

Rio Vaqueros Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Carl McCleskey called the meeting to order at 17:49.

- Members present were: Carl McCleskey, Gary Allen, John Morlock, Jim Anton, Rodney Kuenzer, Cathy Harmon, Wayne DeCicco, Jack Kimball, Darwin Vetter, Bob Tamez, Glen Porter, Carol Whitney, Roger Champagne, Jeff Saunders, Mike Boyd.

Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting. Mike Boyd made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Gary Allen. Motion carried.

Note: August meeting was cancelled due to lack of venue to hold the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the treasurer's report.

August 31, 2019

- Checking Balance: \$1337.95
- Income: \$155
 - Fun Shoot: \$75
 - 2 Memberships: \$40
 - Anonymous donation on behalf of Long Range Shooters: \$40
- Expenses: \$69.77
 - Paint: \$30.73
 - Plywood for bowling pin shoot: \$39.04
- Savings Balance: \$916.32
- **TOTAL: \$2254.27**

September 26, 2019

- Checking Balance: \$1532.95
- Income: \$195
 - Fun Shoot: \$50
 - 3 Memberships: \$60
 - Long Range Shoot (Aug/Sept): \$70
 - Charlie Bonner donation: \$15
- Expenses: \$0

- Savings Balance: \$916.44
- **TOTAL: \$2449.39**

Roger Champagne made a motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Mike Boyd seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming expenses will include \$45 to Rodney for first aid kits and orders for long range score cards and tape.

Old Business

Shipping Container

- Mike Huston has decided he does not wish to sell the shipping container.

Pistol Pit Shade Cloth Installation

- John Morlock has installed shade cloth on the south west pistol pit and indicated he would complete another one within the next few days. Thank you John!

Pistol Shoot Start Times

- Carl stated that now that the weather has started to cool off, setup would be at 8 AM and shoot at 9AM.

Adam Petersen Memorial Ranch Rodeo

- The Devil Dog shoot was a great success and raised just over \$1000 for Wounded Warriors. Reese Carter won the first prize of an AR15. Congratulations Reese and thank you to everyone who turned out to help.

Mile Club Challenge

- The weather refused to cooperate on the day of the shoot. The wind proved a formidable challenge and none of the shooters managed to get the two hits on target required. We will try it again in November.

Filing of Patent Transfer of Shooting Range Land to City of TorC from BLM

- The city managed to lose the petition but many thanks to Pat O'Hanlon who saved a copy! The city has presented the Patent to the BLM and paid the \$5000 in back fees required. BLM now needs to send it back to the city as accepted and the city will file the petition with the county clerk and state to be recorded.
- The City of TorC has no interest in acquiring the additional 80 acres adjacent to the existing rifle range at this time as they do not wish to incur the expense of fencing the land.
- A copy of the petition has been printed and added to the Rio Vaqueros club records.

New Business

Bowling Pin Shoot...Again!

- There will be another Bowling Pin Shoot on November 16, 2019 at 9AM at the Adobe Hills Range. The entry fee will be \$10 with cash prize to the winner. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and participate in a low key fun pistol shoot.

Rifle Range Signs

- The City of TorC has agreed to make up some signs for the rifle range largely admonishing people to pick up after themselves. The signs also ask that range users keep rifles pointed downrange at all times and refrain from handling any weapons when anyone is downrange or the range is cold.
- There is also a request that no handguns or shotguns be used on the 650 yard range. There has been a number of people leaving large quantities of shot gun shells on the

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ground around the benches. Carl expressed concern that there are those that use pistols for hunting and may wish to shoot long range. This would not be a problem.

- Thank you to Bob Tamez for being the liaison with the city on this.
- Also a big thank you to all those who came out to help clean up the rifle range. It is looking cleaner than it has in a long time. Let's hope it lasts!

Rifle Range 600 Yard Berm Road Washout

- The recent rains have washed out the road between the 500 and 600 yard berms rendering the 600 and 650 yard berms inaccessible by vehicle. The City of TorC has indicated they are working on a solution.
- Carl indicated that he has two 30' lengths of 36" diameter steel pipe available for a very reasonable cost to use for culverts if they would help. Bob Tamez will talk to the city maintenance folks and see if they would be useful.

Location And Time of Monthly Club Meeting

- Some concern was expressed that the time of the meeting may be too late in the day for some. This meeting also started late because there was a previous group using the meeting room at Johnny B's that went over time.
- Mike Boyd suggested that we consider approaching the Golf Course Country Club. Mike agreed to contact them and see what options are available.

October Long Range Shoot

- October long range shoot will be 700, 800, 900, and 1000 yards at Mud Canyon Dam. Setup at 8 AM, shoot at 9 AM. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. 12 rounds total. No practice shots.

Mile Challenge...Part II and November Long Range Shoot

- The mile challenge will be held immediately preceding the November Long Range Shoot which will be held out at Engle. 10 rounds. No practice shots.
- The long range shoot will be 1500, 1780, and 2100 yards. Round count should be 15-20.
- Setup at 8 AM, the fun starts at 9 AM. \$5 members, \$10 non-members.

Member Issue

- John Morlock asked for clarification on when he could return to the long range shoots. Mr. Morlock was requested to refrain from attending long range shoots after an incident at the August competition. Carl reiterated that Mr. Morlock refrain from attending any long range shoots due to the high probability of conflict and if he wished he could file a formal complaint with the club and the matter would be settled more formally as per the club bylaws.

Long Range Safety Officers

- Carol Whitney brought up the matter of Range Officers for the long range shoots. There is a need for a few people to obtain certification so that an RSO is always available for long range shoots. Mike Boyd and Carol Whitney volunteered to take the NRA online course to obtain certification. A few more members may participate in the future.
- Gary Allen reiterated that our insurance only covers sanctioned matches where fees are collected and an RSO is present.

Target Lockers at Range Left Open

- Carl asked that anyone using the target lockers at the range be diligent about ensuring they are locked when you are done. Recently lockers have been left open which exposes the targets to a high probability of theft.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl called for the meeting to be adjourned at 18:41. Mike Boyd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Tamez. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.