

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 Anton, Rodney Kuenzer, Carol Whitney, Roger Champagne, Jeff Saunders, Roger Tremblay, Jack Smith, Bob Berard, Jim Paxon, Brigitte Emery, Reuel Emery, Paul Castillo, Bob Tamez, Charles Bonner.
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Previous Minutes

Carol Whitney read the minutes from the October 31, 2019 meeting. Jim Anton made a motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Jim Paxon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Allen gave the treasurer's report.

November 21, 2019

- Checking Balance: \$1682.24
- Income: \$270
 - Fun Shoot: \$90
 - Bowling Pin Shoot: \$100
 - 4 Membership Renewals: \$80
- Expenses: \$161.88
 - 3 Combination Locks: \$70.93
 - 18 Rolls Tape: \$90.95
- Savings Balance: \$916.67
- **TOTAL: \$2598.91**

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

Old Business

Unlocked Locks and Missing Staple Gun

- A staple gun has gone missing after the last pistol shoot. If anyone finds it or accidentally tossed it in with your stuff please return it to the range lockers.
- People have still been leaving the range lockers unlocked. Please note that the locks must be on the open combination to be locked. Push the lock shank in and then roll the numbers off. Pull down on the shank again to make sure it is locked. Thank you for keeping our equipment secure.
- The small plate rack lock is now done. Please make sure to lock the plates facing downwards after use. This will hopefully prevent idiots from shooting at them in storage.

Range Safety Officer Class

- As a followup to the discussions over the past few months, there will be an NRA Range Safety Officer course on Monday November 25 at Jim Paxon's house. Currently there are six people signed up. This will help ensure that an RSO is always present at club sanctioned events.

Bowling Pin Match Trophy

- Carl is in the process of building a traveling trophy for the Bowling Pin Matches. Congratulations to Jim Paxon who was the winner of the last match. See Carl for your trophy :-).

December Meeting Date Christmas Party

- Don't forget that the December meeting date has been moved to Thursday December 19 at 5:30 PM at Johnny B's restaurant. Bring a few goodies to share if you like for some socializing afterwards.
- January we will return to our regular meeting date of the last Thursday of the month. Thursday January 30, 2020 at 5:30 PM at Johnny B's.

New Business

Web Site Sponsorship

- Carol Whitney opened a discussion asking what people thought about adding a sponsor section to the bottom of the current Rio Vaqueros website home page. The purpose of the sponsorship ads would be to help offset the yearly cost of hosting services for the site. Last year the hosting fees were \$250. They will need to be paid again in February.
- After some discussion, an amount of \$25 per year was agreed upon. Ads would run from January 1 to December 31 with no proration for mid year sign ups. Current club members would get preference and an ad space would consist of a scanned business card size graphic. All money would go to the club to offset the cost of web site hosting. Total number of ads will be limited so as not to overly clutter the home page. Probably 8 to 10 max.
- Jim Anton made a motion to accept the above proposal and Rodney Keunzer seconded. Motion carried.
- Carol Whitney agreed to make the changes to the web site home page. Anybody who is interested, please arrange to submit your business card, photo, or graphic, to Carol and fees to Gary Allen or one of the club officers. Ads will officially start January 1, 2020 although a few may appear sooner as Carol tests out the web page changes.
- If you wish to participate but need help coming up with a suitable graphic please contact Carol Whitney.
- Thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Local Events (Not club affiliated)

- The local 4H Club will have their annual Turkey Shoot fundraiser at the Adobe Hills range on November 23 at 9AM. The event consists of .22 rifles ,standing, steel turkey silhouettes at 50 yards. Twelve or so shooters at a time. \$1 a try. Bullocks grocery donates 100 turkeys and they shoot until they are all gone. This is a great event for kids. The club has no affiliation with this event.
- On December 20 at the Geronimo Museum downtown, there will be a reenactment of the Tombstone gunfight at the OK Corral at high noon. Jim Anton was asking for a source of crimped .22 blanks to use at this event and several people suggested they would be available at Foxworth as they are used in ram set construction tools.

Steel Tables for Bowling Pin and Pistol Shoots

- Rodney Keunzer suggested that the club reimburse Carl McCleskey for the material costs incurred building two steel tables to be used for pistol matches. The club has been purchasing wooden materials for these tables prior to this but the tables generally only survive a couple of matches worth of gun shots. The steel tables will be a lot cheaper over time. Rodney proposed that the club reimburse Carl \$500 for two tables. To buy these tables new would be over \$1000.
- Reuel Emery made a motion to reimburse Carl McCleskey \$500 to purchase the two steel tables for the club. Rodney Keunzer seconded. Motion carried.
- Thank you Carl for donating your time, talents, and using your tools and equipment to help the club!
- Rodney also has some really good deals available on 9mm quality ammo currently. Contact him if you are interested.

Bowling Pin Match - At Night!

- Carl proposed that the next bowling pin match be a night match.
- Pistols would need to be equipped with a laser sight or light which would not come on until the RO says "Fire".
- The match would likely take place in December or January.
- A discussion ensued around extra safety precautions including having the RSOs equipped with flashlights to be able to ensure that all weapons are cleared and having extra RSOs on hand.
- Jim Anton made a motion to accept the proposed shoot format and Carol Whitney seconded. Motion passed with Reuel Emery voting against.

Additional Concrete Benches for Rifle range

- Carl has two concrete bench tops poured and ready to install. The triangular steel support frames and round wooden seats still need to be made. Pipe supports also need to be concreted in place.
- Bob Tamez agreed to coordinate a work party to get the work completed and the tables installed. No timeline was set for completion.
- It was also noted that the city has restored the road to the 650 yard berm and it is now accessible by vehicle.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

2020 Club Officer Elections

- After some discussion, Jim Paxon made a motion to nominate all the existing club officers to their positions for the coming year. This included Carol Whitney replacing Bruce Cranmer as secretary. Roger Champagne seconded. Motion carried.
- This entails: Carl McCleskey, President. Rodney Keunzer, Vice President. Gary Allen, Treasurer. Carol Whitney, Secretary.
- These nominations will be voted on at the December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Carl called for the meeting to be adjourned at 18:16. Jim Anton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Reuel Emery. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney.