



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 16, 2022

Status: Draft – Approved

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

Board Members Absent:

Members and Guests: Gail Wickre, Mike Teece, Joe Neveau, Marc Christman

Handouts: August financial statements, August membership report, Purchase of Promatic Trap Machine

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The July minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Mike Teece.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Dale Rasmussen and a second by Marc Christman. Current checking account balance is \$34,089.39 and current savings account balance is \$10,401.88 as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's report is available by contacting John Amond.

The ECSA Directors' liability insurance policy is up for renewal in the amount of \$1,011.00 (same as last year) and Bill Oliver reported the premium has been paid.

Bill Oliver stated that the attorney in Eugene, David Atkin, advised him to have ECSA to pay off the balance due the ECSEA for the lease on the pistol bay structure and parking lot before the merger of the ECSA and ECSEA. John Amond made a motion to pay off the remaining balance of \$4,950.00 in full. The motion was seconded by John Straughan and the Board voted unanimously to pay off the lease.

Membership Report

The current annual membership as of August 15th, is 247, plus Life and other memberships of 57 for a grand total of 304.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

There was no report as Kim Hutchison was not present for the meeting. However, Bill Oliver provided information on upcoming law enforcements training sessions including Tuesday 10/18 & Wed 10/19 –



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OSP SWAT Training, Jamin Van Meter (Range Closed) and Monday 10/24 thru Thursday 10/27 – Oregon Police Academy Training Days (Billy Wells in coordination with Ben Kleckner-Eastern Oregon Regional Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Safety), Pistol Range and Education Building closed.

Regarding range use fees, it was proposed that OSP SWAT pay the \$540.00 Annual Corporate Membership rate, and the Oregon Department of Safety pay either \$300.00 per day or a flat \$1,000.00 range use fee for the Oregon Police Academy Training Days event.

Kim Hutchison is still working on revisions and updates for the Administrative Rules and the Range Operations Guide.

Old Business

“Gun of Your Dreams” Membership Raffle

John Amond asked Gail Wickre to come up and draw the winner from the bucket containing one ticket for each ECSA member who paid their membership dues by the April 30, 2022, deadline. The winner was Kimberly Coggins. Kimberly was not present at the meeting and was not eligible for the additional \$100.00 but still won the \$800.00 gift certificate from Wallowa County Grain Growers for the “Gun of Her Dreams”! Bill Oliver presented Kimberly the check the following day and Kimberly was looking forward to going shopping!

Range Report

Bill Oliver said Nathan Savage with Ochoco Outdoors in La Grande was recently at the range shooting a promotional video of a 1,000-yard muzzleloader shot!

Dan Moncrief volunteered to take an out-of-town guest who is not a member to the range to shoot on Tuesday August 23rd.

Bill Oliver provided updates including – All of the black powder targets have been relocated to their proper distances. A water wagon is needed for fire protection for the 8/25 MVPA convoy dry camping event and Marc Christman said he would reach out to Mike Musia to see if his is available. Many thanks to Dan Moncrief, Gary Bethscheider and Charlie Danforth for installing the grader blades for target uprights at the rifle range. John Straughan has installed more sponsor signs at the rifle house as well as the new red webbing safety barrier to be used to close the rifle range when downrange maintenance is being performed. Casey Crum has agreed to do the spraying either late fall or early next spring.

John Straughan reported there were 4 to 5 shooters attending the July 23rd long-range rifle shoot, according to MJ Van Dine who hosted the event.

John Straughan volunteered to change the gate code tonight after the meeting to help prevent non-members from using the range. John will email all current paid members the new gate code along with the reason for the immediate change.



Follow-up on letter to Greg Doty regarding non-member unsafe shooting at range on 6/19

Bill Oliver reported that he does not have Greg Doty's contact information and thus has not sent the letter. The Secretary and the Treasurer do not have any contact information for Greg as well.

Building Project Update

John Amond reported that the \$50,000.00 in NRA Foundation Grant funds have been expended on the building project. John has completed a report on all expenditures for use in the final grant report required by the NRA Foundation.

An update on construction progress was given by Gary Bethscheider. The electrical inspection has been performed and the wiring installation has been approved. Gary will need help pulling the speaker wire to the locations inside the new building and outside on both patios for the PA/music system. Next steps are to finish the covers and concrete pads by the entrance doors, install the wall and ceiling insulation, and install the drywall. The overhead rollup doors for the north and south ends of the building have arrived.

Rental of the New Building

After discussing future rental of the new building with the attorneys to determine a policy, Bill Oliver said the recommendation is – if the renter is not an ECSA member, a rental fee must be charged. If the renter is an ECSA member, a rental fee is optional and negotiable.

The question about alcohol consumption at the range during building rental events was again raised. Bill Oliver recommended waiting until after the 8/25 MVPA dry camping event to review and resume discussion.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver reported that attorneys Ben Boyd and David Atkin now have the amended documents for review. Bill reminded everyone that this will be a merger of the ECSA and the ECSEA. The ECSA as a 501(c)4 will dissolve and become "Eagle Cap Shooters" under the 501(c)3 currently held by Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance, whose name will become "Eagle Cap Shooters". All current ECSA members will retain the same voting rights they have now.

Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver said he is awaiting another quote from Doug Treibelhorn with Pacific Power, to provide overhead power all the way to the main gate instead of the northwest property corner. There was some discussion about whether or not overhead power lines would obstruct the view of the mountains from the new building and the consensus seemed to be running power underground to the gate from the northwest corner would be better. However, the cost would likely be higher, and overhead power instead may be more enticing for a potential buyer of the property immediately south of the range which is currently up for sale.

NRA Foundation Grant #22OR41

Bill Oliver presented a handout (see APPENDIX) containing details about the proposed purchase of the proper trap machine for the new trap and Skeet Range. After some discussion, the consensus was to



purchase the best machine for long-term results. Marc Christman recommended speaking with Ken Knifong to determine what type of shooting patterns the Wallowa Trap Club encountered at the recent Nationals Event. Marc will report back after speaking with Ken.

Bill Oliver added that a determination needs to be made regarding who will construct the concrete slabs and the block trap houses.

New Business

2022 Youth Shoot

The Youth Shoot will be held on Saturday 9/17 and will include .22 rifle shooting at both the pistol and rifle ranges with a bowling pin shoot, a card game shoot, and a steel target shoot. The Secretary will create a flyer for distribution. Bill Oliver will speak with Kim Hutchison who is heading up the event. At least 6 Range Safety Officers will be required.

Hunter Education

Mike Teece reported that the 2022 Hunter Education dates have been set and information is now on the ODFW website. The classroom and live-fire sessions are now both on Saturday. Classroom: Saturday 8/20 – 9am to 11am at the VFW Hall, Live Fire: Saturday 8/20 – 12pm to 2pm at the pistol range.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday 8/20 – Range Safety Orientation – 10am, Instructor: Dan Moncrief
- Thursday 8/25 – MVPA Convoy

MVPA Convoy

Radio advertising for the event was discussed but the decision was made to utilize Facebook, email notification and printed flyers instead. Bill Oliver recommended draining and refilling the water cistern; tape off the rifle and pistol ranges to indicate closure; obtain tables and chairs, and Kim Hutchison volunteered use of the VFW tables and chairs. Gail Wickre said she was able to purchase 12 meals using the \$250.00 in funds from the Thrive Financial grant.

Hunter Sight-in Days

Hunter Sight-in Days will be Sunday 9/18 (Kim Hutchison, host) and Sunday 9/25 (John Straughan, host). All shooters are required to sign the Waiver of Liability. Kim and John will track the attendees.

Good of the Order

Dan Moncrief proposed adding an archery range on the ECSA property and Bill Oliver provided some history about a previous archery range located on the west side of the road leading from the gate to the competition bays. Gary Bethscheider suggested utilizing the last competition bay, the one furthest to the east, as it is seldom used.

This Old Gun

Mike Teece presented a 1907 Remington rolling block, .22 short, single-shot rifle in great condition.



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

APPENDIX

Purchase of Promatic Trap Machine 8/16/2022

We need your help to decide what to do about the fact that under NRA Grant #OR22041, we received a Promatic Trap Machine that is not suitable for our intended use—high school team training and competition and adult training and competition, including registered shoots and other competitions subject to Amateur Trap Association rules and regulations.

The machine we received is a Matrix 6 standard, value \$2,550. The problem is that this machine will only throw targets in one direction, straight away, rather than randomized direction targets as required by ATA. It lacks an “interrupter”—the device that causes targets to be thrown in randomized pattern within a 35 degree arc.

I spoke with the President of Promatic, who offered a full credit exchange for a Promatic machine that would throw ATA approved targets. We would pay the difference between the two machines, plus freight for return of the machine we now have and freight for delivery of the new machine, at their cost via FEDEX.

I sent a request to our Board to approve exchange of the machine we have for a Matrix ATA machine which will throw randomized regulation targets, for a cost of \$3,595 plus freight of \$910 for freight in/out. The Board voted to approve that exchange which has a net cost of \$1,955 after credit applied, including freight. A pretty good deal but the proposed machine does not throw doubles. And perhaps we ought to be able to do that, especially for our high school competitors.

Vice President Gary Bethscheider suggested that we ought to investigate getting a machine that will also throw doubles and so here are a couple of additional choices.

1. Upgrade from the Matrix ATA to a “Signature” series machine that throws either singles or doubles. The cost of a Signature Double ATA is \$8,795, plus because it is heavier than the Matrix ATA, an increase of about \$500 in freight. So the total increased cost would be about \$5,700 including freight to us. The only drawback of this machine is that the elevation of targets is fixed and once adjusted the flight path of targets does not vary in elevation.

2. Upgrade to Signature Double “Wobble” ATA trap which throws not only singles and doubles but also throws targets that vary in elevation of flight path, rather than a fixed flight elevation. Much more challenging and a new aspect of the Trap sport. That machine costs \$9,995 and freight is about the same as Upgrade number 1, so additional cost for the Wobble alternative is \$1,200. Gary is suggesting that we might as well get the most versatile trap now, when we have a trade in credit available, rather than buying one later.

Bottom line: The Matrix ATA (singles only) net cost additional is \$1,995. Signature Double ATA (singles and doubles, but not “Wobble” elevation) net additional cost is \$7,245. Signature Double Wobble ATA (singles, doubles, and wobble) net additional cost is \$8,445.

If we buy either of the two more expensive options, Promatic has offered a \$400 discount, so net cost would be diminished by that amount. All prices include freight both ways and a credit of \$2,550 for the machine we now have.