



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2022

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Andy Peterson, Allen Hart, Kim Hutchinson, John Joyce, John Haskett, Jack James, Mike Teece, Joe Neveau, Leonard Rothenberger, Judah Rothenberger, Cristopher Bertheslen

Handouts: December financial statements

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by John Straughan and seconded by Ken Hauxwell. Current checking account balance is \$19,494.74 and current savings account balance is \$10,400.84. The detail of the Treasurer's report is available by contacting John Amond.

Membership Report

The Treasurer reported that membership count as of February 14 was 127 members, of which 76 are annual paying members and 51 are lifetime or other members.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

There was nothing new to report by Kim Hutchison.

Old Business

Range Report

Snow Removal – Bill Oliver said Wallowa County continues to plow Ant Flat Road from Highway 3 to the main gate every Thursday. Mike Musia is plowing inside the gate every Friday if needed.



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Range Maintenance – Bill Oliver announced that Dan Moncrief has agreed to chair the Range Maintenance Committee. John Wright is still interested in performing a lot of the mechanical work at the range as well. Kim Hutchison has also volunteered to serve on this committee.

Targets – Gary Bethscheider has asked Charlie Danforth if he will oversee target acquisition, placement, and repair. Charlie is willing to donate approximately \$900.00 of his own money to purchase additional steel targets and hangers for placement from 100 to 600-yards. He is acquiring used grader blades as well to be used as vertical posts for paper target stands. Many thanks to Charlie for his generous donation and hard work!

Weed Control – Bill Oliver said John Joyce has offered to spray weeds with his side-by-side ATV and spray tank for weed control when spring arrives. And Eric Madsen will have his community service people available for cleanup and weed control as well.

Building Project Update

Gary Bethscheider said construction is on hold pending weather improvement. Gary met with Ron at Joseph Electric to obtain the electrical permit, and he will meet with Brad at Ed Staub tomorrow to schedule the installation of the propane and the propane heaters. Also, there is a possibility that La Grande Sheetrock will donate the labor for hanging the sheetrock.

Regarding volunteer hours, Bill Oliver reminded everyone there is no cap on the number of volunteer hours for work related to the building project. And life members can accrue hours as well, for gifting a membership to others.

There is a joint ECSA/ECSEA committee for managing the building project and the budget. Bill Oliver recommended purchasing insurance for the building structure at this time, and he will contact Todd Rodgers at Farmers Insurance to obtain a quote.

NRA Foundation Grant

Ken Hauxwell reported that the recent grant meeting in Redmond went very well, and he is very optimistic about the outcome of the ECSEA grants funds request. Ken said DJ Januzzi has volunteered to assist with the planning and construction of the new trap and skeet range. Ken informed everyone October 15th is the date for the Friends of NRA Banquet and volunteers will be needed again for setup, teardown, running games, etc.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver reported that Dale Rasmussen is working on the draft of the new bylaws based upon the current ECSEA documents.

Line Power for the Range

John Straughan reported that Doug Triebelhorn with Pacific Power will be at the range on Tuesday March 8th for a site visit after which he will provide a more detailed final quote for power.



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ECSA Match Director

A Match Director is still needed as the 2022 season will begin soon. Kim Hutchison said he is still willing to host the .22 shoots and the cowboy action events. Suggestions for a finding a Match Director included reaching out to the East End Rod & Gun Club in Milton-Freewater, and to Wallowa County Law Enforcement.

Sponsorship Signs Campaign

John Straughan reported the cost for the 30" x 30" signs from Hayes Printing & Graphics has increased to \$90.00. John said he would obtain samples of the three types of sign materials from Jerry Hayes and inquire about the estimated life expectancy of each.

ECSA Swag Items

John Straughan said he is working on ideas for swag items such as hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, decals, patches, and coffee mugs. John will obtain a quote from Moonlight Graphics for the next meeting.

New Business

OSSA Membership

Bill Oliver said Kerry Spurgin will attend the March meeting and will give a presentation on the prevention of firearm suicides. Kerry is President of the Oregon State Shooting Association and the Secretary of the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges. Currently, if a club joins the OSSA, the club also gets memberships in the OASR and the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation).

Life Members and Range Maintenance Fees

Bill Oliver raised a question as to whether life members should be assessed the \$40.00 annual range maintenance fee and if they can offset their \$40.00 Range Maintenance Fee via donated work hours. After a lengthy discussion, the following was proposed:

New and existing life members shall not be required to pay the \$40.00 range maintenance fee but will be allowed to accrue 4 or more hours of volunteer work to go towards someone else's membership.

Joe Neveau raised a good point by asking why not just change the existing wording related to the range maintenance fee rather than present a new motion? Bill Oliver suggested we revisit this topic at the March meeting.

Regarding the 4-hour cap on volunteer hours, Gary Betscheider proposed removing the cap and allowing members to accrue unlimited volunteer hours.

Random Range Host Program

Bill Oliver proposed an idea for a "Random Range Host Program". The volunteer host would be at the range for a portion of the day to check the sign-in sheet and validate people shooting at the range are indeed paid members. The consensus is that it's likely there are people using the range who are not members. Hosting hours could be used to offset the \$40.00 from membership fees.



A discussion began about how to enforce and who will enforce this without causing confrontations. Several ideas were proposed including placement of Internet accessible cameras, and annual membership placards/decals for vehicles. The ultimate solution seemed to be electronic gate-controlled access via proximity cards which are also the membership card. Likely not doable until line power is available at the range. All agreed to table the issue for now.

Upcoming Events

- Sat 2/19 – 10:00 am Range Safety Orientation, John Amond
- Saturday 3/26 – Hunter Education Field Day, Pistol Range, Mike Teece

PNW UDT/SEAL Chapter Reunion – Jack James

Jack James made a request of the Board to allow use of the range Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon for a pistol, rifle and shotgun shoot as part of the 4-day PNW UDT/SEAL Chapter Reunion. The Board agreed to allow the event. Regarding the range usage fee, the Board asked Jack to donate a reasonable amount for the fee and the ECSA will then donate those funds to a veteran's organization to be determined later.

Good of the Order

John Joyce proposed reviving the machine gun shoots the ECSA has had in the past. John said there are two machine gun shoots in Arizona – one in the spring and one in the fall. John will be heading for Arizona in March, and he will try to visit both events and gather information.

Bill Oliver proposed a planning meeting to put together the 2022 schedule of events. The season opener event will be an NRA 3GE on Saturday 5/21 with a gun raffle and catered food.

Cristopher Bertheslen, with the La Grande Fire Department presented some AR-500 steel targets he is producing in a side business along with his wife. Cris will email pricing information and photos of the targets he is offering for sale.

This Old Gun

Joe Neveau presented a small .22 caliber single-shot pistol which was carried by relative Mary Morris over the Oregon Trail in the 1870's.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon