



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2021

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Straughan, John Amond, Adam Saxton, Ken Hauxwell, Dave Kuhlman, and by phone: MJ Van Dine and Steve Wolfe

Members & Guest(s): Bill Botelho, Kim Hutchison, and Duncan Hunter

Handouts: December 2020 minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Last Month's Minutes

The December minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and seconded by Dave Kuhlman.

Bill Oliver read the minutes from the December 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting and explained Doug Wickre's decision to resign his position as President due to failing health and the resultant appointment of Bill Oliver to finish out Doug's term. In addition, Bill clarified the decision by the 2020 Board to pay off the outstanding loan in full to Clarence Norton.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Adam Saxton and seconded by Gary Bethscheider. John Amond explained the details of the ECSEA lease on the pistol bay and advised everyone he will be using Silver Creek Financial in Lostine from here on out due to lack of response from Barstad CPA office in Joseph.

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

Bill Oliver asked John Amond to prepare a budget for the next meeting in February.

Old Business

New Education Building Project

Bill Oliver and Steve Wolfe gave an update regarding funding for the new education building. Steve said he has an email from the NRA confirming Steve's request to delay the \$50,000.00 in funding until April of 2021. Steve added that the NRA requires a Shared Use Agreement between the ECSA & the ECSEA for the new education building before it will release any funds.

Gary Bethscheider provided a recap of the Saturday 1/9 10:00 am Board meeting at the range to review the three potential locations for the new education building. Site #1 is the location on the hill near the covered cistern. Site #2 is Steve Wolfe's proposed location near the pistol bay parking lot. Site #3 is in



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the parking lot of the rifle range where the trailer is located now. He said everyone present agreed that placing the building up on top near the covered cistern (Site #1) made the most sense and felt the decision made in December to place a smaller building near the rifle range (where the old trailer is now) should be rescinded and the Board should vote to return to the original site plans and proposed building location.

Duncan Hunter asked if the new building would accommodate a 25-meter small bore indoor shooting range. Gary replied that at this time the design does not provide that capability.

Adam Saxton commented that the site where the trailer is now, is too low and has no view. He feels the site up on top is best and has a better view and provides for more expansion.

Based on all the comments, Bill Oliver said he would entertain a motion to rescind the July 17, 2020 decision to place a smaller building at Site #3. Gary Bethscheider made the motion, it was seconded by Ken Hauxwell and voted on by the Board. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

Next, Bill Oliver asked for a motion to place the new building as drawn at Site #1. Duncan Hunter made the motion, John Amond seconded the motion, the Board voted unanimously to place the building as drawn at Site #1.

John Straughan said he obtained an email quote from Associated Design & Engineering in La Grande, OR for \$220.00 to produce a first draft of color 3D renderings of the new education building to be used in fundraising advertising. Bill Oliver asked for a motion to approve up to \$500.00 to produce the 3D renderings. Gary Bethscheider made the motion to approve, John Straughan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Oliver gave an update on the status of the Shared Use Agreement between ECSA & ECSEA for the new building. The ECSEA has approved the first draft of the SUA.

Legal Services for the ECSA

Bill Oliver said he spoke with Hostetter Law Group about providing legal services for ECSA in exchange for a free Corporate Membership and the right to display a sponsor sign at the rifle range for the duration of the Hostetter/ECSA relationship. Hostetter will create and pay for the sign.

Duncan Hunter made a motion to approve, John Amond seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

New ECSA website

Bill Oliver encouraged everyone to check out the new ECSA website John Straughan recently published.



Range Improvements

Bill Oliver briefly discussed the need to raise the berms of the pistol bay due to increasing reports of ricochets and referred further discussion to the Range Maintenance and Improvement Committee.

Fundraising

Gary Bethscheider proposed having pistol raffles to raise funds for the new building. He plans to soon have two drawings for two pistols and sell 80 tickets for each pistol for \$20.00 per ticket. This would generate \$500.00 to \$600.00 per pistol.

In addition, Gary proposed putting metal donation boxes with signs at the pistol bay and at the rifle range.

A discussion began about sponsor signs at the rifle range and the need to establish a policy for who is eligible for a sign and the length of time the sign remains displayed. Gary Bethscheider proposed a requirement of X number of dollars per year to display the sign for 1 year. Duncan Hunter advised using caution as there are many significant donors from the past. Bill Oliver recommended deferring further discussing to the Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee.

Review of all ECSA organizational documentation

Bill Oliver stated that he and the Secretary will perform a review of all ECSA documentation and come back to the Board with any recommendations for updates, amendments, etc. The goal being to ensure all documentation is up to date and accurate.

Presentation by Bill Botelho

Bill Botelho presented his ideas via a PowerPoint presentation for adding two new 100-yards bays, like the existing competition bays, to be used by precision shooters for sighting in and performing scope tracking. The new bays would be located somewhere adjacent to the existing competition bays.

He said this would alleviate the problem of a precision shooter having to shut down the rifle range frequently when performing such operations.

Everyone liked his proposal. Bill said he would meet with Johnny Gibson to determine excavation costs and bring that information back to the Board. Bill said he might be interested in serving on the Range Maintenance & Improvement Committee.

2021 Events

Kim Hutchison presented his ideas for events in 2021. Kim would like to see .22 caliber rifle "fun Shoots" at 50, 100 and 200 yards. Cowboy shoots, .22 caliber Egg Shoots, and Youth Shoots are other events he would like to see this year. Kim proposed eliminating the \$15.00 entry fee for ECSA members unless ECSA incurs expenses such as providing ammo, targets, etc. Kim said he would serve on the Events Committee.



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Gary Bethscheider said would like to see the first event this year be a Youth Shoot/Catered Fundraiser. He suggested the Events Committee prepare a draft schedule for the next meeting.

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John Amond discussed the feasibility of an indoor shooting range and all that entails.

Bill Oliver talked about the history of archery shooting at the range and the possibility of bringing that back. A 3D archery range would be a challenge due the topology of the property and the lack of trees.

Gary Bethscheider commented on the new building project, stressing the need to get test holes dug ASAP so DEQ approval can be obtained, which is required before a building permit will be issued. Gary said with all the donated labor from multiple contractors, he is confident the building can be constructed for approximately \$43,000.00 (materials only, no labor, no electrical).

Regarding timeline, Gary feels we can start sometime within the first two weeks of April and have the building framed and drywalled by August 1st.

This Old Gun

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm

Next Meeting: February 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm – VFW Hall Enterprise, OR