



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 21, 2021

Status: PENDING APPROVAL

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

Board Members Absent:

Members & Guest(s): Joe Neveau, Josh Kesecker, John Joyce, Andy Petersen, Gail Wickre, John Haskett, Dawn Haskett, Dan Moncrief

Handouts: November 2021 minutes, ECSA December financial statements, Construction Budget, New Black Powder Range Target Layout

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The November minutes were read and approved on a motion by Ken Hauxwell 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 Gary Bethscheider. Current checking account balance is \$12,956.24 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 membership count as of November 30 was 406 members. As of this meeting, there are 75 total members who are current with their dues through March 31, 2023, which includes lifetime or 10-year members.

LE Relations Report

Ken Hutchison was not present at the meeting, so there was no report for December.



Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver reported that Kim Hutchison was able to get Eric Madsen and a public service work crew to the range for weed control last month and they were able to clear several areas of weeds and burn them.

Bill said John Wright recently held another trap house training session at the range. The only people permitted to use the trap house are those who have completed this training. John has been busy with other range cleanup and maintenance tasks as well, including an oil change for the propane generator and noted there are repairs and parts needed for the plate rack at the pistol range. John proposed moving the clay birds and the electronic controls for the trap house, and all the bowling pins and other targets from the old trailer to the Conex container at the rifle range.

Bill reminded everyone there is no automatic water shutoff switch on the water cistern. When running the generator, be sure switch off the well pump first, otherwise the cistern will overflow. Gary Bethscheider suggested putting a sign with these instructions next to the generator. The sign should also contain wording to remind users to check the oil level in the generator as it does burn a lot of oil. An automatic water level shutoff switch will be installed on the cistern sometime during the electrical work on the new building.

Bill presented a document showing future locations and distances for each target on the Black Powder Cartridge Range.

John Straughan reported a recent conversation with Mike Musia of Mike's Garage in Joseph. Mike said he is interested in volunteering some time and equipment next year to perform controlled burning of weeds at the range. John will reach out to Mike next Spring when things dry out and burning is possible.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider gave an update on the building project. He will be meeting with Ed Staub & Sons Propane after January 1st to discuss the installation of the two 2500 sq. ft. capacity propane heaters, which were generously donated by Staub. Propane outlets will be stubbed in as well, so barbeques and other propane devices can more easily be used.

The windows have arrived and are stored inside the new building. The windows, soffit, and siding needs to be installed next as soon as there is a break in the weather. Gary will also meet with Ken Knifong in January to schedule the installation of the electrical.

Gary proposed a meeting of the Board at the range on Saturday January 8, 2022, to determine infrastructure requirements inside of the new building. Items to consider are cabling to support network, security cameras, and sound system; power outlet locations; a partition wall to provide for a classroom area; a secure location for a large gun safe to store firearms and ammunition; and provisions for general storage of ECSA equipment and supplies, as well as materials for Hunter Education classes.



NRA Foundation Grant

Bill Oliver gave an update on his recent submission of the grant application on 12/7/2021. The Secretary will email a copy of the submitted application to ECSA membership. The NRA State Fund Committee for Oregon meets February 5th & 6th in Redmond to review all grant applications.

The request for \$18,800.00 in grant funds will be used to construct a new combination Trap & Skeet Range at the north end of the new building, and for building a rock walkway with barriers behind the south end of the 100-yard berm at the rifle range to facilitate the shooting of moving targets.

Regarding the previous award of \$50,000.00 which is being used for construction of the new education building, the NRA Foundation has approved our request to extend the deadline for reporting completion of the project to June 1, 2022.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

A summary of the reasons and purpose for creating a single 501(c)3 organization was given by Bill Oliver. This change would result in a new organizational structure defined as "Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance dba Eagle Cap Shooters Association" and would be a single 501(c)3 entity.

Bill reviewed the draft amendment of the ECSA Bylaws "Article XI--Dissolution" which states ECSA assets will go to "any qualified 501(c)3 organization" rather than to Wallowa County. The Board voted at the 11/16/2021 meeting to *Approve for Vote by ECSA Membership* and the draft amendment was sent via email to all ECSA members for review on 12/17/2021.

