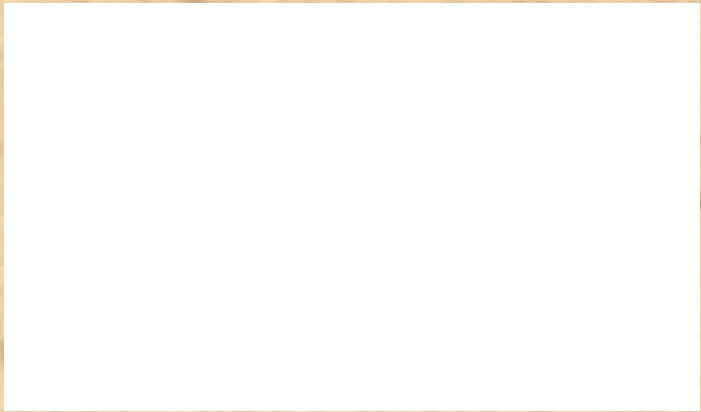




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President: Cody Snider—406 781-6803  
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### District 2:

President: Bill Matthews—406 755-9378  
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### District 3:

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 Sec./Treas: Doug Harrison—406 586-8842  
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President: Rick Montgomery—406 381-4363  
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 Sec./Treas: Hayes Otoupalik—406 549-4817  
 Director: Steve Montgomery—406 961-4540  
 Director: Hayes Otoupalik—406 549-4817

### Minutes BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING December 11, 2021—Bozeman Gun Show—7:00 p.m.

**Present:** President Rick Montgomery and Vice-president and District 1 director Ed Spragg. Other directors present: John Shevlin, Scott Cloninger, Gregory Tolar by telephone, Steve Montgomery and Terry Steigers (substitute for Hayes Otoupalik). **Absent:** Dennis Gulbranson and Carl Robertson.

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the Aug. 7, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Sandra presented the income and expense report. The ending balance as of December 10, 2021 is \$30,785.25. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

- **Director terms:** Motion was made and seconded to extend director terms by one year to take into account that other than for normal administrative duties, there was no business conducted in 2020 due to COVID. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Brian Kjensmo shows sold to Bob and Pan Styren:** President Rick reported that the Styrens submitted a letter to him indicating that they would not allow current WCSM members free admittance into their shows. After much discussion, motion was made and seconded to remove these shows from the 2022 WCSM show calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Bryan Gillette shows** – Rick reported that at this Dec. show, Bryan told him that beginning in 2022 he too would no longer recognize current WCSM membership for free entrance into his shows. Rick will discuss this some more with Bryan before the board takes official action. Motion was made and seconded that Rick or his representative will speak with the other promoters to determine their feelings before a final decision is made about the 2022 calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

**Tan baseball caps:** Steve reported that tan caps are popular and because they are USA made, workers are in short supply because of COVID. He will have an update in time for the next board meeting.

#### District Reports:

- #1 – Ballots have been mailed and will be counted at their December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas party.
- #3 – Officers for 2022 are: President, Dan Weigand; Vice-president, Bob Flick; Secretary/Treasurer, Doug Harrison; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dave Ripplinger; Director, 2-year term, Greg Tolar; Director, 1-year term, Carl Robertson.

President Rick asked that Districts 2 and 4 get their elections done at their next meetings.

**Other Business:** Motion was made and seconded to extend the State officers terms by one year for the same reason the directors' terms were extended for the same length of time. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the April 2022 show in Great Falls. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### Minutes BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING March 12, 2022 via teleconference—7:00 p.m.

**Officer present:** President Rick Montgomery. **Directors present:** John Shevlin, Scott Cloninger, Carl Robertson, Gregory Tolar, Steve Montgomery and Hayes Otoupalik. **Absent:** Ed Spragg and Dennis Gulbranson.

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The minutes of the December 11, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

Sandra presented the income and expense report. The ending balance as of February 28, 2022 was \$30,349.48. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

Rick reported the results of the telephone vote he took of the directors on January 27, 2022 to determine if Bryan Gillette's shows should be removed from the 2022 show calendar. Directors voted 7-1 to remove these shows.

#### Old Business:

**Tan baseball caps:** Steve reported the original order was discontinued, but another very similar Made in the USA cap was available. Steve ordered 40 tan caps and 40 flag caps, which should be available by the time of the April show in Great Falls.

#### District Reports:

- #1 – John reported the club continues to meet every month and will be soon discussing a spring shoot. He also reported that a group in Conrad is talking about holding a gun show in 2023 which will allow free admission to WCSM members. They are not planning to schedule this show during the same weekend as any of the other shows.
- #2 – Still working on trying to set a meeting date.
- #3 – Carl reported that 4-5 displays are lined up for the July show in Bozeman. 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$400.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$300.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$200.00, and new this year, People's Choice, \$100.00.
- #4 - Hayes reported their meetings continue to grow in attendance. They meet on a bi-monthly basis with their next meeting being on March 30.

#### Other Business:

A brief discussion was held concerning gun show insurance. Hayes mentioned that Locton Affinity partners with the NRA concerning insurance. Rick asked him to send Sandra their contact information.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2022 in Missoula. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

# Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM)

## President's Message

by Rick Montgomery

Dear Friends,

The big picture for our club is to collect, trade, and enjoy others who do the same, and to support gun rights, gun shows and the history of it all.

