

Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Carl McCleskey called the meeting to order at 17:35.

- Members present were: Carl McCleskey, Gary Allen, Jim Paxon, Rodney Kuenzer, Carol Whitney, Roger Pattison, Jim Anton, Jack Kimball, Jeff Saunders, Woody Simpson, Carol Anton, Charles Bonner.

Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the June 24, 2021 meeting. Carol Anton made a motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Jim Anton. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the treasurer's report.

July 29, 2021

- Checking Balance: \$1665.61
- Income: \$0
- Expenses: \$169.03
 - Cardboard Targets(100): \$92
 - Target tape (black and white): \$45.87
 - Go Daddy Domain Name renewal (1 year) for "riovaqueros.org": \$31.16
- Savings Balance: \$918.98
- **TOTAL: \$2584.59**

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

Old Business

Range Cleanup and Help from City of TorC

- There was general discussion at the last meeting 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 agreed to approach the new city manager for a meeting sometime before the end of September. The goal of the meeting is to enlist help from the city for a substantive range cleanup and discuss potential funding options as explored by Gary A. and Craig P. for range improvements and a storage facility for the club. (See Club Funding and Resources below)
- We will also discuss, with the city manager, the possibility of improvements to the 200 yard range directly west of the rifle range.
- Carol Whitney, Jim Paxon, and Carl McCleskey agreed to try and set up a meeting with the city manager before the end of September to discuss these matters.

Club Funding and Resources

- Gary and Craig have been looking into potential funding sources for range improvements and target storage facilities.
- They came up with two viable options:
 1. Apply to the NRA for a grant to purchase a portable storage facility.
 - Application period opens in the fall. Ends in December
 - There is a maximum of \$5K available
 - We would use it to purchase some type of steel storage container to be installed at the range and be used for rifle and pistol targets and stands and other club equipment.
 - A letter of support from the city would help our application. This will be discussed in the upcoming meeting with the city manager.
 2. Apply to the NRA for a public range improvement grant
 - This would apply to permanent structures at the range that would subsequently belong to the city such as shooting benches and shade structures.

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- The program supplies up to \$25K/year but the funds must be spent in the year they are received. City would administer the funds likely through parks and rec.
- This will also be discussed with the city manager.
- Thank you Gary and Craig for your research on this.

Chain Link Enclosure For Target Storage

- A work party will be formed in the fall when temperatures have cooled down.
- Rodney agreed to fix the coupler on the big plate rack this coming weekend.

New Business

Long Range

- 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.

Carl is Moving...again

- Carl asked for everyone's patience as he tries to work within some tight deadlines to get his home, shop, and business moved to a new location. It has been necessary to put some club business on hold temporarily but he thinks he will be somewhat settled by September.

Bob Tamez Memorial

- Long time club member, friend, amazing trap competitor, and respected shooter Bob Tamez passed away in the past few weeks. We will put a memorial to Bob on the website if it is acceptable to his wife Jeanne.
- Rest in peace Bob. You will be dearly missed.

Pistol/Cowboy Action Targets

- 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 18:14. Jim Paxon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Anton. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.