



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2021

Status: Pending Approval

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Straughan, John Amond, Adam Saxton, Ken Hauxwell, and MJ Van Dine

Board Members Absent: Dave Kuhlman

Members & Guest(s): Bill Botelho, Kim Hutchison, Bob Masters, Ben Boyd, Todd Rodgers, and by phone: Steve Wolfe

Handouts: January 2020 minutes, current ECSA financial statements, draft of ECSA/ECSEA Shared Use Agreement

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

Last Month's Minutes

The January minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and seconded by Adam Saxton.

Treasurer's Report

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

The Treasurer presented a report of 215 inactive members who as of 2/8/2021 have not sent in their renewal dues. Assuming these are all just single memberships at \$75.00 per year, that is \$16,125.00 in outstanding dues.

Bill Oliver suggested sending a reminder letter to these members. Gary Bethscheider recommended including a statement that "membership renewals are due no later than January 15th or a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the outstanding dues". MJ Van Dine commented that he has seen other clubs do this, but they ended up losing members.

A discussion of ideas followed but no final decision was made. However, all agreed that the ECSA needs to have dues paid on time to have the funds necessary to maintain and improve the range facilities.

The detail of the Treasurer's report is available by contacting John Amond.



Old Business

New Education Building Project

Bill Oliver presented draft v2.0 of the ECSA/ECSEA Shared Use Agreement (SUA) and reviewed it in detail.

ECSEA President Steve Wolfe presented the following regarding management of the building project:

“My proposal on the construction committee is that Gary Bethscheider be Project Manager, Bill Oliver be assistant project manager and one of you initial each invoice to verify that it is correct. John Amond be the secretary for the project, John will send the invoices to me and I will authorize payment, Gina Birkmaier or Mike Teece will write the check and Nic Powers or Ken Terrill will sign the check and mail them or cause them to get to where they belong.

We will also need an initialed invoice for tax deductions to come to me and I will consult with Delete Perry, our accountant. It probably would be better if there was a list of planned tax deductions ahead of time so we do not agree to something we shouldn't do.”

A question was raised as to what happens to the ECSEA-owned building should the ECSEA dissolve or otherwise cease to exist. A discussion followed and John Amond suggested that wording be added to the SUA to address this concern. Attorney Ben Boyd agreed.

Next, Todd Rodgers presented details on insurance requirements and coverage for the new building. Todd recommended a policy to provide \$85,000.00 in replacement cost, at an annual premium cost of \$680.00. Todd recommended additional liability coverage to protect the ECSA and ECSEA when the building is rented out to third parties.

In addition, Todd recommended “materials coverage” to replace jobsite materials stolen or damaged, as well as liability coverage during construction. Gary Bethscheider advised against this based on cost vs. risk. Steve Wolfe said the ECSEA would be willing to cover the cost of these policies at approximately \$950.00 each.

Bill Oliver then requested a motion to approve draft v2.0 of the SUA as written, including Steve Wolfe's recommendations for the construction committee. MJ Van Dine made a motion to approve, John Straughan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The next step will be to gain the final approval of the ECSEA and the NRA Foundation, and then we will sign the SUA.

Range Report

Gary Bethscheider provided an update on the two new 100-yard sight-in bays under construction at the location of the existing competition bays. They are approximately 50% complete. The plan is to move the excess dirt to the existing pistol bay to be used to raise the height of the berms to alleviate the issue with ricochets. Gary said as soon as the weather permits, he is ready to finish the new target stands at the rifle range 100-yard berm.



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The existing competition bays are normally closed for use except during formal events. Bill Oliver asked the group if they felt this area should always be open for access. The consensus by the group was Yes. MJ Van Dine agreed IF cross-directional shooting is not permitted.

Steel Target Purchases for 2021

MJ Van Dine will perform an inventory of all existing steel targets and present a purchase plan recommendation for new targets at the March meeting.

Range Improvements

Bob Masters made range safety design recommendations based on his military experience which included a minimum safe shooting distance from steel targets of 30-feet. In addition, Bob recommended moving the pistol targets down close to the North berm to help alleviate some of the problem with ricochets. Currently, the targets are too far from the North impact berm.

MJ Van Dine made an additional safety recommendation to separate rimfire, pistol and magnum shooting at the pistol bay.

Long Distance Berms at the Rifle Range

Gary Bethscheider suggesting improvement of the 700, 800, 900 and 1000-yard berms as they are difficult to see. He would like to clean up, reshape and widen the berms.

