



## EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2022

Status: Approved

**Board Members Present:** Bill Oliver, John Amond, Adam Saxton, Dale Rasmussen.

**Board Members Absent:** Gary Bethscheider, John Straughan, Ken Hauxwell, Dan Moncrief

**Members and Guests:** Andy Peterson, Allen Hart, Kim Hutchinson, John Joyce

**Handouts:** Membership report, current month P/L statement, month to date Balance sheet, January-December 2021 P/L statement, Balance sheet year end 2021.

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes:** The December Minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by John Amond and second by Adam Saxton. Members were reminded that minutes and agenda for each meeting are sent ahead of meeting by email and those wishing copies should print them out for themselves, but that if they cannot do so, the Secretary should be notified, and copies will be provided at the meeting.

It was noted that new Range Maintenance fee of \$40 can be offset by work on Range and that members wishing to do volunteer work to offset their next year's membership dues should contact Dan Moncrief for information on volunteer work opportunities.

**Treasurer's Report:** 2022 membership now is 76 members, including Life and other long-term memberships, so total renewed and paid memberships are 25 so far, beginning with a November 1, 2021 "cutoff" date. Total cash on hand, in checking and savings is \$26,742.56. John reported total membership income in 2021 of \$16,570 and Range Maintenance fees of \$1,280. Donations were \$1,227 including John Joyce's recent contribution of \$1,000 in lieu of Range Maintenance fee payments for 25 years. It was suggested that donation should be set aside in a separate fund for use on either the Education Building or activities related thereto, and John agreed to segregate that amount. John also noted that the "Accounts Receivable" amounts in last month's reports were in error since we don't have accounts receivable and has been corrected.

Members wondered if some of the money in checking should be moved to savings, but it was noted that the amount of money to gained from interest was very slight and that money may soon be needed from checking for Education Building expenses, so a move was not useful at this time. It was also noted that our banking arrangements will need to be reviewed and perhaps changed if we proceed with



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reorganization of the two clubs.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

**Law Enforcement Relations Report:** Bill Oliver thanked Kim Hutchinson for helping with arranging weed pulling and burning by Eric Madsen and his crew of "Community Service" volunteers. While substantial progress was made, more work is needed once weather permits.

John Joyce reported that he has a side by side 4-wheeler and spray tank and volunteered to apply spray in the Spring.

Bill Oliver reported recent exchange of emails with Jamin Van Meter of OSP SWAT team regarding help with obtaining concrete barriers for the proposed Moving Target facility and that Van Meter was seeking assistance from ODOT and others and would be in touch with us.

**Range and New Building Report:** The County is plowing Ant Flat Road and we are working with several individuals including Mike Musia to assure at least main interior roads are plowed after each significant snow event. (Note—roads were plowed by Musia on Saturday afternoon prior to meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> and are passable at this time with 4-wheel vehicles).

The onsite meeting to plan interior of the Education Meeting is being rescheduled to next week and notice will be sent to all members. Weather and illness seem to be conspiring against getting the meeting done, but it will happen, and members are encouraged to review and comment on the draft floor plan distributed to all previously.

After the planning meeting occurs, Project manager Gary Bethscheider will prepare a revised budget including all costs to complete the building so that the joint committee can review and assess the need for further fundraising and so on. There is a budget for the building, but many costs need to be revised and new ones added based on current pricing and additional finish details.

It was reported that the new NRA 2022 grant application would be reviewed by the State Committee in early February and that we would be writing to the Committee to report progress on the current grant—the Education Building project.

**Reorganization Committee:** Bill Oliver sought authority to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization to be chaired by Dale Rasmussen and with membership including Bill Oliver as President of ECSA and Stephen Wolfe as President of ECSEA. John Straughan and John Amond will serve ex officio since they are Secretary and Treasurer and need to both inform and be informed. On a motion made by John Amond and seconded by Kim Hutchinson, the Committee was established and appointed. Bill Oliver noted that he would send key documents to Dale and a formal written charge to the Committee to guide its work.

**Line Power to the Range:** Study continues on the project. John Straughan is in touch with the Pacific



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Power estimator to get estimates for different combinations of above ground and below ground installations and Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider are also checking into various approaches and will report progress and alternatives as study moves forward. It was observed that an electronic gate would be very helpful to control and record access, and it was generally agreed that it was worthwhile to proceed with planning.

