



## EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes  
Date: February 11, 2020  
Status: Pending Approval

**Board Members Present:** Doug Wickre, Bob Jones (remotely via FaceTime), John Straughan, Dave Kuhlman, Clarence Norton, Donna Goebel, Tyler Houck, Bill Oliver

**Members & Guest(s):** Joe Neveau, Gail Wickre, Tom Gibson, Allen Hart, Gary Bethscheider, Ken Hauxwell, Keith Newburn

**Handouts:** Minutes from the January meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

### **Last Month's Minutes**

The January minutes were read and approved with two changes on a motion by Doug Wickre and seconded by Bill Oliver.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Bill Oliver and seconded by John Straughan.

The ECSA membership list is now at 240 paid members. The detail of the Treasurer's report is available at the general meeting or you can contact Donna Goebel.

### **John Wright**

Doug Wickre provided an update on the health of Board member John Wright and recommended ECSA send a Get Well card.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Doug Wickre reported the road from the highway to the range gate has been plowed by the County.

Doug also reported he took Milo's ATV to Outlaw Motor Sports for repair. When he called to check the status, Doug was told Milo picked it up and decided to repair it himself.

#### **New Targets**

Bob Jones reported he purchased some new steel targets from Blue Steel Targets in Bellingham, WA. Because of the weight of the shipment, they will be sent on a pallet to Wallowa County Grain Growers as they have a loading dock. The Secretary will be contacted when the targets arrive.



### **New Education Building Project**

Doug Wickre reported on the results of the recent Oregon Friends of NRA Grant Meeting in Bend, OR on 2-8-2020 which he, Gary Bethscheider and Ken Hauxwell attended. Doug said he's not at liberty to share details until everything is official in April. However, Doug, Gary and Ken are extremely happy and the project for the new education building at the range is definitely a "Go" and construction will begin in April as soon as the ground thaws.

#### Gary Bethscheider provided a project update:

Doug Spang will perform the excavation and Donny Rynearson will do the foundation. Gary estimates the building could be framed in within 1.5 to 2 weeks.

Bob Jones mentioned Ken Knifong said he would donate his labor for all of the electrical work. Gary said he will contact Ken to follow up.

Gary would like another \$25,000.00 in funds for the addition of a small kitchen to the building to provide catered food at ECSA events. He recommends a fund raiser to generate these additional funds. The fundraiser will be held at the Community Center in either Joseph or Enterprise. The Board decided on a date of May 2, 2020 for this event which will be called the "Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance Fundraiser for New Building".

Gary had several ideas for raising funds at this event including: A pie auction in which one of the pies will contain a Kimber Compact .45 caliber pistol; Selling "Plank Holder" member donations, similar to bricks with donor's name; Get local merchants to donate items for auction

Prior to the event, several things will be required including:

- An advertising flyer
- Email notification to all ECSA members requesting help in the form of both financial assistance and volunteer work on the project
- Someone to organize and manage the volunteer workers (Volunteers can be used for job site cleanup at the end of each work day so contractors can stay focused on construction tasks)
- A phone tree for calling members and others to recruit help and funds; Someone to manage the phone tree
- A follow-up mailer with donation form to ECSA members and others
- Determine what to do with the existing trailer

Doug and Gary agreed to develop and manage the master project schedule for the new building.

Gary emphasized the need for ECSA to thank everyone who attended the Friends of NRA Banquet. He also mentioned ECSA needs to determine a way to thank Karl Juve for donating his time to create the building construction drawing.



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Doug Wickre volunteered to create and manage the phone tree and John Straughan said he would assist. Doug stressed the importance of thanking each and every one of the volunteers and donors who help with this building project.

Several of the contractors will be donating two to three days of crew labor. Gary raised the question as to how ECSA can properly thank them. A discussion ensued regarding labor costs which resulted in determining an estimated value of the donated labor to be \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Based on the cost of an ECSA Lifetime Membership, the Board agreed to award contractors who provide at least \$2500.00 in donated labor one to two Lifetime Memberships.

There was some discussion about how some felt Lifetime Memberships are a one shot "flash in the pan" and ECSA really receives nothing further after the initial payment. Gary suggested ECSA should call each Lifetime Member annually to recruit financial assistance with needed items like new targets, major improvements, etc.

### **Lost and Found**

Regarding the range bag containing five boxes of 6.5 Creedmoor ammunition, ECSA will keep the bag to store the 40 new steel target stakes. The ammunition was auctioned off and Tyler Hauck had the winning bid at \$110.00.

### **New ECSA Advertising Brochures**

John Straughan showed the new color tri-fold brochures which have been updated with current information. Hayes Printing and Graphics printed 1,000 copies of the brochure. John created a flyer for the Open Range Days which Hayes is printing 200 copies.

The brochures with an included membership application form and the Open Range Days flyers will be placed in a plastic counter display and distributed throughout the county including: Joseph Hardware, The Sports Corral, The Man Shack, Wallowa County Grain Growers, Ace Hardware, Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Ram Hardware-Wallowa, The Stubborn Mule.

Gary Bethscheider said he will have a catering setup at the car shows in June and August in Joseph and Enterprise and would like to have flyers there as well.

### **New Business**

#### **ODFW Hunter Safety Courses**

Doug Wickre announced he and John Straughan met recently with Keith Newburn and Stephen Bartlow who are the two individuals who have taught Hunter Safety Courses in Wallowa County for many years. They are both ready to pass the baton and Keith is present this evening.



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Keith Newburn provided an overview of the history of the local classes and the requirements of the people who choose to teach the classes moving forward. Doug Wickre shared information he obtained after discussion with ODFW. Doug requested the Secretary email ECSA members to recruit at least two people to teach these classes.

### **ECSA Events for 2020**

#### **Youth Shoots**

Doug Wickre announced he would like to hold a Youth Shoot sometime in September. He would like to invite Kim Hutchison to participate in the event. Bill Oliver agreed to contact Kim and establish a firm date.

#### **Firearm Safety Classes for Youths**

Doug underscored the need for ECSA to provide a Firearm Safety Class for sixth grade students at least one Friday per year beginning May 2021. Doug and Gail Wickre will head up this project and report back on progress.

#### **Monthly Trap Shoot**

Gary Bethscheider suggested a monthly trap shoot at the range. This would be a "last man standing" elimination event. Competitors can enter for \$5.00 and the winner would be awarded a ham, turkey, etc. After discussing possible dates, the Board decided to hold the trap shoots at 1:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month, the same day as the Open Range Days.

#### **Season Opening & Closing Events**

Gary Bethscheider recommended ECSA hold formal Season Opening and Season Ending events with catered BBQ food. Spring 2021 would likely be the first event.

#### **Good of the Order**

Gary Bethscheider announced that moving forward ECSA will use Wallowa County Grain Growers rather than The Sports Corral for all FFL transfers.

Bill Oliver presented a CD obtained from Mike Teese which contained movies and pictures from the 2007 ECSA Machine Gun Shoot. Bill gave this CD along with another containing ECSA historical documents to the Secretary for copying. The secretary will publish the movies and pictures to the ECSA website and Facebook page.

#### **This Old Gun**

None

### **The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2020 at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce conference room at 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.