



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 928
Joseph, OR 97846

www.eaglecapshooters.com

General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 17, 2022

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Adam Saxton, Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Kim Hutchinson, John Joyce, MJ Van Dine, Gail Wickre, Jack James, John Haskett

Handouts: May financial statements, May membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The April 19, 2022 minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and second by Dan Moncrief.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by John Straughan and second by Gary Bethscheider. Current checking account balance is \$32,405.64 and current savings account balance is \$10,401.36 as reported on the handout.

Membership Report

The current annual membership as of May 17th, is 220 as reported on the handout, plus Life and other memberships of 54 for a grand total of 274.

Gail Wickre proposed a change to the current Membership Renewal & New Member Application form. Gail suggested changing "Lifetime Couple" to "Lifetime Couple/Family". She went on to define "Family" to be anyone under 25 years of age, living under the same roof. After some discussion, Bill Oliver asked for a motion to approve the change. On a motion by Gail Wickre and a second by John Amond, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Kim Hutchinson reported that Billy Wells, Wallowa County Sheriff's department has been randomly patrolling the ECSA range to remind folks that they need to be current members or to be accompanied by a member to use the range property. Billy has been interacting with people in an informative manner, with the aim of making sure that only members and their guests are using the range and that



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 928
Joseph, OR 97846

www.eaglecapshooters.com

everyone is signing in and out at the gate registration box and he is urging non-members to join if they want to continue using the range.

OSSA Presentation by Kerry Spurgin

Kerry Spurgin, President of the Oregon State Shooting Association and Secretary of the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges joined the meeting by phone at 7:00 pm. Kerry presented information on both organizations and the benefits to ECSA of membership in those organizations.

Next, Kerry outlined a program called the Safety-Wellness Initiative – a partnership effort by The Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA), Oregon Firearms Safety Coalition (OFSC), and the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges (OASR). The focus of this program is “Firearms and Suicide Prevention” by offering suicide prevention education for retailers, range owners and firearms owners, to encourage safe storage, and other steps – thereby saving lives.

After Kerry’s call, the Board discussed whether to move forward with membership renewal in OASR, which also gets the ECSA membership in the OSSA and the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation). At a cost of \$2.00 per member, total cost for the ECSA based on current membership count would be approximately \$600.00 per year.

Bill Oliver asked for motion to approve the membership renewal. On a motion by Dan Moncrief and a second by MJ Van Dine, the Board and members present voted unanimously to renew the OASR membership.

ECSA Liability Insurance Policy

Bill Oliver reported that the liability insurance policy is past due, and a 30-day grace period is now in effect until June 1, 2022. The insurance carrier never sent renewal notification to the local agent Todd Rodgers. John Amond proposed to empower Bill Oliver to act on this now and to research carrier options. By consensus, the Board approved John’s proposal.

Old Business

Range Report

Dan Moncrief reported that he, Kim Hutchison, and Charlie Danforth will plan the next range cleanup and maintenance day, and the tasks needing completion to be ready for the season opener/grand opening event. Dan will advise once the date has been set.

Building Project Update

Gary Bethscheider will be at the range again Thursday and Friday to begin installation of the siding on the building. Gary requested the Secretary put out a request for volunteer help.

Gary requested approval to lay a conduit from the new building to the main gate for future installation of a security camera, electric gate controller, and access card reader. By consensus, the Board approved his request.



Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver reported that Dale Rasmussen has completed a first draft of the new organizational Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to combine the ECSA and ECSEA. Both Bill and Steve Wolfe have reviewed the first draft. They will meet with Dale within the next 10-days to revise the draft as required. Once complete, the documents will be presented to the Board, then to the attorneys, and then to membership for their vote of approval.

Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver gave an update on progress. ECSA now has two quotes from Doug Treibelhorn of Pacific Power.

Option A: Overhead power from the intersection of Ant Flat Road and Hwy. 3 to the NW property corner, then underground from that point to the new building - \$77,000.00

Option B: Overhead power from the intersection of Ant Flat Road and Hwy. 3 to the top of the rise on Ant Flat Road, then transition to underground from that point to the NW property corner, then underground from that point to the new building - \$67,000.00**

**To this cost must be added approximately 4600-feet of 3" PVC conduit at \$7.00 per foot (\$32,200.00), plus four pulling vaults at \$1,500.00 each (\$6,000.00) for a grand total of \$105,200.00. All of the excavation and backfill would be performed by ECSA volunteer equipment and labor.

Sponsorship Sign Campaign

John Straughan gave an update on the sponsor signs already in process by Hayes Printing and Graphics.

NRA Foundation Grant #22OR41

Bill Oliver gave an update on the grant, indicating he has received the check for the \$6,000.00 cash award, and many of the materials requested in the grant. Several items are still to be received, including the firearms.

New Business

Planning for the Season Opener/Grand Opening Event:

Due to weather and range conditions which have adversely affected progress on the new building, this event originally scheduled for May 21 is now scheduled for some time in July, after the 4th of July holiday or early August (8/13?). Bill Oliver said he is working on some nice certificates for the lifetime members which will be presented at the season opener/grand opening event.

MJ Van Dine said he would provide information and training on setting up rifle matches, on Sunday June 26th when we have the practice run of the NRA 3GE.

MJ also committed to hosting a long-range rifle match on Saturday July 16th and a machine gun shoot on Saturday September 24th.



Upcoming Events

- Saturday 5/21 9:00 am – Range Safety Orientation, Bill Oliver

Range Operations Guide and Administrative Procedures

Kim Hutchison has reviewed the ECSA Range Operations Guide and Administrative Procedures documents. Kim said there is a lot of outdated information in both documents, and he has begun revisions and updates.

Honor Wall

The need for an “Honor Wall” in the new building to display the names of all the donors was discussed. Donation levels such as Silver, Gold, Platinum, and their respect dollar amounts need to be established. A location in the new building must be selected as well.

Good of the Order

Jack James said there is a Divide Camp meeting scheduled in the VFW Hall on Tuesday June 21st, the same night as the June ECSA meeting. By consensus, the Board decided to move the June meeting to Wednesday the 22nd.

Jack also mentioned the 4H shooting program has been put on hold and a volunteer is needed to manage the program. The rifles are being stored at the Community Center.

Gail Wickre discussed a middle school youth outdoor education program in Juneau, Alaska which was coordinated with the local shooting range to provide gun safety education. Gail proposed a similar program here in Wallowa County.

This Old Gun

Kim Hutchison presented a 1908 Winchester 92 .25-20 rifle, and a modern .38-55 takedown rifle, both in great condition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon