, Ned Dunn and LZ for providing the fixings for loading up shot guns and explaining the rules of the game and to Andy Lawrence for keeping score and pushing the button. Ned and LZ want to turn this into a permanent event that is maybe shot 2 times a year. If you are interested let them know, it was a lot of fun.

Bill Morrison



LZ about to nail a clay pigeon

Jim Clark. Notice the orange clay pigeon about to clear the house.



Below is the Traveling Trophy Qualifiers for the year of 2012-1213

Aug. 3,4 &5 BHML State shoot Dave Hein 49X Jane Black 39

Aug. 11 & 12 Sheridan Bench Rest Shoot Bill Morrison 48X

Ginger:)

2013 WSMLA Photo Contest

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association will feature a photo contest at State Convention in Casper on Saturday January 26, 2013. This event is open to all members and your participation is encouraged.

Categories:

- A. *Humorous* Relating to our sport
- B. **Shooting/Hunting** black powder target shooting or hunting
- C. Camp Life/Portraiture rendezvous, primitive camps, people
- D. **Scenery/Nature** a picturesque view or landscape/wildlife
- E. **Captioned Photos** photos submitted with a phrase or saying attached to them (THIS IS A NEW CATEGORY THIS YEAR)
- **If your photo does not quite fit one of the above categories, we will, with your help place it into one anyway.

Who may enter: Any paid up member and their immediate family

Rules:

*Photos must be enlarged to 8 X 10 and matted. Digital photos are acceptable but Xerox copies and pictures that are framed will not be allowed. This is to make it fair to all participants. Please try to have your photos turned in to Angie Lehto or Willie Felton by 10:30 A.M. on Saturday January 26th. Remember, the earlier you have it on display, the more time people will have for voting on your entry. Limit of three photos per category per person.

Awards:

- * 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category.
- * 1st prize in each division will be \$ 15.00 in Trader Bucks
- * 2nd prize in each division will be \$10.00 in Trader Bucks
- * 3rd prize in each division will be \$5.00 in Trader Bucks
- A grand prize for best photo overall will be awarded \$25.00 in Trader Bucks

**These Trader bucks will only be valid for this year's convention Judges:

All members (including family) will be allowed to vote during the viewing period on Saturday. You will vote for one photo per category plus the best of show. Judging will be closed at 3:00 p.m. to allow for a count of the ballots. Prizes will be awarded during the auction. Photos may be auctioned off at the owner's discretion.

If you have any questions about the photo contest, please feel free to contact Angie Lehto at: (307)851-9054 or by email at ajfred48@hotmail.com.

WSMLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TEN SLEEP, WYOMING

August 4, 2012 (unapproved)

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Bill Morrison. Members in attendance: Trish Miller, Ed Kern, Angie Lehto, Ginger Baumann, Bill Morrison, Mike Lewis, Willie Felton, Gary Millhouse and Paula Sorter.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes were passed out for the Board members to review and corrections concerning the Scholarships Committee were noted. Then the minutes were accepted by all present.

Treasurers Report: Mike reported the club assets after the meeting:

The Treasurers report was accepted.

Filling of Vacancies: Due to the lack of Ernie Evans presents at the Board meetings, we need to be thinking of someone to replace him.

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish is working on next year's contract with Parkway Plaza.

Auction: Ed is concerned about Jr. Molina being well enough to be the Auctioneer in January. Willie volunteered to be the backup Auctioneer.

Entertainment: Paula has booked Swing Sounds for \$420.00 and Doc Bob will be singing during dinner.

Photo Contest: Angie will be placing the new typed rules in the newsletter before Convention as well as the final winners posted in the newsletter following the Convention.

Newsletter: Not present.

Hat & T-shirt Committee: Paula passed on (omitted) in sales to Mike. We have not had any interest in creating a new logo. She will put a note in the next newsletter.

Traveling Trophy: The shoot off will be today at 4:00 PM. Sunday will be the beginning of a new year for shooting the Traveling Trophy.

Web Site: Bill is doing a great job with the web site.

Scholarship: Mike passed out 2 scholarship application form samples. We reviewed the forms and after some discussion, Mike will be consolidating the information and bring it to the next meeting.

By-Laws and Procedures Committee: Angie passed out copies of the By-Laws which included suggestions for updating them. Thanks to Angie's very informative presentation, we have some good changes to consider for the next meeting.

Old Business: None to present.

New Business: Mike suggested updating our Bank account signature cards to include the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the WSMLA Corporation. Also the Treasurer would use online banking and the President would be mailed the bank statement. Angie moved to update the signature cards at the banks to include President, Treasurer, and Secretary on all the WSMLA Corporation, seconded by Trish and motion passed.

Mike will be creating a new registration and ballot forms to be used at the registration table in January. This way only the paid membership will be allowed to vote during the General Meeting.

Mike noted the large savings that we have accumulated and had some ideas for using some of these funds.

Range improvements for participating members.

WSMLA acquiring Insurance to cover all the clubs who make a donation to be a member and wish to be covered under their insurance policy.

Mike also proposed that we consider removing the \$10.00 fee for non state members.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 25th, 7:00 PM, at Parkway Plaza.

Adjourned: Gary moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Willie and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Ginger Baumann Secretary

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Important Dates

<u>July</u>

August

September

October

November Date TBD Lander Valley Turkey Shoot

December

Jan. 12 and 13 Meat Shoot WRML Jan 19 and 20 Winter Camp WRML

Rendezvous and Traders Fair Jan 25-27th Casper WY