How do we keep all of this?

A lot of our members belong to WCSM just to get into gun shows for free. Will they go to shows if they have to pay?

Promoters Bob and Pam Styren and Bryan Gillette, decided to charge admission to everyone, including members of WCSM. Because of this, the 2022 gun show calendar only advertises the shows that continue to allow free admission to WCSM members. It remains to be seen if WCSM will lose members and if these shows will lose walk-in traffic because of this.

Some say these members who do not want to pay are cheap, greedy, or both, and we don't need them. I sell at the shows and I think we are all a bit cheap and greedy, at least some of the time anyway.

Given our current political situation, we need every person we can get on our side to support us against those who are against gun collectors and gun shows. WCSM members and the promoters fighting at a time when politics is not on our side is not a good idea.

Your State Board of Directors needs to hear from you so they can make the right decision about this situation going forward. Call them with your thoughts. Their numbers are on the back page of this newsletter. If you want to send an email, send it to Secretary Sandra who will make sure they receive it.

**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT WCSM!**

After Sandra published the Fall/Winter 2021 newsletter, she found out that **Wayne Warne** was also a charter member and so he is also entitled to lifetime membership.

R.I.P.  
**Lyle Lambert**  
1942-2021

WCSM offers our condolences to the family and friends of Lyle Lambert of Idaho, who passed away on Nov. 24, 2021. According to member Bill Beam, who was a dear friend, Lyle attended many of the Montana shows, including Missoula, Kalispell, Helena, Bozeman and Wisdom. He was always pleasant, full of hell and as honest as any you fill find. He will be much missed.

Sandra was disappointed that one of our members failed to find their number hidden in our Fall/Winter 2021 newsletter. To make up for it, she is starting the contest early this year. If you find your number hidden in this edition, you will receive a FREE 2023 membership.



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### DUES

#### NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single  
\$30.00 couple

#### Regular:

\$35.00 single  
\$40.00 couple

For the 2022 application form, go to our website at: <https://www.wcsofmt.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!



If you find your membership number hidden somewhere in this newsletter, call or email Sandra to win a FREE 2023 membership. GOOD LUCK!

## District Updates

Spring 2022

### District #1—Great Falls area:

About 20 members enjoyed pizza, wings and salad at our annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Ballots were counted and Cody Snider was elected president for 2022. Mike O'Rourke continues as vice-president and Sandra Guynn, State executive secretary, agreed to be club secretary. State directors remain the same. Members are looking forward to the April gun show where we will raffle a Ruger Wrangler .22, which was donated by a member. The club continued our support of the Friends of the NRA by paying for a \$300.00 sponsorship and enjoying their banquet on Apr. 9. We recruited four new members during 2021. Our monthly meetings are well attended with usually 13-15 members in attendance. Dist. 1 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at The Do—1800 3rd Street N.W., Great Falls. Everyone is welcome!

### District #3—Bozeman area:

Officers for 2022 are: President, Dan Weigand; Vice-president, Bob Flick; Secretary/Treasurer, Doug Harrison; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dave Ripplinger. Director, 2-year term, Greg Tolar; Director, 1-year term, Carl Robertson. The district recruited four new members during 2021. 4-5 displays are already planned for the July show in Bozeman. Prizes are: 1st place, \$400.00; 2nd place, \$300.00; 3rd place, \$200.00, and new this year, People's Choice, \$100.00. District meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. on the Sundays of the Bozeman shows in March, July and December. All are invited!



### District #4—Missoula area:

Our meetings continue to be well attended. We meet the last Wednesday of the odd numbered months at the Frontier Café at 3954 US Hwy 93, Stevensville. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. followed by our business meeting at 7:00 p.m. We always enjoy a robust show and tell after our meetings. **Our upcoming meeting dates are: May 25, Jul 27, Sep 28 and Nov 30.** (Our Nov. date is rescheduled because of Thanksgiving). Our officers and directors for 2022 continue to be the same. Secretary Sandra congratulates Dist. 4 for recruiting the most new members in 2021—a total of seven! In addition to the \$1.75 rebate each district annually receives from State for each member, she was happy to add an additional \$25.00 to their check as the winning prize.

We encourage our members to set up Display tables at the shows. This is a great way to not only encourage collecting as a hobby, but to educate the public about the weapons you have so enthusiastically collected. If you are interested in doing a display, contact each show's promoter or a WCSM district

### Tan Baseball Caps

We must say that never in our wildest dreams did we think it would take nearly three years to get a tan baseball cap. We have been told that we will have a supply of tan caps as well as 3134 flag caps in time for the April show in Great Falls. We certainly hope so!



**He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you. -Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher (15 Oct 1844-1900)**



Whether you can get into a gun show for free doesn't matter. What matters is that when you attend a show, you are not only supporting the vendors who are there, but also our 2nd amendment rights. If you decide to not attend a show or to stop supporting WCSM or any organization that values and respects these rights, you are doing the very thing those who are determined to take away our liberties want us to do—wave the white flag and surrender.

*Liberty once lost is lost forever.*

—John Adams in a letter he wrote to his wife on July 7, 1775.