



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2021

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Gary Bethscheider

Members & Guest(s): Kim Hutchison, Joe Neveau, John Joyce, Garry Reynolds, Jim Hicks, Carl Lincoln, and by phone – Steve Wolfe

Handouts: May 2021 minutes, ECSA May financial statements, Construction budget update, Current membership list, policy draft for classes using ECSA facilities

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Last Month's Minutes

The May minutes were read and approved on a motion by Ken Hauxwell and seconded by John Amond.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Adam Saxton and seconded by Dave Kuhlman. Current checking account balance is \$13,105.83 and current savings account balance is \$10,399.28. The detail of the Treasurer's report is available by contacting John Amond.

Membership Report

John Amond reported that ECSA membership is at 318 paid annual members plus 53 lifetime or 10-year members for a total membership of 371 members.

Old Business

Board Officers & Directors insurance

Bill Oliver stated the insurance policy renewal has been paid through Autumn 2022. The cost of the policy is \$1,000.00 per year and provides one million dollars coverage per occurrence.

New Education Building Project

Steve Wolfe provided an update on the building project and status of the NRA grant funds. Steve has still heard nothing from the NRA despite several telephone inquiries. Steve said he has had success in the past working with Ruthanne Sprague and he has submitted a letter to the NRA requesting Ruthanne be assigned to work with the ECSEA on disbursement of the overdue grant funds.



Bill Oliver said considering the building materials have already been purchased and there will be more project expenditures, Steve has graciously loaned \$10,000.00 of his own money to keep this project moving forward.

Regarding the purchased construction materials, Steve said the building trusses are being stored at Miller Cabinets and the plywood is under cover at Butterfield's hay shed.

Bill asked attendees what they thought about asking members for donations to support the project.

Adam Saxton responded with a suggestion to have each member write a letter to the NRA asking why the grant funds have not been released and when the funds can be expected to arrive.

Steve Wolfe approved of the idea but recommended we wait until he hears back from the NRA this week. Steve added he will reach out to Gary Bethscheider to determine the condition of the building materials and then decide if the construction materials insurance policy should be purchased.

John Straughan reminded the group raffle tickets for the July 14th drawings are available from him here tonight. Proceeds from sales go towards the building project.

Kim Hutchison mentioned he has some surplus 7/16" OSB he is willing to sell.

Construction Budget Update

John Amond reviewed the construction budget and expenditures to date. John sent a check to Boise Cascade for \$13,269.60 for the plywood.

Gary Bethscheider gave a report on construction progress. All materials have been purchased. In response to Steve Wolfe's letter to Boise Cascade requesting discounted materials pricing, Boise Cascade donated 49 sheets of 5/8" plywood at a value of \$2,310.00 and gave us the rest of the plywood at an employee price of \$13,000.00.

Gary said the person from DEQ was onsite at the range last week, but we are still awaiting the DEQ report. Gary has Spang Construction is on standby and he would like to begin excavation this weekend or next, weather permitting. To date, \$53,000.00 has been spent on materials. No materials are stored at the range.

Range Report

Bill Oliver said Ryan Seal recently mowed some of the grass at the range, using the ECSA tractor.

A discussion began about the need for wind flags at each berm on the rifle range. MJ Van Dine said in preparation for the upcoming PRS match, he will be setting T posts with construction flagging tape at each berm.



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Range Safety Orientations

Bill Oliver reminded the group that the next Range Safety Orientation is Saturday June 19th at 9:00 am and he will be the instructor.

ECSA Designated Armorer

As a follow-up to the question raised at the May meeting, Kim Hutchison reported the Enterprise VFW would not be comfortable serving as the ECSA Designated Armorer and storing firearms for the ECSA.

Clarence Norton is still in possession of the gun safe and the firearms. It was decided to leave things as is until the new building is finished.

New Business

Classes using ECSA facilities

John Amond presented a draft for a policy to govern firearms classes given at the ECSA range. After some review, Adam Saxton made a motion to approve the draft and MJ Van Dine seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously, subject to legal review.

Upcoming ECSA Events

Bill Oliver reviewed the calendar of upcoming events for 6/19 thru 7/17.

Trap House Operation training

Bill Oliver is working with John Wright to schedule training for operation of the trap house sometime near June 24, 2021. More details to come.

Summer Guests

Bill said he has received calls in the past from non-members visiting Wallowa County in the summer who have wanted to shoot at the range while in the area. Bill asked the group who would be willing to take non-members as a guest. Carl Lincoln said he would, providing he is free at the time. Bill asked the Secretary to email the inquiry to ECSA membership.

MJ Van Dine proposed ECSA offer reduced rates for short-term memberships for "snowbirds" who are only in the county during the months of good weather. This was discussed but not adopted.

Good of the Order

Drone flying at the range

Kim Hutchison recent had his drone at the range and took some nice pictures looking downrange and back at the rifle range. Bill Oliver liked the idea said he sees no issues with drone flying provided caution is exercised. He said it would be best to stay back near Ant Flat Road. Or, if filming closer in, keep vigil and stay well clear of firing lines on hot ranges and do not become a distraction to shooters.



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Chief Joseph Days Parade 2021

ECSA received a letter of inquiry asking if we would be interested in participation in the Chief Joseph Days parade on Saturday July 31, 2021. Bill Oliver asked the group what they thought of the idea. Carl Lincoln said he has an old military deuce and a half we could decorate as a float. Bill asked the Secretary to email membership to see who else may be willing to help.

Dumpster needed at the range

Adam Saxton proposed getting a dumpster placed at the range to eliminate the burn barrels. Carl Lincoln said he would reach out to Rahn Sanitary and inquire about pricing and frequency of service.

Gun available for next raffle

John Joyce said he would donate a Winchester Black Shadow 20-gauge 3" pump-action shotgun which has only had 6 rounds fired through it. He would include a box of ammo with only 6 shells missing. John said it would make a good raffle gun. The gun is only 4 or 5 years old.

This Old Gun

Carl Lincoln presented an 1898 Colt Navy revolver in .38 Special.

John Joyce showed off his 1875 Scandinavian (Remington designed, built by Husqvarna) single-shot, rolling block rifle in 8mm.

MJ Van Dine displayed a nice 1879 Winchester Class A 10-gauge double-barrel black powder shotgun.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: July 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall Enterprise, OR