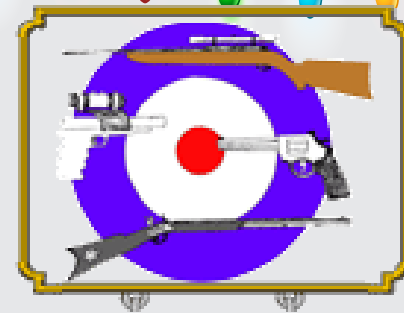


# CWSA NEWSLETTER



December 2022

Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association: P.O. Box 711 Coupeville, WA 98239  
For current information & the most up to date calendar of events visit: [cwsaonline.org](http://cwsaonline.org)

## CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....	Larry Memmer.....	969-2588
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Membership.....	Wes Kenworthy.....	360-675-3524

## CLUB DIRECTORS:

2022.....	Gary Winlund.....	503-440-3492
	Mike Nortier.....	619-947-4299
2023.....	Mike Cox.....	399-0078
	Michael Marks.....	696-5814
2024.....	Doug Smith.....	672-0629
	Ron Martin.....	360-320-8797

## Next General Meeting

Monday  
December 12, 1900  
(7:00 PM)

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Public Relations.....	Bill Balfour.....	360-679-1812
	Ron Martin.....	320-8797
Match Scheduling.....	Al Lindell.....	360-678-0960
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## MATCH COORDINATORS:

Pin.....	Richard Morgan.....	425-750-5444
Speed Steel Rifle.....	Larry Memmer.....	969-2588
Speed Steel Pistol.....	Mike Cox.....	399-0078
Pistol Falling Plates.....	Roger Richards.....	820-8105
Rifle Falling Plates.....	Roger Richards.....	820-8105
Pistol Hanging Plates.....	Gary Raster.....	969-3228
Rifle Hanging Plates.....	Gary Raster.....	969-3228
22lr Off-hand Rifle.....	Lance Landquist.....	320-3645
Rifle.....	Gary Winlund.....	360-678-9879
Trap.....	Ralph Downs.....	202-7562
Archery Coordinator.....	Bill Simons.....	360-679-4993

For full list of Committee Chairs – visit the CWSA Website

## From the President

I hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving as we go into the holiday season! As you all know we are in the middle of renewals and so far as of this letter we have 671 paying members and currently we've had 260 members pay for 2023 which means we still have 411 members who need to renew. We are pushing to get as many members as possible to renew with the new system to keep the renew line down in January as much as possible. If you have not made a login or password and you lost the email, please right click this link and open Hyperlink <https://cwsa.ezfacility.com/> and you'll be able to make your login and password there for your account. Click on the invitation that you received and proceed to login and pay. To find your invoice click invoices, then click open invoices and then click Past Year and choose Future 90 days to reveal your invoice and complete checkout. If you can't find your invite, write us at [EZF.CWSA@gmail.com](mailto:EZF.CWSA@gmail.com) and we'll fix you up. This site is monitored every day!!!

We received all the Fob keys today so in the next three weeks we will be installing the equipment and start testing the system. Once tested we will start issuing fob keys to those members who have already paid. The new system will be in affect starting 1 March 2023 or sooner. Then we want to start collecting all the metal keys from the old lock system from club members by having a box in the club house for the metal keys to be deposited into.

We are still getting damage to the target frames on the short new range at the 15-yard targets shooting the target frame apart. I would like to remind everybody to place your target in the center of the frame, so you do not shoot the frame that is painted in red as 2X4's have gotten expensive. Thank you!

We have two board member positions open and are currently looking for volunteers to fill those positions. We have one nominee so far and the election will be at the next general meeting in December. So, if you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Doug Smith or Ron Martin or be present at the general meeting on 12 December 2022 at 7:00pm and be nominated to get your name added. This is a three-year term requiring you to be present at the monthly board meetings. If you are looking to get involved in the club and help shape its future and meet your annual working party requirements, please apply.

Listed below are the minutes from the general meeting and board meetings from November 2022.

# CWSA General Meeting Minutes • Date: 14 November 2022

Opening Call to Order & Pledge, by: Larry Memmer, President • Time: 19:00 • Attendance: 48 General Business

## Reports

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Secretary, Reading of Previous Minutes: Posted online.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ralph reports that we were able to donate \$800.00 from the turkey shoot revenue this year. Our bank balance as of today is \$98,279.00. We have had several significant expenditures this past month; notably: • \$3656.00 for EZF subscription • \$2255.00 for Passport gate control (50% payment) • \$1346.00 for new targets • \$1830.00 for property tax.

