



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

Minutes of the
Rupert Range Board Meeting
Held June 1st, 2023

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held at Freedom Hall, June 1st, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Additional attendees: Tony Poovey, Morgan West, Milton Banner, Dustin Bourne

Call to order 7:08.

Pledge and invocation

Approvals: Motion to approve minutes from May 5th, Motion to approve Jeff, 2nd Chace, approved. Financial report, motion to approve Jeff, 2nd Todd, approved. Checking balance \$5159.29, Cash on hand \$150.30, Savings (Scholarship fund) \$1500.00. Total \$6809.59. No expenses reported. Total includes \$468 collected from donation boxes for April and May.

Ester Garner is ready to go ahead on the rail car mural. She will coordinate with Chace for purchasing materials. Estimate less than \$100 for supplies.

Roof extension on shelter 3 still on the list to get accomplished. Should be completed soon.

Venmo account set up, but still waiting on QR code. Chace reported that Venmo is somewhat difficult dealing with as they are not a supporter of guns. When QR code is received, the range phone number and email address will be attached to the account so donations can be made using all three methods.

It was reported that the NRL22 will not hold a shoot in June. They have been financially unable to maintain insurance coverage for the organization. It was decided that they will not be able to hold matches without insurance coverage. It was discussed that monthly 22 shoots could be sponsored by the RRI with all proceeds going to RRI. It would require organizational help from current members of the NRL22 group to organize and run the matches. They would need to have RSO oversight which would also need to be provided by members of the group with RSO status with RRI. It was also discussed that 4H shooting groups may also be interested in usage of the range. Their general usage would be on weekdays/nights and should have very little conflict with weekend public usage. Todd will reach out to Jeremiah Mani to discuss options. Morgan West will reach out to the 4H and report.

Rebuilding of range 2 barrier is waiting on acquisition of railroad ties. Dustin Bourne indicated that he had a contact that he would forward to be able to get used ties. It was discussed to rebuild range 2 barrier with the help of Jeff Heins' skid steer, and also raise the tie level on range 3 to protect the string on the running target.

Larry sent an email to the city inquiring about current maintenance/improvement items at the range under city purview. Items included concrete pour from F&G grants, range lighting issues, status of WIFI, parking lot lights. No response had been received at the time of the meeting. Chris will follow up with Larry, and discuss options to advance work.

Dustin Bourne, representing the Minidoka and Cassia County republican committees, inquired concerning the use of the range and Freedom Hall to hold an informational day and fund raiser for the committees. Fundraising would include a competitive shoot sponsored by the committees. They are in the planning stages and just looking at possibilities. A motion was made that all fees except the \$10 non-profit usage fee be waved, and the RRI would cover the \$10 fee. Jeff seconded the motion, which carried. Dustin will share the information with the committees and follow up as needed.

Dustin also volunteered his services again to teach a concealed carry class as a range fundraiser, as was done last year. It was decided to go ahead and plan it. A date was tentatively set for August 26th. Todd offered to cook lunch for the event. The class would be limited to 20 participants.

Tony reported that support for the Thursday night openings was pretty dismal. There were only a couple of board members that participated. Therefore, the weeknight range openings will not happen moving forward.

Larry looked into hiring the website building, as things seem to be stalling with the current situation. Quotes of \$5000 and \$2400 were received. Subsequently, Mel Snider offered his assistance. Todd spoke with Larry prior to the meeting, and Larry indicated that he would reach out to Mel and see if they could complete the upgrade for the web page.

The two spare batteries in the shotgun shed were determined to be past their lifespan. The one on the thrower appears to be in good health. Larry had made a request to purchase a deep cycle battery and maintainer from Home Depot for \$224.90. Chace will load test the current battery. A motion carried that if it needs replaced, one may be purchased from Home Depot. Chace also indicated that he had a maintainer that he would donate for the cause.

It was reported that as of the meeting, only one scholarship application had been received. Chace indicated that they will hold off on awarding the scholarship for a while to allow for any late applicants, and then will meet with the scholarship committee to award the scholarship(s).

Tony indicated that everything is ready for the Hog Shoot on June 17th. RSO assistance will be needed at all three areas for scoring. Course of fire is 5 shots at paper hog target, 5 shots at gongs, and 2 shots at a bonus target. Centerfire rifles at 100 yards, pistols at 25 yards.

Nick Buell from "Right To Bear" organization was at the range on May 27th, and presented information about partnering with the range to sell memberships to the organization which offers Self Defense Protection, basically insurance in the event one has to defend him/herself and others. Todd will reach out to Nick and get further information regarding a partnership.

There was \$486 collected from the donation boxes for the months of April and May, including fourteen \$2 bills!

Meeting adjourned 8:31.