

Weapons Collectors Society of Montana WCSM

President's Message by Rick Montgomery

Dear members,

At our December 2018 board meeting, we had a motion by a District 5 member to disband The Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM). The motion only had two votes in favor, so it failed.

Both District 5 directors turned in a resignation letter of all District 5 officers and directors, which was signed by all of them. Then before leaving the meeting, one of them blasted our secretary, for what I still am not sure.

There have been rumors of the WCSM shutting down or going broke because of the law suit filed over the shooting incident at the Nov. 2016 Billings gun show. Please understand this is only a rumor, as in the world is flat.

To have any clout when talking to those who are against gun rights, or those who can help us, it helps to have a large voting group or membership. We also have the support of the NRA, but we need Montanans to step up and fight for our rights to own and collect weapons.

THANK YOU For Being A Member!!!

R. I. P. DON FOSTER 1930-2018



Don Foster, long time member of WCSM, and who served for several years as State Sergeant at Arms, died on September 16, 2018. As per Don's wishes, he was buried with full military honors at the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison on October 5, 2018. Several of his gun show friends were there to pay their final respects. We thank Carl Robertson and District 3 for organizing a fitting tribute to Don at the December Bozeman gun show.

DID YOU RENEW YOUR DUES BY MAIL?

If so, remember to look at the back side of your membership card for your 2019 sticker for your badge. If you lost your badge, or otherwise need a new one, send \$14.00 to Sandra and she will order you another one.



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DUES

Have you renewed your dues for 2019?

NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single
\$30.00 couple

Regular:

\$30.00 single
\$35.00 couple

For the application form, go to our website at:
<https://www.wcsfmt.net/>

Wanted

The Good, Bad or the Ugly

Do you have :

- District news?
- Interesting News?
- Helpful News?
- Good, Bad or Ugly News?

If so, send your submissions to Sandra. Post or email will work!



Help us save postage by sending Sandra your email address. Addresses can be emailed to her, or visit our website and click on the Contact page.

State Updates

Spring 2019



Earn Some Extra Cash

For every new member a District recruits, State will pay \$5.00 to the District to be spent in whatever way the membership decides. This can include giving the monies back to the sponsoring members. The particulars:

- New member must be sponsored by a current—paid up—WCSM member.
- Sponsoring member **must** sign the application form as the sponsoring member.
- State will keep a log of the new members and their sponsors, and will send this list and a check every quarter to the applicable District.
- The District that recruits the most new members by the end of December 2019 will receive a special prize.

Our State Website Is Back!

Your executive secretary, Sandra, is also the webmaster. PLEASE send to her your news, your next meeting date, member accolades, or anything else you think would be of interest to our membership. This information may also be posted in the print newsletter.

Submissions can be emailed or sent by post.

Bookmark our new site: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/>

State Email Database

If you have an email database, please send the names and addresses to Sandra, so she can update her records. She will also send each District periodic updates as members renew or join. Please note that your address will not be sold or shared with any other organization or individual.

Missoula Gun Show Ordinance

A Missoula judge has upheld the right of the city of Missoula to enforce an ordinance requiring background checks for purchases made at gun shows. In December 2018, State Attorney General Tim Fox appealed the case to the Montana State Supreme Court.

Because of this ruling, promoter Brian Kjensmo canceled his 2019 Missoula shows. Promoter Hayes Otoupalik says the ordinance does not affect his show, because it is held at U of M, which is state owned.

For more information visit:

https://missoulain.com/news/local/montana-attorney-general-appeals-missoula-gun-ordinance-ruling-to-state/article_0d4feb8-



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When we are no loner able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

Viktor Frankl



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2019 District Officers and Directors

State President: Rick Montgomery—406-375-2511

District 1:

President: Bob Snider—406-467-3787
Vice-President: Mike O'Rourke—406-452-0298
Secretary: Ed Spragg—406-788-4036
Treasurer: Laura Schultz—406-453-2898
Director: John Shevlin—406-788-6908
Director: Ed Spragg—406-788-4036

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President: Bill Matthews—406-755-9378
Director: Dennis Gulbranson—406-253-1936
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District 3:

President: JoAnna Dawson—406-442-9486
Vice-President: Dan Weigand—406-581-5305
Sec./Treas: Doug Harrison—406-586-8842
Sgt. At Arms: Herb Dawson—406-442-9486
Director: Carl Robertson—406-599-5391
Director: Greg Harden—406-431-7584

District 4:

President: Terry Steigers—406-546-4183
Sec./Treas: Hayes Otoupalik—406-549-4817
Director: Walter Briggs—406-728-9155
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District 5: To be announced.

Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2018—Bozeman Gun Show
Draft of Meeting Minutes

Directors present: John Shevlin, Ed Spragg, Dennis Gulbranson, Frank Noble, Carl Robertson, Dan Weigand, Walt Briggs, Steve Montgomery, Randy Grow, Lloyd Metcalf.

Officer present: President Rick Montgomery

President Rick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the succession of Rick Montgomery as President upon the resignation of David White. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the nomination of Bob Flick as Vice-President. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra updated the board with the 2019 district election results that she had received to date.

Lloyd Metcalf moved to discontinue WCSM. Motion was seconded. President Rick called for the vote, which failed to pass 2-8.

Metcalf then read a letter announcing the resignation as of December 31, 2018 of all District 5 officers and directors, because of the lack of membership participation, and WCSM not having any significant direction and purpose. He also called for the termination of the executive secretary for not performing her job duties. He then stated, that effective immediately, he resigned and left the meeting. After brief comments from Randy Grow, he indicated that he too resigned, effective immediately, and also left the meeting.

President Rick expressed his disappointment about how District 5 handled the situation. He then discussed with the directors a document provided by the executive secretary explaining the fiduciary duties of board directors. Rick moved to accept District 5's letter of resignation. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the finance report. Motion passed unanimously. Sandra gave a brief update about the lawsuit concerning the accidental gun discharge incident at the Nov. 2016 Billings gun show. Sandra also indicated that she has confirmed with our attorney that the current activities of WCSM should not place us in a liability situation. In summary, to avoid the potential for liability, WCSM should not engage in any activity that has anything to do with the management or the operation of gun shows.

A motion to not allow promoters or employees of promoters to serve on the board of directors failed to pass, after it was determined, that because WCSM no longer sponsors gun shows, there would no longer be a conflict of interest if promoters or their employees should serve on the board.

Discussion was held to amend the by-laws to reflect that WCSM no longer sponsors gun shows. Walt Briggs, Herb Dawson and Hayes Otoupalik volunteered to sit on the by-laws committee.

Various district officers gave updates about the activities of their districts. Tom Johnson gave an update about WCSM founding members.

A brief discussion was held concerning the mission of WCSM, which should include weapon collecting, the promotion of youth shooting sports, and legislative advocacy. Motion was made and seconded to pursue a 501 c non-profit status with the IRS. Motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion was held concerning display tables. Motion was made and seconded that WCSM will reimburse up to one (1) display table per display at the Otoupalik Missoula show, all Great Falls shows, and the Bozeman July show. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded, to become effective immediately, that all directors who attend BOD meetings outside of their district boundaries be reimbursed \$100.00 to help cover expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to publish a newsletter after each board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Great Falls gun show.