



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2021

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Adam Saxton

Members & Guest(s): MJ Van Dine, Kim Hutchison, Randy Greenshields, and Dale Rasmussen

Handouts: October 2021 minutes, ECSA November financial statements, Construction Budget

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Last Month's Minutes

The October minutes were read and approved on a motion by Bill Oliver and seconded by John Amond. 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 Dave Kuhlman. Current checking account balance is \$13,500.86 and current savings account balance is \$10,400.32. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Membership Report

The Treasurer reported that current membership count is 350 paid annual members plus 56 lifetime or 10-year members for a total membership of 406 members.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver and Jack Thompson are continuing to work on reviving Black Powder Cartridge Shooting at the range. The targets will be relocated to range from 200 to 900-yards. A new shooting area has been created along with a road from this area to the new education building.

Wup Winn is removing the integrated seats on the steel benches at the pistol bay. Stools will be used instead, like at the rifle house.

Rahn Sanitary has placed a dumpster at the south end of the rifle house.



Gary Bethscheider moved the empty Conex container from the competition bays to the north end of the rifle house, to be used for storage of steel targets and other items related to shooting events at the rifle house.

Kim Hutchison said he would weld up the broken steel targets at the pistol range.

The north and the east berms at the pistol range still need to be raised as there have been more reports of ricochets coming from the pistol range.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider gave an update on the construction budget. The windows have arrived. The windows, soffit, and siding needs to be installed next. Gary needs to meet with Ken Knifong to schedule installation of the electrical. Ed Staub & Sons Propane have donated two 2500 sq. ft. capacity propane heaters.

Match and Youth Shoot Financials

Bill Oliver reported that the reconciliation of revenues and expenses has been completed.

New Business

NRA Foundation Grant

Bill Oliver gave an overview of recent NRA Foundation grants as follows:

2019 – Applied for \$14,000.00 in grant funds to be used for a solar system and security cameras. The funds were never awarded.

2020 – Received \$50,000.00 to be used for a new education and training building.

2021 – No grant application was submitted for 2021

A discussion began to select a grant project for the 2022 funding year. Line power for the range, enhanced clay bird shooting, an indoor 25-yard rimfire/air gun range and moving targets for the rifle range were some proposed projects put forth. Bill presented his idea for the funding request as follows:

\$12,000.00 for a new trap and skeet range

\$ 3,000.00 for constructing a moving target walkway at 100-yards at the rifle range.

\$ 4,000.00 for design fees for a project to bring line power to the range.

\$19,000.00 Total

After much discussion, the consensus was to limit the request for funding to a new trap and skeet range at the north end of the new education building, and to the moving target walkway. This seemed to make the most sense considering the amount of funds likely to be available and the fact that both projects could be 100% completed. Bill is working on the grant application which must be submitted by midnight on Tuesday 12/7/21. The Secretary will create an overhead view with schematic for the new trap and skeet range to be included with the grant application.



Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver reviewed his draft amendment of "Article XI--Dissolution" of both the ECSA Constitution and Bylaws to reflect that ECSA assets would go to "any qualified 501(c)3 organization" rather than to Wallowa County. David Atkin with the Center for Nonprofit Law in Eugene, Oregon is providing legal guidance with this amendment and with the potential conversion to a single 501(c)3 organization.

Bill asked the Board for a motion to approve the change to the dissolution provisions. Gary Bethscheider made a motion to approve, John Straughan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve. The amendment will be shared via email to ECSA membership for a vote at the Annual Election and Business meeting on Tuesday December 21, 2021.

December Elections

Nominations are open for President, Board Director (MJ Van Dine who resigned), and Board Director (Dave Kuhlman who is not running for another term).

Gary Bethscheider nominated Bill Oliver for President. The Secretary will email ECSA membership to request nominations for the open positions. Some suggestions for potential candidates were Steve Wolfe, Dan Moncrief, Andrew Sinclair, Jack James, and Dale Rasmussen.