Membership renewal started on 7 November, so far, we have had 70 people that have signed up for next year's dues. Everyone in the club should have received an invitation to renew their membership. We have also been able to associate members with their spouses in EZ-Facility so that when a member quits his associate members will automatically be removed from the system. People that run matches, RSOs, officers, and board members are automatically credited with a work part. Larry mentioned that there are a couple of board member positions that will open for election next month.

People that did not complete a working party this year will receive an additional invoice of \$50 that will have to be paid.

**Membership Report:** 749 Members: 511 general, and 133 senior members. Total paying members 645.

**Public Relations Report:** Bill says that nearly everyone is getting E-mail reminders through the new system. Bill encourages everyone to sign up for the stop-the-bleed class. It is a good class with valuable information.

**Club Maintenance Report:** Gary: As usual at this time of the year we had 30 people come in on Sunday and Wednesday for the last service project of the year. Everything has been cleaned up and is looking good. The guys that did the berm clean up did a great job.

**NRA Membership:** Tabled

**NRA Training:** Tabled

**RSO Report:** The RSOs need to be sure and log their time. If you can't get it on the calendar, give Kelly a call. If you need access to the calendar, give Larry a call. Kelly will update the calendar sometime after Thanksgiving.

**Hat Sales/Fund Raising:** Sold no hats and the 50/50 is up to \$34.00 Old Business

**Al Lindell:** Discussion on Island County plans for the homeless shelter. Mike Thorpe is sick tonight and Al is going to fill in for him. Al asked Mike to prepare a statement for Al to read to the club. A copy of Mike's letter is included in Appendix A, below.

**Larry:** Proposed an expenditure of \$3500.00 to assist the local landowners fight against the homeless shelter. After considerable discussion, Gary made a motion to give them \$3500. Ed Fry seconded and the motion carried.

**Larry:** Update on gate status: Larry has received all the gate hardware except for the key fobs. We need to buy some electrical wire for the lock and card reader, and we should be ready to go. Each member will be issued a fob key. Tomorrow we will set up the hardware and do a dry run with the hardware. No more signing in and no more ammo counting. Question: Is the system battery backed up? Answer: Not currently, but we are planning on it. Ron asks how we will sign in guest? We won't. We will be asking members to turn in their metal keys at the first of the year so that we can sell the hardware to cover some of our expenses.

## New Business

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Larry: Discussion of special senior status for members older than 75 years-of-age who are certified disabled: Member, Jim Siggins petitioned the board to establish a special membership class for seniors that are officially classified as disabled. This status would relieve the requirement for a work project to receive the \$50.00 discount on membership dues. The board of directors and executive staff passed a motion to create this new status. Requirements are as follows: i. Member must be at least 75 years of age ii. Must be a member in good standing for the previous five years iii. Must have a state of Washington disabled license plate or placard iv. Regular membership fees would apply, but the work party requirement for the \$50.00 discounted membership would be forgiven.

Ron Martin suggested that we take down the plates on pit 1. Ron wants to move the plates to pit 5 so that members can have better access to shoot plates. There was also a suggestion that we could lower the plate stands to improve safety. The reason the plates went down is because the Navy OLF has pheasant hunting September through December. Ron made a motion to move the plates to bay five (no action taken on this motion). The plates are to be stored on the stands, not the wall. Al states the reason the plates are in bay 1 is to allow us to watch what is being done with them. Gary Raster thinks the plates need to be left in bay 1. Ron revises his motion to leave the plates alone in bay 1. Seconded by Gary Winlund and the motion passed.

Bill makes the point that the board should think about a security system with surveillance cameras. Larry points out that we will have this capability with the new fiber optic link to the new gate house and the board may consider this next year.

**Raffle:** Ruand Rosco would have won \$34.00 for the 50/50 raffle but was not here to claim his prize.

The general raffle winners were: 1. Ralph Young-a hand-gun cleaning kit • 2. Bill Balfoure-a Birchwood gun scrubber • 3. Curt Coyne-some 12 gauge shot shells.

**Adjourned:** A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Raster with a second by Gary Winlund. The meeting was adjourned at 20:10.