Bill then asked members present for a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Gail Wickre, John Amond seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed unanimously.

Bill reminded everyone this was only a vote to approve the amendment of "Article XI--Dissolution" in the ECSA bylaws and constitution, but not a vote to restructure the ECSA or ECSEA. Next steps are to work with the attorneys in drafting new organizational documents, then hold a special meeting to elect a new Board of Directors for "Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance dba Eagle Cap Shooters Association". ECSA members will retain their existing membership and voting rights.

Board Nominations and Election

The Secretary read the list of nominations received via email for the open Board positions as follows:

President – Bill Oliver

Board Director (vote for two) – Dan Moncrief, Dale Rasmussen, Jack James

The floor was then opened for nominations and there were none received. Bill Oliver made a motion to close nominations; John Amond seconded the motion and nominations were closed and ballots were passed out to all present. All ballots were collected, and the Treasurer tallied the votes. The Treasurer announced the results as follows: President–Bill Oliver; Board Director–Dan Moncrief; Board Director – Dale Rasmussen



The Secretary will email the election results to all ECSA and ECSEA members, and post to the ECSA website and Facebook page. All ballots and the tallied results will be held in archive by the Secretary.

Line Power for The Range

An update was given on this project by Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider. A preliminary ballpark quote was received on 11/23/2021 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.

The Secretary provided the property owner information and requested a comparative quote to run the line overhead through the lower area of the north end of Ant Flat Road, then transition to underground the rest of the way south on Ant Flat Road, then diagonally into the property and to a meter next to the new building. ECSA would be responsible for all underground excavation/bedding/backfill, conduit, and pulling vaults. The quote has not yet been received.

In response to questions regarding other options like solar power or additional generator power, Bill said all options are being considered, but permanent line power would ultimately be the most convenient solution.

New Business

Gate Code Change for New Membership Year

In the past, the membership year has run from January 1 through December 31. The gate code has always been changed on January 1. The membership year is changing to run from April 1 to March 31. A discussion began about when to change the gate code. A consensus was reached to change the gate code on April 1, 2022.

New ECSA Color Tri-Fold Brochure

The Secretary passed around samples of a third revision of the new brochure and requested feedback regarding the overall design and content, and when the new brochures should be printed and distributed.

After some discussion, the consensus was to continue using up the existing brochures, after inserting the new 2022-2023 membership application form. The brochures already distributed in the county will need to be retrieved and updated with the new membership application form.

Sometime in June next year, some nice pictures of the new building can be added to the new design, then print and distribute those brochures.



Cowboy Action Target Storage

Kim Hutchison would like to add a lockable partition wall and some shelving to the rifle range Conex container so the Cowboy Action targets can be securely stored.

Upcoming ECSA Events

- January 2022 Range Safety Orientation

Adam Saxton volunteered to do the orientation on Saturday 01/15 or Saturday 01/22.

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Dawn Haskett suggested adding a Volunteer tab to the ECSA website to keep members informed of upcoming volunteer opportunities and to clarify the Volunteer Hours program.

Bill Oliver discussed a membership renewal form which was received from the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges. OASR supports and represents shooting ranges across the state. OASR addresses the challenges that threaten shooting ranges and works to facilitate communication and sharing of experiences between the ranges. Annual membership renewal is based on the number of members in the organization. So, for ECSA it would be \$800.00. After some discussion the consensus was to not renew at this time as the \$800.00 could be better used on the new building project.

Adam Saxton raised a safety concern regarding the proposed moving target range. There needs to be a way to restrict usage of that range to only times a Range Safety Officer is present. There was a discussion about design options (electro-mechanical track-type system vs. human walkers with targets). Research will need to be done to explore purchase vs. build-our-own system.

Gail Wickre revisited the idea proposed in 2020 for a "Plank Owner" campaign to raise funds for the new education building. A Donor Wall would be created and placed inside the new building. Donors who give a minimum specific dollar amount would have their names displayed on the Donor Wall, like what Wallowa Memorial Hospital has created. Gail said the ECSA should establish the dollar amounts/donation levels and move forward with this campaign.

This Old Gun

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall Enterprise, OR