

Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Vice President Jim Paxon called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 17:33. President Carl McCleskey was absent.

- Members present were: Gary Allen, Carol Whitney, Carol Anton, Jim Anton, Jim Paxon, Doug Kamicar, Cece Kamicar, Tim Simms, Mike Boyd, Roger Champagne, Kari Richards, George Richards,

Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting.

Gary Allen noted that he was absent the March meeting but listed as an attendee.

Mike Boyd made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrected attendance.

George Richards seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the monthly treasurer's report.

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- Checking Balance: \$1731.72
- Income: \$60.00 (Fun shoot \$40, 1 membership \$20)
- Expenses: \$11.95 (Annual corporate report filing fee to state of New Mexico.)
- Savings Balance: \$919.79
- **TOTAL: \$2651.51**

Caro Whitney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Mike Boyd. Motion carried.

Old Business

Meeting with City of TorC Management

- A meeting was held with the city on 04/15/2022. Notes from this meeting appear at the end of these minutes as an addendum.
- It was generally agreed by the club officers in attendance that the meeting went very well. The city manager is very supportive of the range and willing to do what he can despite an extremely limited budget.
- Jim Paxon noted that the city had already had heavy equipment at the range on 04/25/2022 removing debris, old tires, and grading roads.
- Jim Paxon requested that the secretary, Carol W, write up a thank you letter to the city to be signed by Carl Mc.
- There was lengthy discussion on the issue of locking the range up at night. The city has asked if the Rio Vaqueros would be willing to take it on. City employees generally go home at 5PM and are not working on weekends. The police chief has indicated that he cannot tie up resources for this every evening with very limited officer patrols.
 - The liability issue was a huge concern. Not just with regard to an incident happening if, for example, we failed to lock the gate at night, but the very real potential for armed confrontation if a public person should, for example, get upset about being asked to leave the range at closing time. The city has agreed to hold up not liable but the potential for armed confrontation issue is still a big concern for many.
 - We do not have enough members willing to commit to a regular schedule of evening gate closing. Many members do not live close to the range, are elderly, snowbirds only here in the winter, or not in reliably good health. In reality we would need about ten people to do a rotating daily, weekly, or even monthly schedule as we need to have back up personnel for unforeseen circumstances. We have about three people at this point who said they would be willing to do it. Our total membership is well under fifty currently.
 - It was generally agreed that because of our limited membership and liability concerns it would not be practical for the Rio Vaqueros to be solely responsible for locking the range gate at night.

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- Jim Paxon suggested that more dialogue is required with the city. We wish to be of help where we can but our resources are limited. A follow up meeting will be scheduled as appropriate.

Chain Link Enclosure For Target Storage at Pistol Pits

- Still pending.
- Carl needs to do some prefab work before the fencing can be installed.

Club Logo

- Carol W passed around a rough draught of a logo incorporating Pistol Pete with a pistol and a rifle in an oval with RIO VAQUEROS across the bottom and a stylized American flag in the background. Feedback was generally positive and Carol W agreed to develop a digital rendering and run it by folks...hopefully before the next meeting. A logo is needed for the Women on Target event fliers.

NRA Women On Target Event

- This event will take place on September 17, 2022. The Rio Vaqueros will be an In-Name sponsor for the event.
- Volunteers will be needed. RSOs will be needed (NRA certified). People willing to donate their pistols for the day will be needed. All ammo will be provided. Kari Richards will be the Head Range Officer.
- We will also be taking donation items to raffle off. Discuss at next meeting.
- We will coordinate with George and Kari Richards as needed. George suggested that we could also have a few long range rifles set up for the ladies to try. Discuss at next meeting.

Friends of NRA Grants

- Several months ago we applied to the Friends of NRA for a grant to obtain some metal shipping containers for more target storage at the range. Unfortunately our request was denied as there were insufficient funds to approve all the applications. Maybe next year. Thank you to Gary Allen and Craig Pierson for doing the research and applications for this.

New Business

RSO Certification Course

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- Team Richards are having an RSO certification course on June 5. It is open to the public but a deep discount will be offered for Rio Vaqueros members. Contact Team Richards (teamrichards@sisna.com) or see the announcement on the main Rio Vaqueros web page.

Letter From Silver City NRA Representative

- Bill Carliss who is a lawyer and NRA rep from Silver City sent Jim Paxon a letter urging folks to be aware that despite cannabis now being legal in the state of New Mexico, it still remains illegal on a federal level. This means that if you run into trouble with the law on federal lands (ie: national forest) and are in possession of cannabis it is considered a felony. He urged that folks keep this in mind as they plan camping, fishing, and hunting trips.

Meeting Adjourned

Jim Paxon called for the meeting to be adjourned at 18:36. Gary Allen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Boyd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.