**Upcoming events:** John Amond volunteered to conduct the next Range Safety Orientation on Saturday, February 19, at 10 am or such time as he chooses to announce.

Bill Oliver noted that a work session attended by board members and others interested is needed to plan a detailed calendar of events for 2022. The meeting will be scheduled in February—between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of that month. John Joyce described a “Boomer Shoot” that sounded interesting and that deserves further investigation. A question of major importance is what sort of “Opening Day” shooting event should accompany the Grand Opening of our new building in mid May 2022. A 3-gun shoot was discussed as a possibility and also Cowboy Action or “Boomer” shoot. Some event or events that would attract a lot of participation, including youth and women would be especially desirable.

Regarding an annual event schedule, it was agreed that Cowboy Action Shoots should be included, and Kim Hutchinson proposed the following schedule (generally the first Sunday of each month, commencing at noon—with exceptions for Holidays—commencing in May and ending with September and using the Rifle Range facility. Dates proposed for 2022 are May 1, June 5, July 3 or 10, August 7, September 4 or 11.

It was asked whether Black Powder Metallic shoots were planned, and the answer was yes, since there is now a built platform firing line and new target locations at ranges from 200 to 900 yards are mapped and targets will be moved to those positions as soon as weather permits.

Rimfire fun shoots were discussed as were Old Soldier Shoots (twice a year at least—Spring and Fall) and it was asked whether PRS or NRL 22 shoots were envisioned. The answer to this question is largely “Who will be Match Director for such events” and several people, including Kim Hutchinson said they would be glad to help, and it was noted that we need to train others and that MJ Van Dine was willing to train new directors.

There was interest in trying to re-establish an annual Machine Gun shoot and it was clear that the next step is to recruit and appoint leadership for Range Maintenance and improvement and for event management.

**Implementation of Sponsorship Sign Program.** Gary Bethscheider is recruiting sponsors for signs and John Straughan is managing production of subscribed signs in conjunction with Jerry Hayes Graphics pursuant to the “2022 Sponsorship Sign Campaign” guidelines recently sent to members wherein Sponsors, for a fee of \$250 annually, may provide art/design for a 30 by 30-inch sign to be produced by ECSA at our expense and displayed per our discretion.



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**Good of the Order:** Steve Wolfe had inquired if a Range Host program that would have ECSA member volunteer hosting at the range on a random schedule (weekends and weekdays on a random basis), to welcome shooters but also to be sure they signed in and were members qualified to use the range. Bill Oliver will discuss the idea with Dan Moncrief to see if volunteers can be scheduled to carry out such a program in a non-confrontational manner that would address two issues—use of the range by nonmembers and users not signing in at the sign in box when they visit the range. (Since we have no idea what the scale of either problem is and since we do allow members to bring guests, the project could help us to come up with any needed solutions.) It was agreed that nonmembers should be cordially invited to join so they were entitled to the range and that improved sign in compliance would be useful for fund raising and planning purposes.

Better signage to encourage better sign in participation was suggested as were other solutions including an electronic gate keyed to individual members so we would know who opened the gate. It was concluded that a pilot Random Range Host program should be tried and evaluated.

**Range Maintenance fees for Life and long-term members.** Bill Oliver paid his \$40 2022 Range Maintenance fee but noted there is no way for him, or any other Life Member to recover that cost by a reduction in annual dues for work credit since no dues are paid. Kim Hutchinson questioned whether such payment should be required of Life Members since many life members are already doing substantial work on the range and have made substantial payment already. One suggestion was that perhaps payment should be voluntary and without restriction on amount and the case of John Joyce, who recently contributed \$1,000 in lieu of Range Maintenance payment for 25 years was given as an example. Policy on this question does need to be adopted and will be taken up at future meeting after a proposed proposal is drafted.

**This Old Gun:** While no one brought an old gun. John Joyce brought a beautiful new Winchester 20-gauge shotgun and donated it to the club for auction at a fundraising event. The generous donation is much appreciated, and John Amond took possession of the gun for safekeeping and to consult with Gary Bethscheider regarding the best time and occasion for an auction. Thanks John—you are much appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Next Meeting:** February 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon