

Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Carl McCleskey called the meeting to order at 17:06.

- Members present were: Carl McCleskey, Gary Allen, Jim Paxon, Rodney Kuenzer, Carol Whitney, Roger Champagne, Carol Anton, Jim Anton, Mel Cherry, Roger Tremblay, Jack Smith, Larry Pogreba, Jack Kimball. Two additional members... handwriting illegible.
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Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting. Carol Anton made a motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Gary Allen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the treasurer's report.

March 25, 2021

- Checking Balance: \$1743.15
- Income: \$1155
 - Fun Shoots (10/10, 11/14, 1/9, 2/13): \$225
 - Long Range Shoots (2/6): \$75
 - Membership Renewals: \$720
 - Web page sponsors (4): \$100
 - Donations (Walker Daugherty, Charlie Bonner): \$35
- Expenses: \$937.83
 - Locktoni Insurance: \$682.91 (2021 Insurance)
 - Postage to mail insurance payment: \$7.95
 - State of New Mexico annual report: \$21.95
 - GoDaddy web hosting (1 year): \$126.02

- US Postal service mail box rent (1 year): \$64
- Rodney Keunzer RSO renewal: \$35
- Savings Balance: \$918.52
- **TOTAL: \$2661.67**

Totals as of December 31, 2020

- Checking: \$1934.03
- Savings: \$918.29

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

Old Business

Sponsorship of Local/Hatch Trap Shooting Team

- There is no new info on this. The kids have still not been back to school due to COVID and extracurricular activities are severely curtailed. We will revisit this issue at some point in the future.

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 but nothing has been done since due to COVID shutdowns.
- A work party will be formed in late April or early May.
- There will be two 8' wide single gates on the enclosure. One on the end and one on the side.
- It was noted that the large plate rack is still in need of a new coupler.

Combined Rifle Pistol Match

- This match was originally postponed from March due to COVID-19 restrictions. we will try again and will tentatively schedule it for the fall when our snow birds return.

Night Shoot

- We will probably not schedule this until the fall.

New Business

Long Range

- The April long range shoot will be held out at Engle. 1000 - 2000 yards. We will structure it based on extreme long range competition format. Multiple stages with multiple targets. Big guns welcome up to .375 Cheytac. Round count about 25. Setup at 8, shoot at 9.

Bowling Pin Shoot

- We will do a combined Pistol Fun Shoot/Bowling Pin shoot at the April 10 pistol match. Two normal pistol stages and a timed bowling pin stage. This was the match that had to be postponed from the March shoot due to a COVID scare. The fastest 8 times on the bowling pins will go head to head in eliminations rounds. The winner will be the keeper of the coveted traveling trophy until the next bowling pin match. Setup at 8, shoot at 9. \$5 members, \$10 non-members.

Club Officer Nominations and Election

- There was some discussion about whether members would be okay with doing both nominations and voting at the current meeting. The normal election cycle of nominations in November and elections in December was postponed due to COVID bans on group gatherings. There was general consensus that combined nominations and elections would be fine.
- Carol Anton made a motion to nominate and elect the four existing officers to retain their positions until December 31, 2021. Mel Cherry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021 Club Officers: Carl McCleskey (President), Rodney Keunzer (Vice President), Gary Allen (Treasurer), Carol Whitney (Secretary).

Gabby Nocky and Jack Kimball

- Carl noted that Gabby Nocky has been going out to the range, shooting, and cleaning up trash for years and there are some indications that he may not be able to do it much any longer. Carl suggested that we recognize Gabby's effort in some form such as a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

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- On behalf of the members of the Rio Vaqueros, Thank you Gabby! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated.
- Carl also recognized Jack Kimball for his incredible efforts to put on long range shoots, make improvements to the range, and share his love of shooting. Jack, of course, said he didn't want any recognition but...
- On behalf of the members of the Rio Vaqueros, Thank you Jack! You have given those of us who love rifles a great gift...the chance to get out and shoot.

Range Cleanup

- There was some discussion about getting a group together to do some cleanup on the rifle and pistol ranges. It was noted that in the past we have been able to coordinate with the City of TorC to bring equipment out and help with this.
- Jim Paxon noted that the city will be getting a new manager, Bruce Swingle, who is moving over from Sierra county manager to city manager in about a month and he might be approachable with regard to getting some help from parks and rec to do the cleanup.
- We may try and do a small scale cleanup ourselves over the next few weeks. Just need to find the time...

Needed Repairs to 100, 200, 300 Yard Railroad Iron

- Jack Kimball indicated that many of the tabs on the railroad iron target stands at 100, 200, 300 yards on the rifle range have been shot off or broken.
- There was some discussion about repairing them in a way that would make them more robust. The most likely to be successful option was running continuous re-bar along the back of the ties and anchoring it at the ends and a few support points in between. The next step is to source a reasonably priced supply of re-bar. Someone suggested it may be available at Foxworth.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl called for the meeting to be adjourned at 17:33. Jim Anton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mel Cherry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.