



## EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes  
Date: December 10, 2019  
Status: Approved

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

**Guest(s):** Gail Wickre, MJ Van Dine, Ken Terrill, Stephen Sharp, Allen Hart, Ryan Faulk, Gary Bethscheider

**Handouts:** Minutes from the November meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

The November minutes were read and approved on a motion by Clarence Norton and seconded by Tyler Houck.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

The ECSA membership list is now at 157 paid members with many renewals still expected before the end of the year. The detail of the Treasurer's report is available at the general meeting or you can contact Donna Goebel.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Doug Wickre reported there is extensive damage to the right side wood target stand at the 100 yard line at the rifle range. The vertical posts are destroyed and will need to be dug out and removed. New posts and horizontal 2" x 6" boards will need to be installed. Numerous broken clay targets were found along the berm as well. There is a lot of cleanup needed.

In addition, lots of shot-up cardboard backers and paper targets, shotgun hulls and other garbage have been left behind by shooters. A lot of brass was on the floor of the rifle range and broken clay target pieces were found in the gravel in front of the shooting benches.

Doug reiterated the need for everyone to pick up their mess before leaving the range. Shotgun hulls don't belong in the brass buckets and garbage goes in the burn barrels. He recommended the purchase of an additional camera to place at the rifle house and one for the pistol range. The Secretary will obtain pricing for the cameras.



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Joe Neveau reported the 4-wheeler at the rifle house is not operational. It will crank over but it won't start. Milo Schleifer owns the ATV and is graciously letting ECSA members use it. Bob Jones suggested we ask Milo if ECSA can contribute to the repair costs to help get it running again.

Doug Wickre will inquire about repair costs at Outlaw Motorsports in Enterprise. Clarence Norton will contact Milo.

On a motion by Bill Oliver and seconded by Clarence Norton, the Board approved up to \$200.00 in repair costs for Milo's ATV.

John Wright said he would replace the 500-yard wind flag before the next meeting.

**Range Committee**

John Wright agreed to chair the Range Committee for 2020. Dave Kuhlman and John Straughan volunteered to help with the range maintenance.

**New Steel Targets**

The Board had previously approved \$500.00 per year towards the purchase of steel targets. Bob Jones reported on costs from MGM Targets in Idaho and from a source in Nevada.

Nevada source:

1 – 12" round, 1 – 10" round, 4 – 8" round, 4 – 18" x 24"rectangular.....	\$ 425.00
10 – Target stands .....	\$ <del>385.00</del>
	\$ 810.00

MGM Targets:

1 – 12" round, 1 – 10" round, 4 – 8" round, 4 – 18" x 24".....	\$ 855.00
1 – Plate rack like the one moved from the pistol range .....	\$1027.00

MJ Van Dine mentioned another source – Seth Gardner with D-M targets in the Tri-Cities area. For more information visit: <http://www.d-mtargets.com>

On a motion by John Wright and seconded by John Straughan, the Board approved using the \$500.00 allocation from this year and next year's \$500.00 allocation to allow Bob to purchase as many targets as he can get for \$1,000.00. The Treasurer will mail Bob the check for \$1,000.00.

**Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider presented his proposal for replacing the old trailer near the rifle range.

His plan is for a 40' x 60' building with man doors and roll-up doors on each end. Two 40' x 22' covered extensions would provide for picnic areas. Carl Juve has agreed to donate the plans design and the drawings could be ready in January.



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Gary estimates the project would involve 4 to 6 contractors. Each contractor is willing to donate two days worth of crew labor. With the donated labor, Gary thinks the project could be completed for approximately \$80,000.00.

The building would include a small kitchen facility, bathrooms and storage areas. The new structure would enable ECSA to hold more and bigger shooting events with catered BBQ food. The ECSEA would utilize the new building for education and training activities as well.

It's recommended a fundraiser begin in late February or early March to generate money to assist with building costs. Gary has had better luck fundraising by phone rather than relying on email alone. ECSA needs to get people on the phones to ask for help in the way of money, volunteer work and purchases of building materials.

