



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2021

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, John Amond, Dave Kuhlman, Gary Bethscheider, John Straughan

Board Members Absent: Adam Saxton, Ken Hauxwell

Members & Guest(s): Kim Hutchison, Bill Botelho, Mike Teece and Milo Schleifer

Handouts: July 2021 minutes, ECSA August financial statements, Inactive Members list

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

After the flag salute and introductions, Bill Oliver asked for a moment of remembrance for long-time member and former board member Clarence Norton who passed away on July 27, 2021.

Last Month's Minutes

The July minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and seconded by Mike Teece. Membership was reminded that the meeting minutes and the agenda are emailed to members. If you plan to attend ECSA meetings, please print them out and bring them with you to the meetings. Printed copies will not be available for handout.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by John Straughan and seconded by Bill Botelho. Current checking account balance is \$12,609.66 and current savings account balance is \$10,399.79. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Membership Report

The Treasurer reported that new membership has trickled off and current membership count is 320 paid annual members plus 53 lifetime or 10-year members for a total membership of 373 members. Bill Oliver added that he has received several calls recently from people wanting to join.

Old Business

Range Report

New 100-yard Sight-in Bay

Gary Bethscheider and Bill Botelho gave an update on progress of the new 100-yard sight-in bay. Rock still needs to be placed at the north end of the bay, the concrete pad for the shooting benches needs to be poured and two concrete shooting bench tops need to be cast. The mold for the bench top is in the south end of the old training trailer.



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Culvert

Gary raised the issue of the need to replace the existing culvert between the pistol range and the rifle range because it's much too narrow. Gary proposed replacing it with a 30" x 20-foot culvert which would allow for foot traffic and vehicle traffic between the two ranges. Gary estimated cost to be \$800.00 for the section of culvert. John Amond made a motion to allow Gary to purchase the new culvert at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. John Straughan seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Weed Control

Bill Botelho provided an update on weed control at the range. Bill said he would spray this week. He made a recommendation to drag the areas of concern each year at the end of March or April to help keep weed growth more under control. Bill added that the steel donation boxes he is building are under construction and one is complete.

Gary Bethscheider mentioned Brian Peterson may be able to help with spraying with his tank rig next spring. Gary suggested contacting the Sheriff's Office to get the juvenile work crews to pull weeds near the stairs and the berms.

Cold Range Safety

A discussion began about finding a better solution for a cold range warning light system. The existing rotating police light bar at the rifle range draws a lot of current and people keep leaving the light switch on which completely drains the 12-volt battery. The battery voltage gets so low that the solar charger won't charge the battery. Several people, numerous times have had to take the battery offsite to charge it.

The decision was made to replace the existing On-Off switch with a twist-type timer switch. The Secretary will purchase the timer switch and research options for replacing the overhead rotating light with flashing red LED lights that draw less current.

In addition, the Secretary will research options for a retractable 3" wide x 100' long red webbing to be pulled out from one end of the rifle house to the other, in front of the shooting benches, to indicate the range is closed and people are downrange performing maintenance.

Garbage

Regarding garbage at the range, Bill Oliver proposed purchasing garbage cans and trash bags for the pistol and rifle ranges. In addition, Bill suggested we adopt a Pack-It-Out policy to get people to clean up and take their garbage with them when they leave.

ATV Repair

John Straughan reported that the 4-wheeler has a defective starter and he has an appointment with Outlaw Motor Sports on 8/31 to take the unit in for repair.



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Tractor/Mower

Milo Schleifer raised a safety issue regarding the tractor and mower. Milo recommended the ECSA purchase a ROPS (Rollover Protection Structure) for the tractor to make it OSHA compliant and prevent injury to the operator in the event the tractor rolled over. Milo will check with Kraig Norton to see if they have one available. Milo added that moving forward, he and Ryan Seal would be taking care of mowing at the range.

Conex Container

Gary Bethscheider said the empty Conex container located near the competition bays will be moved soon to the north end of the rifle house, to be used for storage of targets and materials for events.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider gave a construction update. The stem walls and slabs are poured, and framing will begin soon. Volunteer help will be needed with the framing and that will need to be scheduled through Dan Moncrief.

Gary indicated Jay Butts, Donnie Rynearson and Spang Construction have been given complimentary memberships for their donated labor and will attend the 8/21 Range Safety Orientation.

John Straughan advised that a page is now live on the ECSA website for online PayPal donations for the new building project. In addition, there is a GoFundMe campaign for the new building which is now live. Steve Wolfe will need to send tax deduction receipts to each donor.

Event Revenues

Revenues from the 6/19 Military Rifle Shoot, 7/3 PRS Match, 7/17 NRL22 Match, and the 8/7 PRS Match are still due the ECSA from Match Director MJ Van Dine.

Events

A discussion began regarding the number of cancelled events this year. Last minute cancellation of events is unacceptable. There needs to be backup people in place to host the events. John Amond and Kim Hutchison proposed having fewer events a little farther apart; perhaps an event every 3 to 4 weeks.

ECSA Waiver of Liability

Bill Oliver announced the final version of the ECSA Waiver of Liability should be completed by Ben Boyd by 8/31.

New Business

Bulletin Board

The Secretary has installed a bulletin board inside the rifle house to be used for posting ECSA information, upcoming events, For Sale/Wanted ads, etc. There are ECSA brochures with membership applications located near the board as well.



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Membership Policy Revisions

The Board discussed current membership policies in depth and by consensus agreed to the following:

- a. Beginning in 2022 the Membership Year will run from April 1 through March 31
- b. The Treasurer will send renewal letters out to membership in January
- c. Membership dues are payable April 1 and no later than May 1. There is a \$5.00 per month late fee for late payment of renewals.
- d. There will be no pro-rating of membership dues
- e. If a new member joins in January, then the months of Jan/Feb/Mar are free.
- f. Members who renew on time, no later than May 1, will be eligible for a May 15th gun raffle. The winner will get to select a firearm of their choice from a local vendor via a "Gun of Your Dreams" gift card up to a designated dollar amount (TBD – no less than \$800.00).
- g. Lifetime Members should be asked to donate some amount each year to assist the ECSA.

Upcoming ECSA Events

- Sat 8/21 – PRS Match & Range Safety Orientation, Dave Kuhlman-Instructor
- Sat 9/4 – Rimfire Fun Shoot
- Sun 9/5 – Cowboy Action Fun Shoot
- Sat 9/11 & Sun 9/12 – NRL Border Wars Match
- Sat 9/18 – Fall Youth Shoot
- Sun 9/19 – Hunter Sight-in Day

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ECSA Armorer

Kim Hutchison has agreed to store the gun safe and guns which were stored previously by Clarence Norton, who served as the ECSA Armorer. Kim and Mike Teece will arrange to pick up the items from Donna Goebel.

Hunter Education

Mike Teece mentioned that he will need a safe and storage location for the Hunter Education firearms and equipment as well. Mike is trying to schedule a Hunter Education class for some time around 9/25 and will advise when he has a firm date set.

This Old Gun

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall Enterprise, OR