



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

Minutes of the  
Rupert Range Board Meeting  
Held January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held Rupert City Hall, 624 F Street, Rupert, Idaho, Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Chris Hall, Tony Poovey, Richard Chesser, Todd Wheeler, Jeff Heins.  
Additional attendees Joel Heward, Mel Snyder, Chace Thomas, Mike Taylor, Tina Morris

**Approvals:** Minutes were approved for meeting held December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Financial Cash on hand 113.00 Checking balance 3,526.09. 2021 year end balance 3.639.09. Motions to approve by Jeff Heins, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tony Poovey. Motions carried.

Election results were presented by Chace Thomas, election director. It was reported that only 8 RSO's participated in the election. Nominations were open for 10 days, followed by 10 days of voting. There were a few technical issues that appeared to have been resolved, however some participants still expressed some issues. After discussion, it became made known that of the four eligible nominees, only three had accepted the nomination, and those three were the ones elected to the board. Both Chris Hall and Todd Wheeler were reelected to board positions, and Chace Thomas was elected to fill the seat vacated by Richard Chesser. The new board members were seated to complete the scheduled business of the Rupert Range.

Officer Appointments—it was proposed and carried by unanimous consent that the officer composition of the board will remain the same as the previous year, with the exception of Chace Thomas, who was appointed as treasurer. The 2022 Rupert Range board of directors will be:

- Chris Hall, Chairman
- Tony Poovey, Vice Chair/Quartermaster
- Jeff Heins, Education Director
- Chace Thomas, Treasurer
- Todd Wheeler, Secretary

As such, according to the bylaws of the corporation, banking signature cards will need to be updated to reflect the changes. Authorized signers of the account will be Chris Hall, (George) Tony Poovey, and Chace Thomas.

Jeff Heins reported on the insurance quest with ASCCA. After talking with a real person on the phone, it appears that there will be options available for Rupert Range, Inc., to pursue liability insurance through ASCCA. Information will be presented at the February board meeting.

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Richard Chesser reported on the sound/acoustic issues with Freedom Hall. There are sound absorption panels available. The number and size of panels are dependent upon the cubic volume area of the room. The correct number of panels will be determined and a request will be made to the City Council to cover the cost of the panels. 4' x 2' panels cost approximately \$45 each, but the number of panels needed was unknown at the time of the meeting.

Jeff will check with Tom Murphy at Minidoka Memorial to determine dates for first aid training for RSO's. It was suggested that two sessions be offered, one on a weekday evening, the other on a weekend. It will be left up to the hospital, but was suggested that Tuesday evening, and Saturday morning would be preferred. Place will be determined, but classrooms at the hospital may be available.

Tony reported on signage discussed and approved at the December meeting. A "Range Closed for the Season" and four "Check in with Range Officer prior to shooting" signs have been purchased for a total price of \$240. Up to \$500 had been approved for signage. It was also suggested that we look into replacing the sign at the road on Meridian, as the sign is faded and almost unreadable. Tony will check with Fish and Game, as it is their sign originally.

The year end report was discussed and it was suggested that photos be added to show some of the accomplishments and activities at the range. The report will be sent to the city council, as well as included in the January newsletter.

Google drive has been set up and all board members given access to upload, edit and view documents.

The Ed Smith Memorial Scholarship was discussed. A committee is being organized that will finalize the details related to the scholarship. Currently, Chace Thomas, Diane Smith and Tony Poovey have agreed to serve on the committee. One additional person will be invited. Details will be presented at the February meeting.

Chace addressed some current issues with recruitment and retention, and the possibility of a future committee to discuss and address these ideas going forward. Also discussed was range access for RSO's who are really not participating in the Rupert Range except to be able to have unlimited access to the range. We might look at changing the lock box code at the gate and issuing the code only to active/participating RSO's. Mel Snyder also added that during Harvest, several RSO's have responsibilities that make it difficult to participate during harvest months, which could be part of the "retention" issues later in the season.

Mel Snyder inquired about ongoing Women's Intro to Firearms classes that have been offered in the past, and the possibility of continuing them. It seems to be a topic with great interest in the community. Tina Morris commented that she is working with a group currently called "The Well Armed Woman" (name change possibly forthcoming) and starting a chapter in the MiniCassia area, with her being trained as the Chapter Leader. This would contribute to the need for Women's classes and training in the area. Tina was given the full support of the board to move forward with any help the board can offer.

It was also brought to the attention of the board that the Minidoka County Fairboard is in the process of procuring grants for the creation of a competition shotgun range that would be built at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. A concern brought forward from the FNRA was the need for 2 shot gun venues in

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the county. A board member was asked by representatives of the FNRA if the clay thrower that had been donated to the rupert range by the FNRA had been offered to the Fairboard as the Fairboard is seeking funds from the FNRA. It was discussed that the caliber of range being sought by the Fairboard was for a competition venue and the thrower currently at the range did not meet the requirements for a competitive range. The quote for the competition thrower was around \$6000, while the thrower currently at the range is in the vicinity of \$350. The general feeling of the board was that the competitive range would be a benefit to the community, while the smaller venue at the Rupert Shooting Complex would still be used by the patrons of the range.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

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