

Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Carl McCleskey called the meeting to order at 17:32. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Members present were: Carol Whitney, Carl McCleskey, Jim Paxon, Scott Costigan, George Tobin, Mike Boyd.

Previous Minutes

Secretary Carol Whitney read the minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carol Whitney presented the treasurer's report.

January 29, 2025

- **Checking balance \$2317.01**
- Income: \$215 (Memberships (3) \$60, Fun Shoot \$40, LR \$40, .22 \$25, donation \$50)
- Expenses: \$0
- **Savings \$925.66**
- **Total: \$3242.67**

Mike Boyd made a motion to accept the both the previous minutes and treasurer's report. George Tobin seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Liability Waiver

- Carol W will make a final draft and have Carl and Jim review it. We will begin using it once this is done.

Rifle Range Vandalism

- Painting of the pistol pit lockers will be done when the weather warms yup a bit.

Las Cruces NRL22 Match hosted by Las Cruces Precision Rimfire

- 3 members of the Rio Vaqueros attended the match. Mark K, John U, and Carol W. There were approximately 30 shooters in attendance. The course of fire was very challenging including some crazy wind conditions but a good time was had by all. Carol won a third place trophy in the bench division.

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Long Range Target Lights

- There was some discussion about perhaps welding some type of pocket onto our larger pockets to facilitate better attachment of hit indicators. Larger calibers tend to knock the velcro mounted indicators off. Magnetic attachments were discussed but there was concern that magnets will interfere with the internal accelerometers on the indicators.
- Carol will order one of the new Caldwell lights which sell for about \$35 for evaluation.

Range Match Schedule

- Jim Paxon contacted the city and our match schedules are now recorded on the range calendar.

New Business

MOU with City of TorC

- Jim Paxon presented a memorandum of understanding document proposed by the City of TorC with Rio Vaqueros Inc. It was decided that two items needed to be addressed. Item 2c requiring RVI to be responsible for the range gate was struck. Item 2f was modified to indicate RVI would assist the city with range maintenance rather than be solely responsible. The amended document appears at the end of these minutes as Appendix I.

Bench Rest Shooters Request Wind Flags

- Mike Boyd presented a request to the Rio Vaqueros that the club purchase twelve windfalls to be used for the bench rest matches which are currently not club affiliated.
- Some discussion ensued around the question of granting these funds. Carl McCleskey pointed out that it is our mission to support groups that want to encourage shooting sports at the range. Carol Whitney expressed concern that some of the shooters who participate in the bench rest matches do not support the club.
- It was decided that we would purchase the flags as a gesture of good faith and encourage the bench rest shooters to support the club in whatever way possible. It was also noted that the flags would be useful for .22 matches as well. Mike Boyd will be responsible for procuring the flags.
- **MOTION:** Mike Boyd made a motion to allocate up to \$300 for the purchase of 12 bench rest wind flags. Jim Paxon seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl McCleskey called for the meeting to be adjourned at 18:24. Jim Paxon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Boyd.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.

APPENDIX I

Thursday, January 29, 2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

RIO VAQUEROS, INC.

&

THE CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and its provisions is entered into by and between the City of Truth or Consequences, a Municipal Corporation ("City") and Rio Vaqueros, Inc., a New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation ("Vaqueros").

RECITALS

1. The City holds a United States patent identified as NMNM 90603 2740 (03100), which contemplates that certain real property within the City shall be used as a "Shooting Range". The City has historically complied with this patent by using the subject real property as a Shooting Range.
2. The parties wish to enter into this MOU to ensure that Vaqueros will assist and cooperate with the City for the proper management and operation of the Firing Range as described below.
3. Vaqueros has enacted By Laws which sets forth the following **OBJECTIVES**:
 - A. To encourage the growth of safe pistol, rifle and shotgun shooting in our community, by presenting a continuing, year round program of shooting matches open to all shooters who may legally use and own firearms and will obey posted rules and safe shooting practices.
 - B. To use appropriate Safety Range Rules for shooting disciplines being used.
 - C. To promote greater gun safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe gun handling techniques and ethics with others through an annual series of educational courses on safe shooting open to all shooters.
 - D. To encourage participants in our sport to develop those characteristics of self-control, honesty, honor, integrity and politeness.

Vaqueros agrees to implement these procedures in its efforts to assist in the management of the Shooting Range.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Vaqueros agrees to assist in the management and operation of the Shooting Range.

2. The parties shall promulgate rules and regulations for the management and operation of the Shooting Range. The rules and regulations shall include the following:

- a. The hours of operation shall be from sunrise to sundown, with the exception that Certified Law Enforcement Officials may use the range after hours. ~~A Vaqueros representative will unlock the gate at sunrise and lock the gate at sunset.~~
- b. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises.
- e. ~~Vaqueros and the City shall each have a key to the gate and will coordinate the openings to accommodate law enforcement officials.~~
- d. The Shooting Range shall be open to the public seven (7) days per week.
- e. Vaqueros will at all times maintain proper credentials for safety range management and remain in compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations. It will comply with the **OBJECTIVES** described in the Recitals.
- f. Vaqueros ~~will maintain the Shooting Range and keep the premises free from trash and weeds.~~ *assist in maintaining help*

3. The City will establish a coalition which will cooperate with Vaqueros for the operation and management of the Shooting Range.

4. Both parties shall maintain all necessary Insurance in coverages and amounts to be later approved by the parties. At the present time, Vaqueros maintains NRA insurance that covers the City up to \$1,000,000.00.

5. Neither party shall receive monetary compensation arising out of this MOU.

6. Vaqueros will schedule their events through the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

7. This MOU shall go into effect on ~~November 1, 2021~~ and shall remain in effect as long as the underlying patent is in effect, or until it is otherwise terminated. Either party may terminate this agreement without cause with ten (10) days written notice to the other party.

RIO VAQUEROS, INC.

CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
