



Minutes of the  
Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc.  
Board of Directors' Special Meeting  
August 24, 2011

**1. Call to Order:**

The President called the Special Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc., Activity Center.

**2. Roll Call:**

The Secretary called the Roll.

**Board Members Present:**

President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer – Executive Officer – Chief Instructor – Black Powder – Bullseye Pistol – Cowboy Fast Draw – High Power Rifle – High Power Rifle Silhouette – Junior – Pistol Silhouette & Cowboy Lever Action – Practical Pistol – Rifle/Shotgun – Smallbore Rifle Silhouette – Tuesday Night Steel – .22 Pistol (Proxy)

**Board Members Absent:**

Cowboy – Full Auto

*A Quorum of the Board was present. The Range Manager was not in attendance. Sign-In sheets are attached to the official Minutes.*

**3. The President called this Special meeting to make the Board aware of the current situation concerning Joe Platt. The results of an attempt to negotiate a Board Approved “Plea Bargain” deal with Mr. Platt that consisted of:**

- A one month suspension from RSSC property to conclude on September 18, 2011.
- A signed agreement that if there is ever another documented incident where Mr. Platt initiated physical contact with someone during an argument of RSSC property he would leave RSSC permanently.
- If he would agree, then he was to sign this e-mail in the affirmative and also print and sign a copy of the agreement and deliver it to the Office in a sealed envelope with the President's name on it ASAP.
- Mr. Platt's response is below:  
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Terry:

Thank you for your work in negotiating a solution to our situation. I am pleased to accept the Board's offer with the following clarification:

- All of the old allegations or “charges” outlined in the charging document are dismissed with prejudice. We need this old history behind us.
- My status as a participating member of the club, except for the suspension and agreement, is restored to the same condition I had before this matter came up. Specifically, my service as a range officer/chief range officer at the larger matches, my participation as a member of the various practical divisions as a competitor, and my service as a practical division match director was not affected before this matter came to the board and I do not believe it should now be affected because of this agreement.

I am proud of my association with Rio Salado and look forward to becoming an active member again.

Sincerely,  
Joe Platt

- The President’s reaction to this letter was to decide that Mr. Platt is unrepentant and that no further concessions would be available to Mr. Platt. He would refer further action to the Board.
- The High Power Rifle Division Director said that Mr. Platt should no longer hold a position of authority. His correspondence showed that he is also unrepentant.
- The Tuesday Night Steel Division Director said that Mr. Platt would make the Board’s life miserable if he were to return as a member.
- The Bullseye Pistol Division Director recommended that the Club hire legal advice and that the Club could afford it.
- The President stated that the most concerning charge is that Mr. Platt made physical contact with the Rifle/Shotgun Division Director, which is totally unacceptable behavior.
- The Rifle/Shotgun Division Director said that Mr. Platt would require twice as many votes to reverse the action of the Board than to sustain it.
- The Vice President recommended that the Board’s decision of August 17, 2011 that Mr. Platt be banned from the Range for two years, followed by one year’s probation be reinstated. Personally he would prefer a permanent ban.

***A Motion was made by the Vice President and seconded by the Bullseye Pistol Division Director that the decision made regarding Mr. Platt on August 17, 2011 be reinstated and to so inform Mr. Platt. The Board voted to approve this Motion with 18 Ayes and 1 abstention. The Motion passed***

- The President reiterated the Vice President’s recommendation.
- The Chief Instructor stated the he believed that Mr. Platt would make a great effort to collect proxies in his favor.
- The Tuesday Night Steel Division Director said that he has received as many as 40 emails concerning this matter and that many of them are in favor of Mr. Platt. He believed that Mr. Platt would go around to the member’s and would emphasize only his side of the situation with the result of favorable-to-him proxies being voted.
- The Small Bore Rifle Division Director suggested that in the event that Mr. Platt wins the 2/3 vote situation that the three Division Directors ban him from their matches as Mr. Platt is unlikely to change his behavior.

*A Motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by the Chief Instructor that a legal opinion should be obtained concerning the use of proxies at the Appeal to the Membership Meeting and the voting procedure therein. The Motion passed unanimously.*

- The President said that Mr. Platt is banned from the Range except for the Appeal Meeting which he may attend. The President reiterated that physical contact of one member upon another member is a very serious matter. Sometimes you have to make tough decisions. The Board made the best decision that was possible
- The Treasurer expressed surprise that the Division Directors did not discipline Mr. Platt themselves.
- The Rifle/Shotgun Division Director said that they tried to do so without any constructive action in response by Mr. Platt.
- The President said that he would recommend that Directors do not actively campaign against Mr. Platt, but, if anyone asked about the matter, to accurately describe what has happened.

#### **4. Call to Adjourn:**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by the Black Powder Division Director and seconded by the Executive Officer. The Motion was passed unanimously.*

**The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.**

The Board of Directors approved / ~~disapproved~~ these minutes with / 2 corrections.

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**Secretary**

**Date**

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