

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board Meeting Held December 5th, 2022

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held at Rupert City Council Chambers, December 5th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Chris Hall, Tony Poovey, Chace Thomas, Jeff Heins, Todd Wheeler

Additional attendees: Larry Matulis, Ray Greer, Tina Morris, Milton Banner

Call to order 7:05.

Pledge and invocation

Approvals: Motion to approve minutes from November 3rd, meeting by Jeff, 2nd Chace. Approved. Financial report, motion to approve Jeff, 2nd Tony, approved. Checking balance \$5743.69, Cash on hand \$150, Savings (Scholarship fund) \$1500.00. Total \$7393.69.

Tony reported that after discussion with TanaRae at Idaho F&G, the grant money that had reportedly been awarded to the city of Rupert for the sidewalks has not actually been awarded at present. No indication of when the final decision will be made. Grant has already been submitted for this year to continue with sidewalks from the area that was to be covered by this year's grant.

Tony also made it official that he will be stepping down from the Board of Directors, but indicated that he will continue to have as much involvement as his health will allow. Thank you's went out to Tony for his years of service and for his work in the reconstruction process of the Rupert Range, Inc.

Two additional Range Rats were awarded patches for 75+ hours of service this year. Tina Morris and Larry Matulis. In addition, Chace Thomas, Tony Poovey and Todd Wheeler all were awarded additional bars for 75+ hours of service. Chris will order the bars to be presented at a future meeting.

Discussion about the Rupert Gun Club—private gun club that operates on Thursday evenings. Membership is \$40 per person per year, \$70 per couple. There is a 50' indoor range suitable for 22LR and centerfire pistols. The range requests no magnum rounds, and no centerfire rifle.

The general election was held during the meeting. As there were no contested seats, the election was completed by a voice vote. Larry Matulis received 9 yea votes, 0 nay votes to fill the vacancy as Tony has stepped down. Chace Thomas and Jeff Heins both received 9 yea votes, 0 nay votes, to retain their current seats on the board. These are for 2-year terms.

As dictated by by-laws, the positions within the board were determined as follows,

Chris Hall, chairman, motion by Todd, 2nd by Jeff, all in favor.
Jeff Heins, Vice Chairman, Motion by Todd, 2nd by Chace, all in favor
Chace Thomas, Treasurer, Motion by Jeff, 2nd, Todd, all in favor.
Larry Matulis, member at large, quartermaster, Motion by Jeff, 2nd Todd, all in favor
Todd Wheeler, secretary, motion by Chace, 2nd Jeff, all in favor.

As dictated by bylaws, the chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer are authorized to sign checks. Bank records must be updated as such. Authorized signers shall be Chris Hall, Jeff Heins, and Chace Thomas.

Discussion of adding a digital option for making donations to the range (Venmo, PayPal, etc.) Chace and Larry will look into options and report back at the January meeting.

Larry Matulis was also asked to perform duties of webmaster and maintain the internet presence for the Rupert Range, Inc. He will also be given access to the Google Drive for the range.

The new board will attend the Rupert City Council Meeting on January 10th, 2023, for ratification by the city council. The annual report to the city will also be presented at this time. The report will include usage of the range, with professional use noted, accomplishments at the range, a full detailed financial report for the year, election and board details for 2023, and highlights from the year.

The drawing was held for the RSO appreciation raffle. Milt Banner was the winner of the Taurus 9mm handgun.

As the finances of the Rupert Range appear to be stable, discussion ensued about potential expenditures that might benefit the range. Suggestions included propane radiant heaters to be used in colder temperatures under the shelters in ranges 2, 3, and 4. Larry will look into possibilities and report at the January meeting. Discussion also followed about wireless internet and security cameras at the range. A budget request was submitted to the city budget for \$600 for internet annually. The City also has been looking into security cameras. Todd will check with Leslie to see where that stands. It was discussed that Rupert Range funds could be used to purchase the cameras, and possibly pay for the internet, hopefully to be reimbursed by the City.

Adjourned 8:15