



## EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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### General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2020

Status: Approved

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

**Members & Guest(s):** Gail Wickre, MJ Van Dine (remotely via phone), Ryan Faulk, Gary Bethscheider, Ken Hauxwell, Joe Neveau, Tom Thornton, Floyd McCadden

**Handouts:** Minutes from the December meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

The December minutes were read and approved on a motion by Doug Wickre and seconded by John Wright.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Dave Kuhlman and seconded by John Wright.

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.

### **Old Business**

#### **Budget**

Doug Wickre presented a first draft of the proposed budget for 2020. The Board reviewed the draft. On a motion by Bill Oliver and seconded by John Straughan the Board voted to approve the 2020 budget with one change. The budgeted amount of \$200.00 for advertising was increased to \$700.00 on a recommendation by the Secretary.

Doug added that in reviewing the 2019 Income Statement it appears ECSA was in the black by \$1455.00. However, it should be noted that ECSA has not paid the principle balance of the Clarence Norton loan. Interest payments have been made to date. Doug suggested ECSA authorize a payment to Clarence Norton in the amount of \$6063.92 for half of the remaining balance due on the loan.

On a motion Doug Wickre and seconded by Clarence Norton the Board voted to approve the payment to Clarence Norton.



### **Range Report**

Doug Wickre reported that Sheriff Steve Rogers met with the County Road Department and was successful in getting them to commit to keep the road from the highway to the gate plowed during the winter months.

Regarding Milo Schleiffer's inoperable ATV at the rifle range, Doug said he will pick it up soon and take it to Outlaw Motor Sports for repair.

The Secretary reported he has reset the gate lock combination for the 2020 year.

### **New Steel Targets**

Bob Jones reported he is still shopping for new steel targets and feels he can get better pricing from another vendor other than MGM Targets in Idaho.

The Board discussed the purchase of another plate rack target for the pistol range. Based on the cost, it was decided to just move the existing plate rack back to the pistol range from the completion bays for now.

### **Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider presented the blueprint for the new clubhouse. The Secretary will obtain a PDF copy from Karl Juve and email it to all Board members.

A discussion followed about bathrooms in the new structure. Gary said there would likely be no cost involved for all of the bathroom fixtures. Even if the decision is made to not install bathrooms initially, Gary recommended the plumbing should still be installed.

There will be a grant funding meeting in Bend, OR on February 8, 2020. Gary, Doug Wickre and Ken Hauxwell plan to attend. Gary suggested we wait until we know how much money we'll have in grant funds before moving any further forward.

### **Lost and Found**

Doug Wickre said he'll remember to bring the range bag and ammo to the next meeting for auction to the highest bidder.

### **MJ Van Dine and NRL, NRL22 & PRS matches**

MJ joined the meeting by phone from La Grande. The Board discussed the 2020 calendar and reviewed the monthly dates of 2019 events as follows:

Second Saturday – Bob Jones events, La Grande shoot

Third Saturday – Bob Jones .22, AR-15, etc. shoots

Fourth Saturday – Bob Jones Defensive Pistol shoots



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The Board decided to schedule the first Saturday of each month April thru September for NRL/NRL22 events. MJ said if ECSA hosts consistent monthly matches, we're guaranteed to attract shooters

MJ suggested we charge \$30.00 to \$40.00 for each match to keep them affordable for this area. By comparison, Upper Nisqually Sportsmen's Club (Eatonville, WA) charges \$60.00 and Rock Lake Rifle range (St. John, WA) charges \$120.00 to \$150.00.

Regarding the daily schedule, MJ said the following is typical for an event:

6:45 am – Gates Open  
7:00 am – Range Safety Briefing  
8:00 am – Event Begins

Five to seven hours is typical for the length of an event.

### **New Business**

#### **Updated ECSA Color Tri-fold Brochures**

The existing brochure was reviewed and items which require changes were noted. Tyler Hauck is making those changes to the digital artwork.

On a motion by Doug Wickre and seconded by Bill Oliver, the Board voted to approve the printing of 500 new brochures and the purchase of plastic brochure holders. The Secretary will work with Hayes Printing and Graphics to get the new brochures printed. The new brochures and holders will be distributed to at least:

Joseph Hardware, The Sports Corral, The Man Shack, Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Wallowa County Grain Growers, Ace Hardware-Enterprise, Ram Auto & Hardware-Wallowa.

#### **Open Range Days**

Doug Wickre reiterated the need to continue and expand public Open Range Days in an effort to bolster ECSA membership. The Board discussed dates. Dave Kuhlman suggested Sundays might be the best day. Weather, daylight hours, time of year was also considered. The Board decided to designate the third Sunday of each month June thru November from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm as public Open Range Days. The range will be staffed by at least two ECSA volunteers who are NRA-certified Range Safety Officers.

Non-members can use the range facilities for a \$15.00 fee. A coupon will be issued for \$15.00 which is valid for 30-days. The coupon can be applied to a first year's annual membership.



### **Range Access for Non-members**

The Board also discussed the need for a policy to govern range access for non-members. Safety and insurance were the top concerns which weighted the decision by the Board to permit non-member access to the range facilities under one of two conditions only:

1. The non-member can use the range facilities if they are a guest of a current paid member of ECSA.

- Or -

2. The non-member can use the range facilities on designated public Open Range Days after paying the \$15.00 fee.

On a motion by Dave Kuhlman and seconded by Tyler Hauck, the Board voted to approve the designated Open Range Days and fee/coupon structure, as well as the policy for non-member access to the range facilities.

### **Work Committee**

John Wright reported the first range cleanup day would likely be in April, prior to the first scheduled NRL22 event which is April 4, 2020.

### **Youth Shoots**

Doug Wickre expressed his concern for the need of ECSA hosted gun safety training days and shooting events for youths. Doug presented his idea for a sixth grade gun safety training session twice per year beginning in the spring. ECSA would need to determine if these would be firing or non-firing events. Doug also suggested ECSA host a Youth Shoot sometime this fall.

Bill Oliver suggested speaking with Sheriff Steve Rogers and Joseph Superintendent Lance Holman. Perhaps we could combine this with the training Joseph school is currently providing regarding Active Shooter incidents.

Floyd McCadden mentioned Keith Newburn provides Hunter Safety Classes. He can be reached at (541) 410-3180. Perhaps we could coordinate with him on Hunter Safety training at the fall Youth Shoot event.

### **Good of the Order**

Gail Wickre reminded everyone of the upcoming February 27-28 Oregon Youth Education Summit. Applications must be received by 1-24-2020. The Secretary will post this on the ECSA website and Facebook page.

### **This Old Gun**

Tyler Hauck presented an 1885 Browning 7mm magnum lever-action rifle with octagon barrel which was manufactured in the late seventies. The firearm is in excellent condition.



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**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**

**Next Meeting:** February 11, 2020 at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce conference room – 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.