MJ Van Dine cautioned him about making them too wide as that would have a challenge impact on the precision shooters, making the berms/targets TOO easy.

New Business

Corporate Filings

Bill Oliver advised the Board that corporate filings for the Oregon Secretary of State have been completed, on time. The Treasurer is working with Silver Creek Financial in Lostine for timely completion of the Oregon Department of Justice and the IRS filings.

ECSA Credit Cards

Credit cards have been received back from former ECSA President Doug Wickre and from former ECSA Vice-President Bob Jones. New credit cards have been requested for Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider.

Community Bank Signature Cards

New signature cards were signed just prior to the start of this meeting by John Straughan, John Amond Gary Bethscheider and Bill Oliver. A new check signing policy was established as follows: Any check amount over \$150.00 requires two signatures. The Treasurer shall be permitted to single-sign a check if it is less than \$150.00 and the Treasurer is not the payee.



Fundraising

Gun Raffles

Gary Bethscheider reminded everyone of the two upcoming pistol raffle drawings February 21st at 3:00pm at the Stubborn Mule for the Colt Commander .45 ACP and the Citadel 1911-A1 .45 ACP. Gary wants to continue the raffles, approximately every 45 days. The next raffle will be two drawings – one for a Springfield Hellcat 9mm pistol (55 tickets) and one for a Springfield Saint AR-15 rifle (80 tickets). The cost for the Springfield Hellcat 9mm is \$650.00 and the cost for the Springfield Saint AR-15 rifle is \$1000.00.

Bob Masters said he can get an exceptionally good price buying directly from Springfield and he will work with Gary on the purchase details for the guns, for future raffles.

Donation Boxes

There was a discussion about placing locked steel donation boxes at the pistol and rifle ranges. Bill Oliver asked for a motion to approve the construction of two steel donation boxes with a cost not to exceed \$100.00. John Straughan made a motion to approve, Gary Bethscheider seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sponsorship Signs

A discussion began about the size, cost, and placement of sponsorship signs. Due to time restrictions, Bill Oliver deferred this topic to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.

Volunteer Work

Gary Bethscheider discussed the need to recruit and organize volunteers, which includes notifying volunteers and tracking their work hours. From the list of people who have expressed interest in helping – one of them needs to chair a committee and organize the others.

Event Fees

Gary Bethscheider proposed the elimination of event fees for ECSA members, if the event is not using up ECSA consumables such as ammunition, paper/cardboard targets, etc.

Kim Hutchison proposed a \$10.00 fee for non-members. If the person is a new, first-time potential member and they join at the event, the \$10.00 fee is deducted from the new membership cost.

MJ Van Dine raised the need to clarify “events”. MJ said he sees four types of potential events:

- ECSA Local Shoots – (free for ECSA members if no ECSA consumables are used)
- Sanctioned events (PRS, NRL, NRL-22) – ECSA members will get a discounted entry fee
- Outside Events (Co-sponsored ECSA approved events)
- “Buy-In” Events (Turkey Shoots, etc.) – All entrants pay a fee to buy in to the shoot

Bill Oliver said he and the Secretary would draft a fee policy.



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2021 Events

Kim Hutchison presented a draft of event dates for 2021. Through discussion, some discrepancies in dates were discovered. Kim will email the Secretary a corrected version.

New Location for ECSA Meetings

All present agreed the VFW Hall would be the best location for all future ECSA meetings to be held. The Secretary will make the required changes to the Facebook page, Website, and notification to membership. ECSA offered its thanks to Todd Rodgers and Farmers Insurance for sponsoring the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Good of the Order

FFL Transfer – Approval times

Kim Hutchison mentioned a friend who had 7200 people ahead of him on the waiting list but moved up to #9 after showing his concealed handgun license. You can use your CHL for supplemental ID to speed up approval.

MJ Van Dine stated his company, Iron Ordnance can assist with FFL transfers. He also offers for sale Western rifles (Cimmaron).

This Old Gun

Kim Hutchison presented three old firearms – all in excellent condition: A Winchester model 94 30-30 rifle originally purchased in 1898; a Winchester model 87 lever action 10-gauge black powder shotgun manufactured late 1891, early 1892; and a 140-year-old Colt .45 cowboy action revolver originally purchased in 1882. Nice!

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next Meeting: March 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall Enterprise, OR (subsequently changed to 3/16)