Match Director

The position for Match Director is open as MJ Van Dine has resigned. MJ indicated he is willing to train a new Match Director and other people to serve a back-up director. The Secretary will email ECSA membership to solicit nominations for a new Match Director.

Wallowa County Grain Growers – Ammunition Deal

Bill Oliver reminded everyone about the discounted 5.56mm ammunition being offered ECSA members by Wallowa County Grain Growers.

New Color ECSA Logo

The Secretary presented a draft of a new color logo which could be used to create patches, hats, and shirts.

Updated ECSA Color Advertising Brochure

The Secretary presented a draft of an updated color advertising brochure. Further discussion is needed to determine the final layout and which sponsors are listed on the brochure.

Law Enforcement Liaison Report

Ken Hutchison said he received approval to function as Law Enforcement Liaison for the ECSA. Kim said he spoke with Jennifer Harmon about getting a county work crew to the range for cleanup and weed control.



Membership Fee Structure for the 2022-2023 year

A lengthy discussion began regarding the membership fee structure for 2022-2023. Afterwards Bill Oliver asked for a motion to adopt the following fee structure which will be valid for the 2022 membership year which ends 03-31-2023. The membership year will run from April 1 through March 31.

Initiation Fee (required for all New Memberships)	\$ 25.00
Individual (Includes \$40.00 range maintenance fee) (one vote).....	\$ 125.00
Couple/Family (Includes \$40.00 range maintenance fee) (two votes) (Immediate family members only).....	\$ 185.00
Corporate (Includes \$40.00 range maintenance fee) (two votes) (Maximum of 5 employees)	\$ 540.00
Lifetime Individual.....	\$1600.00
Lifetime Couple.....	\$2100.00

Membership renewal fees are due no later than April 15. Members who renew before the deadline will be eligible for the *Gun of Your Dreams* raffle to be held on May 15. Winner will receive a certificate valued at \$800.00 to be used at Wallowa County Grain Growers for the purchase of a gun or ammunition only. Members who renew late after the April 15 deadline will not be eligible for the raffle and will incur a \$5.00 per month late fee.

Range Maintenance Fee:

In Member Year 2021 we implemented a Volunteer Hours program to allow Members to manage their expenses and help with the variety of tasks necessary to manage the range. This program also helps ECSA control increasing costs at all levels. For those Members that took advantage of the program they accrued up to a maximum of 4 hours (\$40.00) credit that may now be applied to their Membership Dues for the 2022+ Member Year. Members that volunteered to work on the new clubhouse have no cap on Volunteer Hours, so the limit of the credit for their work time is the fee for the Membership level they sign up for in the 2022+ Member year.

John Amond made a motion to adopt the new fee structure, MJ Van Dine seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary will create a new membership application & renewal form and send out for printing. The new form will be distributed to ECSA membership.

Line Power for The Range

John Straughan provided an update on the project. He has received a preliminary ballpark quote from Doug Triebelhorn at Pacific Power for \$70,000.00 to provide 120/240v 1-phase overhead power to the gun range on Ant Flat Road. There are lots of unknowns and details to work out before this plan and cost can be refined. Pacific Power will require easements for all private properties that their powerline crosses. There will also be a monthly facility charge of about \$285 added to 80% of the monthly power bill for the first 60 months after the meter is installed. A \$2,000.00 design fee is due initially, to be credited to the project, and the \$70,000.00 is due before the project begins.



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The Board discussed the quote and requested the Secretary obtain a second quote from Pacific Power to run the line partially underground and partially overhead. ECSA would purchase conduit at \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00, and five pulling vaults at \$1,800.00 each.

Upcoming ECSA Events

- Sat 11/20 – Range Safety Orientation, 10:00 am, Ken Hauxwell, Kim Hutchison, John Straughan
- Sat 12/18 – Range Safety Orientation, 10:00 am, Adam Saxton

Good of the Order

Ken Hauxwell reported on the 2021 Friends of NRA Banquet which was held on Saturday 10/23 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. There were 265 people in attendance and the event was an enormous success. Gross revenue was \$133,000.00 with a net figure of \$65,000.00.

This Old Gun

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

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