ECSA should keep a list of all volunteers and their contributions. The volunteers would each be rewarded with a raffle ticket for a drawing. The prize could be a gun, a membership or something else meaningful and of value.

Gary requested authority from the Board to give the each contractor a 10-year membership in ECSA as an incentive and as a thank you for donating some of their labor.

The Board agreed to allow Gary to give a 10-year membership to a maximum of 7 contractors.

### **New Business**

#### **New Gate Lock Combination**

The Board discussed a new gate lock combination to be effective 1-1-2020. The new combination was approved on a motion by Doug Wickre and seconded by Clarence Norton.

Clarence said he would change the combination January 1<sup>ST</sup>. The Secretary will finalize the membership letter with the new code and email it to Central Copy. The Treasurer will pick up and mail the letters along with the new 2020 membership cards.

#### **December 2019 Gun Giveaway**

The drawing was held to select the winner for the Titan 12-gauge shotgun. A random number generator was used by the Secretary to pick the winner from the ECSA membership list. The winning number was 188 which corresponded to line #188 on the ECSA membership list. The winning name was Sherman Ogden. The President will contact the winner to schedule a time to pick up the firearm at The Sports Corral, a local FFL.

#### **Lost and Found**

A nice range bag containing several boxes of 6.5 Creedmore ammunition was found Ryan Faulk at the rifle range quite awhile ago and it has never been claimed. At the next meeting in January, the range bag will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.



### **2020 Budget**

The President will obtain an Income Statement from the Treasurer and use that data to compile the 2020 budget.

### **ECSA Facebook Page**

The Secretary has created a new private group titled "Easter Oregon Shooters" on the ECSA Facebook page in an effort to generate more interest in Eagle Cap Shooters Association. Several people have already joined the group. Within the group, there is a Shooting Interest poll which members can complete to indicate what type of shooting activities and events they would like to see ECSA host in 2020.

### **Board Elections for 2020-2022 term**

There were no new nominations for these positions:

President - Doug Wickre (2017-2019 term)  
Treasurer - Donna Goebel (2017-2019 term)  
Board Member - Clarence Norton (2017-2019 term)  
Board Member - Dave Kuhlman (2017-2019 term)

These Officers and Board members agreed to accept another term. Bill Oliver moved to re-elect these people for the 2020-2022 term. Gary Bethscheider seconded the motion and the re-election was approved.

### **Presentation by MJ Van Dine**

MJ Van Dine, an avid long range shooter from La Grande, provided an overview of the Precision Rifle Series (PRS), the National Rifle League (NRL) and the National Rifle League 22 (NRL22).

PRS: Tactical bolt and gas high-power precision center-fire rifles, shooting steel targets in multiple stages from 300 to 1,000 yards. There are 12 rounds per stage, 140 rounds total. For more information visit: <https://www.precisionrifleseries.com/>

NRL: Tactical bolt and gas high-power precision center-fire rifles, shooting steel targets at long range and extreme long range (ELR). For more information visit: <https://nationalrifleleague.org/>

NRL22: .22 caliber rim-fire rifles, 5-stages, multi-position shooting 100-yard steel targets over, under and around barricades. If shooters want their scores reported to NRL, there is a \$30.00 match fee. Steel targets and manpower are provided by NRL. For more information visit: <https://nrl22.org/>

MJ recommended ECSA start out with NRL22 events. Ammunition is cheap and "Everyone owns a .22". These events would likely draw a lot of shooters, especially younger shooters. ECSA would host multiple club matches throughout the year and at least one championship match. MJ would require solid event dates from ECSA in order to commit to NRL22.



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MJ will attend the ECSA January 2020 meeting to continue the discussion and will bring sample steel targets from D-M Targets.

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **This Old Gun**

None

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm**

**Next Meeting:** January 14, 2020 at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce conference room – 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.