## Appendix A:

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As most of you know by now, the Island County Hearing Examiner's decision was issued on 7 October 2022, approving the Whidbey Homeless Coalition's Type III application to convert the Jehovah's Witness Church at 331 W Morris Road to an emergency night-to-night homeless shelter. Although the Hearing Examiner approved their application, he pointed out several areas where the actions of the Island County planning department were questionable, with regards to zoning code interpretations and zoning changes due to allow this project to go forward, although he stated that he did not have the scope of authority to address those issues. These issues, among others, have been included in our attorney's arguments stated in our appeal to the Superior Court, filed 27 October 2022. A filing fee of \$240.00 was paid to the county. A transcript of the 18 July 2022 hearing is required. (Estimated cost of \$1,000.00) and is in progress, for Attorney fees to date for this action (to include filing our complaint) are \$1,852.00, which has been paid in full. We will have an additional \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 estimated legal expenses by the conclusion of this action. This is in addition to the \$14,000.00 costs incurred to oppose this project prior to this appeal. We appreciate the past contribution CWSA has made to this effort and are asking for your continued support in this matter. I feel that CWSA may face liabilities in the future if this homeless shelter project becomes a reality. Thank you for your consideration in voting for additional support to oppose this project! Mike Thorpe.

# CWSA Board Meeting Minutes • Date: 28 November 2022

**Opening, Call to Order: Larry Memmer, President • Time: 18:00**

**Attendees:** Larry Memmer, President • Ralph Young, Treasurer • Ron Martin, Board • Doug Smith, Board • Alex Jackson, Member • Wes Kenworthy, Membership • Kay Gheen, Secretary • Bill Simons, Archery • Al Lindell, Scheduling • Gary Winlund, Board • Kelly Gustafson, RSO

## General Business Reports

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Reading of Previous Minutes: Posted online

**Treasurer:** Current bank balance is \$107,000.00. Major expenses incurred this month were \$3,500.00 donation to local group fighting the homeless shelter. During the month we realized \$15,000.00 in revenue through membership renewals. As of today, 180 members have renewed out of 668 paying members. Twenty-five of those members renewed today, following the E-mail blast.

**Membership:** Our club orientation held on 19 November had three renewals, welcomed twenty-three new members and ten associates for a total membership of 702.

**Public Relations:**

**Work Projects:** Gary Winlund ran the work projects this past month due to Ed being out of town. We saw our typical end-of-year rush to complete work party qualifications with 31 people showing up for the two days. The guys did a great job cleaning up the berms. We went through 8.5 gallons of gas and only four of them were ours. Most of the members brought their own gas. We completed 21 target frames one of which was shot in two. It would be nice to know who keeps destroying our frames. Also did nine frames on the 100-yard range and one panel on the 200-yard range. We also picked up all of the trash that was cleared from the berms.

**NRA Membership:** Tabled

**NRA Training:** Tabled

**RSO Report:** Kelly—RSOs are now using the online calendar for logging their service. Larry gave all of the RSO access the calendar.

## Old Business

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Follow up discussion on support for Mike Thorpe's group—Alex Jackson has been working with Ebey's landing Historical Preserve and wondered if they were involved with what is going on with the homeless shelter. Al will mention this to Mike.

Status report on 2023 membership registration via EZF: Migration to EZF is in progress and going well. Sent out an E-mail today. 30 paid up today and 22 questions on how to get around in the system. Once we showed them that the instructions were in the E-mail they received, the problems were alleviated.

Status report on gate system: Larry just got an E-mail today from Passport stating that the keys will be shipped tomorrow. We should have the key fobs by next week.

Follow up on setting up a calendar event for open house next Summer: Will do the open house for the first match of the year. Al will put it on the schedule.

## New Business

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Sportsman of the year nominations: Larry emphasizes that we need to start thinking about candidates for sportsman of the year. By next board meeting we will need the nominations from the board. The following nominations were made tonight: Richard Morgan nominated by Al Lindell, Ralph Young

nominated by Doug Smith, and Wes Kenworthy nominated by Alex Jackson.

Nomination of new board members: We have Two opening, Gary Winlund plans to stay on. Mike Nortier and Mike Marks will not run. Alex Jackson and Ed Hilkey both want to run for the board. It was pointed out the Sense Ed is the maintenance coordinator, he is an officer of the club and has voting status. The nominating committee is composed of Ron Martin and Doug Smith.

