



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2022

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: John Straughan, Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Kim Hutchinson, John Joyce, Bob Masters

Handouts: April financial statements, April membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The March 15, 2022 minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and second by Gary Bethscheider. Prior to approval, it was agreed that the "drop dead" date for membership renewals that would be eligible for "Gun of Your Dreams" drawing would be a receipt date of April 30 as opposed to April 15 as had been announced in several communications (see Minutes page 3) and John Amond emails to Membership renewal inquiries e.g., April 18 to Chuck Simpson. It was further agreed that although the number of work hours was not subject to a 4-hour limit for the current membership year, but the amount to be credited to next membership renewal cannot exceed the value of the membership fee for the following year. However, members who accrued more work credit than their membership renewal could share their extra hour credits with another member if that is properly documented to the Treasurer in writing, using ECSA work hour credit forms. It was further agreed that the policies adopted regarding membership provisions on page 3 must be emailed separately to all members, so everyone is informed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Bob Masters and second by Ken Hauxwell. Current checking account balance is \$25,414.07 as reported on the handout plus \$3,245 in recent membership receipts not yet deposited, for a total of \$28,692.07 plus \$10,401.36 currently held in our savings account, for a grand total of \$39,093.43. Treasurer John Amond was commended for keeping excellent reports and for keeping our finances in very good order. It was noted that several recent donations (John Joyce and Gary Willis for example) needed to be placed in a special "Donation Fund" to keep separate track of such donations and how they are expended but that it would be better to do that when the finances of the ECSA and ECSEA are combined at the time the two organizations become one.



Membership Report

The current annual membership as of April 19th, is 176 as reported on the handout, plus 16 recently received, for a total of 202, plus Life and other memberships of 42 for a grand total of 244. It was noted that memberships are coming in at a rapid rate and that will continue at least until April 30th, and it seemed we would easily reach the breakeven point with membership revenue of last year which requires reaching a paying membership total of 230 members, so only 28 to go. The membership report was welcomed as good news indeed and John Amond commended for his diligent work with membership renewals during a somewhat confusing transitional year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Kim Hutchinson reported that Billy Wells, Wallowa County Sheriff's department will be randomly patrolling ECSA range to remind folks that they need to be current members or to be accompanied by a member in order to use the range property. This is to be an educational, rather than citation driven project with the aim of making sure that only members and their guests are using the range and that everyone is signing in and out at the gate registration box—which is not the case at present.

Kim also reported that Eric Madsen had again brought a crew of “Community Service” miscreants to help with Range Cleanup day on April 9 and that despite the bad weather, they had made significant progress and the help was much appreciated.

It was noted that law enforcement leadership at the city, county, and state levels should be encouraged to be more active in public service projects at the range, including, but not limited to acting as Match Directors, leading or participating in special events for youth, veterans, women, etc.

Old Business

OSSA Presentation by Kerry Spurgin: Bill Oliver reported that OSSA presentation has been rescheduled for the May 17 meeting when video presentation will become available.

Range Report

Dan Moncrief reported that the April 9 Range Maintenance Day was well attended and welding repairs to pistol bay metal targets was completed thanks to Ryan Seal, bolts and nuts were tightened in Rifle House (most were quite loose, threatening structural integrity) and many other clean up and repair projects were accomplished. Kim Hutchinson reported that despite high winds and bitterly cold temperatures, much work was accomplished on the rifle range metal targets but that another session needed to be scheduled as more work was needed to establish new targets at all the ranges out to 1,000 yards. It was too cold and windy to paint targets so that needs to be done as well.

It was agreed that one of the two Porta-Pottys currently located at the Competition Bays needs to be moved to the new Education Building/Clubhouse and that both need to be pumped as they appear to be full (and frozen). The vault toilet will be pumped and maintained by our service company at the same time. Bill Oliver will call the company and schedule servicing both now and, in the future, rather than having monthly servicing as in the past since that is unnecessarily frequent.



New downrange warning lights have been obtained thanks to John Straughn and will soon replace the existing overhead light at the rifle range. New signs alerting users to the Sheriff's patrol and to the need to sign in/out are in production and will soon be placed on the gate and near the Registration Box. The potential use of security cameras at the gate and other locations to keep track of those who are using the range and to prevent undesirable behavior, but no action was taken pending a more detailed report on the function, monitoring, potential effectiveness, and cost of such surveillance that will be provided by John Straughan at a future meeting.

Gary Bethscheider volunteered to install a permanent storage cabinet in the vault toilet, primarily for storage of extra toilet paper so that this and other needed supplies would be always available.

Building Project Update

Gary Bethscheider reported that while bad weather is preventing application of outside siding, wiring and framing of bathrooms is proceeding and it was determined that an enclosed room would be created in the Northeast corner of the building for secure storage of firearms and ammunition while cabinets would be used to store education materials such as those used by Mike Teece for Hunter Safety classes.

Bill Oliver reported that the new building was now covered for casualty losses and that policy had been renewed through Hillock Insurance since Hailie Hillock had been to arrange for coverage of both existing structures and the new building.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver reported that Dale Rasmussen is preparing new organizational Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to combine the ECSA and ECSEA and that those are likely to be completed by our meeting in May.

Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explained that two options, one with underground wire just from our Northwest property corner to the Education building and another with underground wire beginning about 300 yards from the intersection of the North Highway and Ant Flat Rd. are being cost estimated by Pacific Power following a site visit by Doug Treibelhorn of Pacific Power. We have paid a \$1,000 design fee and will get drawings and estimates by the May meeting.

Sponsorship Sign Campaign

John Haskett will continue implementation of this project and it was agreed that signs, to be created by Hayes Printing at ECSA expense, will utilize the 1/8-inch MaxMetal two-sided material at \$70 per sign. Sponsors are to use ECSA sign order forms and must provide artwork for the sign. Cost to sponsors for a standard 30 by 30-inch sign is \$250 annually. Two of the new Sponsor signs are completed and Gary Bethscheider will hang them on the Rifle House, though in future some signs will be on the new building.

MVPA Military Vehicle Convoy: Bill Oliver reported multiple conversations with Dan McCluskey who represents MVPA, and despite that fact that Dan was not able to get to Enterprise for a meeting



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scheduled for April 8, arrangements for a convoy visit on afternoon and evening of Thursday, August 25 have been made. Adam Saxton contacted James and Alicia Garrett, owners of the Indian Lodge Motel, who graciously agreed to allow their large yard next to the Lodge for a display area for the military vehicles which will arrive midafternoon on the 25th, stage a public display until early evening and then proceed to the ECSA range for a dry camp and barbecue that evening. The Convoy will depart about 7 am Friday morning, August 26. Gary Bethscheider has committed to organizing the barbecue. 35-40 military vehicles, 10 support vehicles and 70 people are expected and we alerted planners to the fact that the Indian Lodge only had one room left for those who might need a room and that the community is likely to be “booked up” because of the Oregon Car Cruise event beginning on the 26th.

New Business

Planning for 5/21 Grand Opening:

Gary Bethscheider, chair of committee for this event reported that the group is planning a 3-gun shoot, mid-day barbecue and opening ceremony and looking at other events for the day, including an egg shoot or fun shoot for youth. Development of an Honor Wall policy and plan that would enable sponsors and contributors to be recognized was discussed, as was the need for the committee to rehearse any shooting events prior to the 21st. Gary met with the committee after the meeting to firm up plans and even though MJ Van Dine had said he would come to the meeting to plan a competition training day for Board members and others, he was not able to attend, so it will be important to schedule such a training.

2022 Shooting Events Schedule:

Kim Hutchinson reported the first Cowboy Action shoot is scheduled for May 1, weather permitting and listed the remaining dates but noted that since the first Sunday of July and of September fall on National Holidays, there may be a need to change those dates. These shoots usually start about 10 am and include a potluck for participants. Guns typical of the Cowboy era are always available for newcomers or those without such guns to shoot and there was discussion of offering prizes and other strategies, including inviting members from other clubs, in order to encourage participation.

Other events were discussed but since we do not have a Match Director or other individuals who have stepped forward to manage events, no final decisions on additional events could be made. It was agreed that we ought not to schedule any event that does not have a committed event manager, as well as a backup person, to prevent the need to cancel a scheduled event.

Upcoming Events:

It was announced that John Straughan will conduct a Range Safety Orientation session for new members at 10 AM on April 23rd and Bill Oliver will conduct the May session at 9AM on May 21. Adam Saxton will conduct the June 25th Orientation, currently scheduled for 10 AM that morning. Orientation leaders for the month of July and the remainder of 2022 remain to be scheduled.

Range Operations Guide and Administrative Procedures:



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It was noted that full auto and suppressed shooting seemed more common at the Range than in our previous history and that current written range procedures require prior written Board approval for each individual wishing to carry out either activity. By consensus, it was agreed that both policies should be revised to allow full auto and suppressed shooting, provided that those shooting had appropriate Federal licenses and had originals of those licenses in their possession while shooting suppressed or full auto. Of course, it was agreed that irresponsible or unsafe practices would need to be addressed by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Kim Hutchinson was asked to prepare alternative language for Procedures Manual revisions.

Range Surveillance by Sheriff's Office, Security Cameras, and Honor Wall discussions are reported above.

Good of the Order

Bill Oliver reported that Gary Willis' generous donation check for \$1,000 had been received by John Amond and that Gary had stopped by Bill's house to drop off 10,000 rounds of 40 grain solid lead target ammo by CCI as a further contribution, with the idea that this ammo would be mostly used for youth events. Both gifts were gratefully acknowledged, and Kim Hutchinson said he would accept two 500 round boxes of that ammo as repayment for ammo he has previously provided for shoots from his own cache with the understanding he would be reimbursed. That offer was accepted.

It was agreed that gifts such as those contributed by John Joyce and Gary Willis should be held in a separate "Endowment" account with appropriate earmarks if the donor intended the funds to be spent on specific projects or programs. Further agreed that it was time to develop a strategy to encourage donors to make substantial endowment type donations either during their lives or in their estate planning since there was clearly an older group of members who have great interest in promoting ongoing participation in the shooting sports and gun safety education for generations to come.

It was also noted that there is a pressing need for a Youth Activity Program Chairman and committee as well as a similar approach for programs intended to involve women of all ages—especially since that approach to future programming clearly resonated with the NRA Foundation and local donors as well.

This Old Gun

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon