



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 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): Kim Hutchison, John Joyce, Dan Sterner, Allen Hart, and Jerrod Propeck (by phone)

Handouts: September 2021 minutes, ECSA October financial statements, Inactive Members list

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Last Month's Minutes

The September minutes were read and approved on a motion by Kim Hutchison 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.

Bill Oliver reported on the ECSEA's 10/6/2021 annual meeting which he attended. The Alliance approved the repayment of Steve Wolfe's loan of \$10,000.00. Two ECSEA board vacancies are to be filled by Gary Bethscheider and Bill Oliver. The Alliance is in favor of moving forward on creating a single 501(c)3 organization rather than having two separate organizations.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Ken Hauxwell and seconded by Adam Saxton. Current checking account balance is \$13,978.74 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 344 paid annual members plus 56 lifetime or 10-year members for a total membership of 400 members.

Bill Oliver provided clarification of the membership dues structure for 2022. The membership year will run from April 1 through March 31. Dues will increase by \$10.00 and will be due no later than April 30. Those members who pay on time will be eligible for the 'Gun of Your Choice' drawing to be held May 15, 2022. The prize will be a gift certificate for a 'Gun of Your Choice' up to a pre-determined amount, redeemable at the Wallowa County Grain Growers in Enterprise, Oregon.



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Members who pay their dues late, after the April 30 deadline will not be eligible for the drawing and will not be eligible to volunteer hours for credit against the annual \$40.00 range maintenance fee.

Regarding volunteer hours, bill reiterated there is no cap on the number of hours a member may volunteer for credit – only for the duration of the new education building project, and only for volunteer work with the building project.

Old Business

Range Report

John Amond reported plates are broken off the plate target at the pistol range and only four plates remain on the target. John proposed adding a swinging silhouette target at the pistol range.

Bill Oliver commented on the Oregon State Police SWAT training scheduled for today and tomorrow at the range. There were forty shooters participating today and the training was going well. Jamin VanMeter with the OSP mentioned to Bill they would eventually like to see 'running man' moving targets at the 200 or 300-yard line. Kim Hutchison described a system he built utilizing a 4-wheeler and a mower body.

Kim recapped the 10/2 Rimfire Fun Shoot and said there were three shooters participating. There were twelve shooters who participated in the 10/16 Old Soldiers Military Rifle Shoot.

Gary Bethscheider suggested awarding prizes for the rimfire fun shoots and the military rifle shoots.

Bill reported the dumpster from Rahn Sanitary has been delivered to the range and was placed at the south end of the rifle house. Also, the weeds have never been sprayed. The chemicals which have already been purchased need to be protected from freezing. Kim said he would try to schedule a county work crew to pull weeds.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider gave an update on the construction budget, pointing out items under and over budget. Gary projected June 1, 2022 as a completion date for the new building. The metal roof and plywood sheathing has been installed and the building is wrapped. He is waiting for the windows to arrive. Installation of siding, soffit, electrical and sheet rock will be completed soon.

Match and Youth Shoot Financials

Bill reported he is still working with MJ Van Dine to finalize the reconciliation of revenues and expenses. There is approximately \$300.00 to carry forward as funds for the 2022 Youth Shoot.



New Business

ECSA Law Enforcement Liaison

Bill Oliver asked Kim Hutchison if he would be the ECSA liaison to law enforcement. Kim said he would, pending approval by Joel Fish.

Development of Clay Bird Shooting

John Joyce spoke on behalf of DJ Jannuzzi who was unable to attend the meeting. DJ ran trap and skeet events for years for Wallowa Rod & Gun Club. DJ is interested in helping to develop trap, skeet and sport clay shooting for ECSA.

Gary Betscheider proposed having a trap house located at the north end of the new education building to provide clay bird shooting like at Wallowa Rod & Gun Club.

Bill Oliver said the item for the Friends of NRA grant application this year will be a new trap house and trap machine. Bill will work with DJ in writing the grant. The application deadline is 12/7/2021.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver provided history on the evolution of the ECSA 501(c)4 and the ECSEA 501(c)3 organizations. The ECSA originally applied to be a 501(c)3 but received 501(c)4 status instead based on rules regarding second amendment advocacy. Then, the ECSEA applied for and received 501(c)3 status.

Bill said the ECSEA is in favor of moving forward with plans for a single 501(c)3 organization. Bill Oliver and Ben Boyd met by phone recently with an attorney in Eugene who stated that based on current regulations, it is possible to create a 501(c)3 shooting association and up to 20% of that association's budget can be spent on lobbying.

The first step is to revise the ECSA Dissolution Provisions so ECSA assets would not go to Wallowa County. The next step would be to dissolve the ECSA organization. The final step would be the creation of a dba – Eagle Cap Shooters Education Alliance dba Eagle Cap Shooters.

Ben Boyd and the attorney in Eugene will work with the ECSA and the ECSEA to make all this happen.

Permanent Line Power for the Range

John Straughan gave an update regarding status. The Pacific Power Load Sheet and request for estimate has been given to Jarred Hillock along with overhead photos showing distances from the intersection of Ant Flat Road and Highway 3 to the NW corner of the property, to the new building location. Also shown are the existing locations of the well pump, generator, and all power risers and their amperages. Jarred was to contact Gary Betscheider for a detailed list of all electrical equipment planned for the new building. Jarred will complete and submit the load sheet to Pacific Power. Jarred said the estimator was scheduled to be in Wallowa County again in November.



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Gary Bethscheider and Ken Hauxwell both said they don't think the FNRA grant funds would be applicable to a project for line power. An application for funding a new trap house & machine, enclosing the pistol bay, parking lot paving, spectator bleachers, etc. would be more likely to be funded.

Upcoming ECSA Events

- Sat 10/23 – Friends of NRA Banquet
- Sat 11/20 @ 10:00 am – Range Safety Orientation, Ken Hauxwell-Instructor
- Sat 12/18 @ 10:00 am – Range Safety Orientation, Adam Saxton-Instructor

Ken Hauxwell said everything is ready for the Friends of NRA Banquet and gave an overview of great prizes this year.

Good of the Order

John Joyce raised questions regarding security planned for the new building. Jerrod Propeck described the system in use at the Milton Freewater range which they funded with a Fish & Game grant.

Jerrod also discussed steel targets and the importance of standardization with other ranges. Jerrod said D-M Targets and JC Steel Targets are the best and most common.

John Amond proposed paying off the \$8,800.00 balance due the ECSEA for the pistol building. Gary Bethscheider recommended waiting until the new building is finished.

This Old Gun

John Joyce presented an 1873 Springfield Pattern 45-70 Officer's Model reproduction with trap door action.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: November 16, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall Enterprise, OR