



Rupert Range, Inc.
A 501C-3 Corporation
Rupert, Idaho

Minutes of the
Rupert Range Board Meeting
Held May 5th, 2023

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held at Freedom Hall, May 5th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Larry Matulis, Todd Wheeler, Jeff Heins, Chace Thomas. Chris Hall excused.

Additional attendees: Tony Poovey, Eric Spaulding

Call to order 7:05.

Pledge and invocation

Approvals: Motion to approve minutes from April 6th, Approved by unanimous consent. Financial report, motion to approve Larry, 2nd Todd, approved. Checking balance \$4,721.29, Cash on hand \$102.30, Savings (Scholarship fund) \$1500.00. Total \$6,323.59. Expenses for QM 184.37, an additional \$135.00 was collected from donation boxes (not included in totals.)

Discussion concerning accounting for the \$2000 operating budget from the city. The funds were placed into the general funds of Fire Chief Roger Davis, earmarked for range use. All expenditures are to be pre-approved by Chief Davis, and receipts turned into him.

Tony reported that Esther Garner indicated that the rail car painting is intended to be done in June. The supplies will be provided by the Rupert Range.

Roof extension on range 3 is still in the plans and should be accomplished shortly.

Venmo account for the Rupert Range is active, we are awaiting the QR code that will be posted at the range.

Verizon One Talk account has been set up. The range phone number is 208.431.8452. Board members will need to download the One Talk app. Once downloaded and logged in, the range number can be toggled on/off of the member's phone. When called, it will ring to all phones that are toggled on. Login information will be distributed to board members only. A motion to approve the \$15 monthly auto pay feature was made by Chace, 2nd by Larry, motion carried. A final decision will be made at the July board meeting as to whether to keep the program.

The Minidoka County Weed Department has been contacted and will be applying sterilant to the ranges and parking area at the complex. The Minidoka Sheriff's office and County Commissioners have pledged \$75 each towards the weed control. The balance will be paid from the operating budget of the range.

Larry is still working with Casey on the development of the new web page. A first edition is ready. Larry will have him adjust it as he sees fit, and will follow up.

Discussion on status of WIFI at the range. Last knowledge was that the city was trying to install radios that would transmit the signal from the city towers to the range. Larry will check on current status.

Discussion brought forth by Eric Spaulding and Jeremiah Mani concerning NRL22. It was reported that the club did not generate sufficient funds to cover the insurance required by the city. They inquired as to whether they could be covered under the city liability insurance. Discussion ensued, including possibility of making range public, and part of the complex. Larry volunteered to bring it up with Leslie when they meet. Discussion followed about other groups who are required to have insurance to use the range, and what that would do to them. Everything is dependent on whether the city will allow the change in insurance.

Discussion of the need to update the Scholarship Application. Current application has 2022 dates on it. Mrs. Claridge from Minico High School contacted the range and requested a copy of the scholarship application as she indicated that several students at the high school had enquired. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors, or to those who have already enrolled in college/trade school and military.

Discussion of the status of the approved concrete pour at the range for the sidewalks surrounding Freedom Hall. Larry will address this with Leslie.

The barrier on range two has some ties that are rotted/damaged. The retaining wall has been built with rebar to strengthen the wall. It will take some work to get the ties replaced. It was suggested that a skidsteer or loader with forks would be needed to take the current wall apart to repair it.

Minor repairs and improvements to the doors at the range have been made by Larry and Chace. Door jams adjusted, knob replaced, and a retaining chain and bumper pad installed on A2 door. Signage for First Aid supplies in RSO room installed.

It was suggested that K-rails be removed on the north end of Freedom Hall and replaced with a cable for equipment access to ranges 1 and 2 by heavy equipment as there may someday be concrete walks on the south side of the building.

Tony checked the lights on the range, several are in need of repair/replacement. The working lights were flagged with red caution tape. Parking lot lights were again discussed, with no resolution. Larry will also bring this up to Leslie.

Meeting adjourned 8:50.