



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

Minutes of the
Rupert Range Board Meeting
Held July 6th, 2023

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held at Freedom Hall, July 6th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Additional attendees: Tony Poovey, Morgan West, Lori Harrison, Dustin Bourne (Republican Committee), Pat Field (Republican Committee) Bob Brown (Republican Committee), Nick Buell (Right to Bear)

Call to order 7:05.

Pledge and invocation

Approvals: Motion to approve minutes from June 1st, approved. Financial report, motion to approve approved. Checking balance \$5044.33, Cash on hand \$150.30, Savings (Scholarship fund) \$1500.00. Total \$6694.63. QM expenses (May and June) 362.65, Income 210.00 donations, 135 Hog Shoot.

Right to Bear: Nick Buell presented an opportunity to the range regarding Self Defense Protection. Right to Bear has been operating as an "organization" since 2021. They have 20,000 members nationwide. They offer coverage similar to the insurance coverage of USCCA, but advertise a lower rate with better service. Several inquiries were made by board members as well as meeting attendees with concerns and questions. Right to Bear is not an insurance company. Coverage includes Attorney access, unlimited criminal and civil attorney fees, expert witnesses, gun replacement for confiscations, psychological support, with additional add-ons of multi state coverage, bail bond, and minor children. If RR Inc partners with Right to Bear, partner materials will be provided, with a code that range patrons can use to sign up for coverage. When the RR Inc code is used, \$30 of the membership fees would be returned to the range. For following years of membership, an additional \$10 per membership would be returned to the range. Following the presentation, the board decided that further discussion was needed prior to entering into a partnership. The item will be placed on the August agenda for further discussion.

Rail car mural likely to not happen this summer due to health issues. Check with Ester Garner next spring.

Roof extension for range 3 still in the works.

Venmo donations-Tabled until August

Range 6 (22 range)-Jeremiah Mani is okay with Rupert Range taking ownership of range 6. The Mini-Cassia NRL22 will be dissolved. Former members of the MC NRL22 may join RR Inc as RSO's and organize various monthly 22 shoots on range 6. These will be coordinated through RR Inc with board approval. Any funds generated by the shoots will belong to RR Inc. In addition, Morgan West and Lori Harrison reported that the local 4H Shooting clubs would be interested in the use of the range, mostly during the week. They would be willing to do the upkeep on the range to fulfill service hours for 4H. Details will be worked out.

Still waiting on City for work on Range lights, possibility of parking lot lights, WIFI, and concrete. It appears that a base unit for security cameras has been installed in Freedom Hall, and cameras were present, but not installed. The grant money for concrete has not been received, but should be coming soon. When the city okays it, RR Inc may seek out contractors to complete the work.

Mel Snider has agreed to work with Larry on the web site redesign, but is currently occupied with a separate web site build. Upon completion of that, Mel will be available to move forward with the RR Inc site.

The battery in the shotgun range was tested and is still good. A battery maintainer has been installed to keep the battery up.

Minidoka and Cassia Central Republican Committee representatives presented their plan for the "Top Shot Classis" that they are planning for September 23rd at the range. Several competitions as well as training and informational opportunities will be available. It was discussed that due to the nature of the event, the range could be closed at 3:00 p.m. on that Saturday, and the event would be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is open to the public, but will have an entry fee charged by the Central Committees. A motion was made by Todd, 2nd by Larry, to waive the usage fee for Freedom Hall for the event. Motioned carried by unanimous consent. Ideas were exchanged by attendees regarding different events. The Central Committee will continue to work with RR Inc to prepare for the event. Several RSO's will be needed to assist with the event. The central committee intends for this to be an annual event.

Due to schedule difficulties, the Concealed Carry Class fundraiser Sponsored by RR Inc will be held on Saturday, September 30th. Class will be limited to 20 participants, \$75 fee for the class. Lunch will be provided. Victory Tactical has agreed to donate time to instruct the class.

It was discussed that some former RSO's, and some current NON-ACTIVE RSO's still have the key box code, and are accessing the range without permission or approval. As a result, the box code will be changed as soon as Jeff has time (as he is the only one that knows how to accomplish this). The new code will be provided to current active RSO's. The code should not be shared to friends or former RSO's without permission from the board. Also, as the ring contains keys to the RR Inc RSO room, the code should not be shared with law enforcement, as they do not need access to our supplies. Their supplies are provided by tax payer monies from the city/county. Even though RR Inc keys are more convenient, law enforcement has their own keys that can be obtained from dispatch.

Scholarship award information and Poker Shoot information were tabled as Chace was excused from the meeting.

Adjourned 8:33.