

# Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

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## Call to Order

President Carl McCleskey called the meeting to order at 17:18.

- Members present were: Carl McCleskey, Gary Allen, Jim Paxon, Rodney Kuenzer, Carol Whitney, Roger Pattison, Craig Pierson.

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## Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting. Craig Pierson made a motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Jim Paxon. Motion carried.

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## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the treasurer's report.

### **June 24, 2021**

- Checking Balance: \$1834.64
- Income: \$300
  - Fun Shoots (04/10, 05/08, 06/12): \$110
  - Long Range Shoots (04/03, 05/01): \$60
  - Membership New/Renewals: \$120
  - Web page sponsors (4): \$100
  - Donations: \$10
- Expenses: \$208.51
  - Gift Certificate for Gabby (Johnny Bs): \$30
  - Jim Paxon, materials for pistol shooting tables: \$100
  - State of New Mexico 2020 annual report and change of Agent: \$26.95
  - Walmart - Paint: \$51.56
- Savings Balance: \$918.8

- **TOTAL: \$2753.51**

Carol Whitney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Craig Pierson. Motion carried.

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## Old Business

### **Range Cleanup and Help from City of TorC**

- There was general discussion on the need for a significant range cleanup. This would include clearing brush from the berms on the rifle range and reinforcing the road to the 600 yard berm.
- The railroad iron target stands at 100, 200, 300 yds also still need repair.
- We need some help from the city to do this work. It was felt that it would be productive to approach the new city manager, Bruce Swingle, and request help from the city for range cleanup and maintenance as well as clarify to what extent the club can make improvements to the range...and most importantly...if the city is willing to allocate any funds to range improvement.
- Carol Whitney, Jim Paxon, and Carl McCleskey agreed to try and set up a meeting with the city manager within the next several weeks to discuss these matters.

### **Chain Link Enclosure For Target Storage**

- Carl has obtained the pipe needed to build the enclosure. The club will need to reimburse him at \$1 per foot.
- Benches for the rifle range are also ready but Carl needs to build the brackets to anchor them to the concrete previously poured at the rifle range.
- Holes were drilled and concrete poured back in February of 2020.
- A work party will be formed in the fall when temperatures have cooled down.
- It was noted that the large plate rack is still in need of a new coupler.

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## New Business

### **Long Range**

Thursday, June 24, 2021

- The July and August Long Range shoots will be cancelled. we will resume in September. It's just too hot to setup and retrieve targets and there is no shade at Engle or Mud Canyon.

### **Fun Shoots**

- Fun shoots will continue over the summer but we will be starting early. Setup will be at 7:30 AM and we will start shooting at 8:00 AM. This will apply to the July and August matches. We will revisit the time in the fall as things cool off.

### **Club Resources**

- There was a lengthy discussion about different ways the club might obtain resources for range improvements, additional target storage such as a storage container, and target equipment.
- Some of the ideas put forth included approaching Rebecca Dow for information and guidance on possible grants from the state, approaching Friends of NRA for range improvement funding, and perhaps even local law enforcement entities.
- There was also discussion about organizing a charitable fund raiser shooting event that would benefit both the club and a worthy local charity. Possibly to take place in the spring.
- Craig Pierson and Gary Allen agreed to look into some of these possibilities.

### **Pistol Targets**

- Charlie Bonner bought 14 AR500 steel targets with stands at a garage sale a while ago for \$300. We quickly realized that they were built by Carl McCleskey and must have ended up with the Cowboy Action shooters who split from the club several years ago.
- Charlie felt that the targets should be returned to the club but he would appreciate some reimbursement.
- There was a motion made by Craig Pierson and seconded by Rodney Keunzer to reimburse Charlie Bonner up to \$300 for the targets. Motion carried.
- Update (07/03/2021): Charlie has agreed to a \$200 reimbursement for the targets and the remaining balance of \$100 will be a donation to the club. Thank you Charlie!
- The targets are currently in Carl's shop yard.

## Meeting Adjourned

Carl McCleskey called for the meeting to be adjourned at 18:10. Craig Pierson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rodney Keunzer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.