

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board Meeting Held February 3rd, 2022

Minutes of the Rupert Range Board, held at Freedom Hall, Rupert, Idaho, Thursday, February 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Tony Poovey, Richard Chesser, Todd Wheeler, Jeff Heins. Chris Hall absent. Additional attendees Ray Greer, Mark Rosa, Tina Morris

Approvals: Minutes were approved for meeting held January 6th, 2021. Financial Cash on hand 113.00 Checking balance 2,788.59. Ed Smith Scholarship Fund \$500.00. Total \$3401.59. Motions to approve by Jeff Heins, 2nd, Tony Poovey. Motions carried.

Savings account was established for the Ed Smith Scholarship fund. Current balance of \$500. Diane Smith has pledged an additional \$1500 for the fund. Fund committee currently Diane Smith, Chace Thomas, Tony Poovey. Committee intends to extend an invitation to Lori Harrison to participate on the committee. The scholarship(s) will be awarded in June. Graduating students attending a trade school, college or university, or entering the military are eligible.

Jeff reported information on a group insurance policy. After contacting USCCA, he was referred to Outdoor Insurance Group in Colorado who he was told offers insurance to gun ranges. Will follow up and report in March Meeting.

The sound panels offered by the city will work for sound abatement in Freedom Hall. Todd will send an email to RSO's and friends to meet at 9:30 on Saturday, February 5th, to install the panels.

March 5th will be the first aid training/stop the bleed training by Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Training will start at 10:00 and last approximately 2 hours. Lunch will be served, then RSO training/refresher will be presented following lunch for approximately 2 hours. Notification will be sent through email with RSVP.

Bank signatures have been updated to reflect current board makeup. Account signers Chace, Tony, Chris, and Joel Heward as city liaison.

Tina Morris spoke on behalf of Armed Women of America. She has completed her training and is ready to start up a local chapter. They will be having monthly meetings, held at Freedom Hall when accessible. Shooting approximately every other month. AWA bylaws require 1 RSO per 5 shooters. As the group is new and has limited RSO's, some help may be sought from Rupert Range, Inc., to provide RSO's. Chace will be the direct board contact. Information will be included in the February newsletter. AWA will be able to offer intro to firearms classes for women.

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Mark Rosa requested use of the range for 2 Hunters Education classes, and 2 pistol certification classes. There will be no fees for either class. Range use request forms were provided with instruction to contact Tony to schedule the classes on the calendar.

Tony updated a few items on the SOPs for clarification. Changes were approved by motion, and the updated version will be distributed.

Discussion about RSO recruitment and retention. Looking for RSO's that would be willing to put the committee together to present ideas to the board for recruitment of new RSO's and retention of current RSO's. Suggested that a committee of 3 be organized.

The current RSO list needs to be updated. Some RSO's are no longer participating, some only cover one shift (possibly to get access to the range code and the range?) The combination at Meridian will be changed (as soon as we figure out how to change it.) The new code will be given to RSO's attending the refresher training in March, or as needed when filling shifts after opening. Non participating RSO's will not be given the access code.

Discussion of needing someone who could oversee website and Facebook page. Need to increase our online presence. Name of Diane Smith came up, no decision was made, but will follow up.

Startup date need to be put on the March agenda.

A motion to enter executive session was made. Ayes: Chace Thomas, Jeff Heins, Tony Poovey, Todd Wheeler. Nays: none. General public attendees were excused. Under Idaho Code 74-206 subsection 1B, the board entered executive session at 8:10. Open session resumed at 8:45. By unanimous consent by all board members attending, it was decided to censure range safety officer "A" as discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:50.