Discussion on club mission statement: Larry got an E-mail from Segi for the stop the bleed class. She stated that we need a mission statement for her to put on the stop the bleed class web site. Gary Raster came up with a straw man proposal that Larry read to the board (see Appendix A, below). Everyone liked Gary's proposed mission statement. Al Lindell suggests that we add the date the club was founded (dec 11 1947). All board members voted to adopt this mission statement.

Josh Smith requests that the board consider allowing members to shoot at night with guns equipped with lights and lasers and other night vision devices. Board members discussed that the county has a rule of no shooting after 21:00. The law specifies shooting is only allowed from 09:00 to 21:00. Al thinks that night shooting should be in a controlled situation with a range officer present. We could do this if a qualified RSO is scheduled to be there for shooting. Larry suggests that we keep the bylaws the way they are and allow a scheduled shoot, that is published on the calendar, and scheduled with Kelly and Al. Passed by the board.

Alex Jackson brought up that the Pit, in North Oak Harbor, is closing and the Saber tooth shooting team is looking for a new home. Larry recommends that they come and talk to us if they are interested in coming here.

Doug Smith asks what will we do with the old lock system? He suggests that the Admirals Cove yacht club might be looking for a lock system for their facility.

**Action Items:** 22-06, Al Lindell - Update the calendar with the open house for next year.

**Adjourned:** Kay Gheen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Doug Smith and passed by the board.

## Appendix A

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### The Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association (CWSA) - Mission Statement

The CWSA was founded on 11 December 1947 with the principles of comradery and sportsmanship being foremost considerations. By providing and maintaining a premiere facility to foster the shooting sports, the aims of the founders will be self-perpetuating.

The CWSA will continue to provide a safe environment where firearm enthusiasts may exercise and share their fondness of the shooting sports. This will be accomplished through offered firearm education in all disciplines, friendly competitions, and meetings related to those topics.

Recognizing that a positive public perception is paramount to the success of the CWSA's mission, the Association and its members will always practice sound principles of citizenship and fellowship. To that end, all will be encouraged to join the Association, participate in its offerings, and contribute to its mission in any way possible.

# CWSA MEMBERSHIP - EXTRA IMPORTANT

## RENEWAL INFO

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Dear CWSA Member,

We've made a few changes based on your initial feedback, so we are restarting the renewal process now. Please discard the first announcement sent 10/31 and titled November 1 and keep only this one, November 4. If you haven't already, you will soon receive an email invitation to renew your membership via the internet using a credit or debit card. A very few of you have already received the invitation and some had an unsatisfactory experience. Please try it again using the new and improved instructions below. Here is a step-by-step guide for you to follow after you get your invitation.

Be on the lookout for an email between November 1 and December 20 from CWSA requesting that you "Accept Invitation". Click on it. It'll take you to your entry to the system where you will do a routine user name and password set up. It will require a minimum of 8 characters containing 1 upper case, one lower case and one number. Confirm password. Save this because you'll need it for as long as you are a member.

Continue reading through this simple guide once you are ready to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

### CWSA RNEWAL STEPS (continued)

- Once you have successfully entered the system you should start on the upper left
- Start by clicking on your profile and work down through it making sure all your info is complete and correct. If you need to update, click on the little pencil on the right side of the screen and then click the titles you need to update.
- **DO** add your specialty in the field "Organization" such as electrician, accountant and/or name your employer. There is room for both, and we need to know who to call when we need specialized help here at the club.
- **NO NEED** to fill in the fields starting with Parents Name down through Last Contact.
- Be sure to **SAVE** that data and then move down to Contact info and update that as needed, again by clicking the little pencil.
- **DON'T** click on Relationship. If you wish to add a family member as an associate member, please send us an email @ [EZF.CWSA@gmail.com](mailto:EZF.CWSA@gmail.com).
- Select "Payment Information" to submit or change your card information.
- Click on invoice, open invoices, use the little triangle next to PAST YEAR and select Future 90 days. If you've been issued an invoice you'll see it here. If not, let us know.
- Use checkout where you can enter or modify your card data or simply click "Complete Checkout" and if your card data was entered correctly you are done!

Thanks for working with EZF and if you have any questions please email [EZF.CWSA@gmail.com](mailto:EZF.CWSA@gmail.com).

We will be monitoring this every day!

By Wes Kenworthy, Jeff Phillips, Ralph Young & Larry

*Thank you for continuing to be a member of the best gun club on Whidbey Island!*