



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2022

Status: Draft – Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Kim Hutchinson, Gail Wickre, Charlie Danforth, Mike Teece, Marc Christman

Handouts: July financial statements, July membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:48 pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by John Straughan and a second by Ken Hauxwell. Current checking account balance is \$35,138.57 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.

Membership Report

The current annual membership as of July 19th, is 241, plus Life and other memberships of 56 for a grand total of 297.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Thursday morning 7/21 Bill Oliver will meet with Jamin VanMeter from the Oregon State Police at the range to review planning for the moving target range to be constructed at the south end of the 100-yard berm. The two of them will also discuss the range use fee. Jamin is looking for a source for the concrete barriers that will be required.

Wallowa County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Wells wants to host a regional law enforcement training at the ECSA range. The training will be on a Friday, but no date has been set. Bill Oliver proposed a range use fee of \$300.00.

Bill Oliver gave an update on the recent meeting with Sheriff Joel Fish regarding the trespassing incident



involving non-member Greg Doty. Sheriff Fish recommended sending Mr. Doty a letter in lieu of pursuing trespass charges. On a recommendation by Gary Bethscheider, Bill Oliver agreed to write a letter to Mr. Doty stating he can either join the ECSA and provide the name of the person who gave him the gate code, or face trespassing charges. Bill will include a membership application form with the letter.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver said tomorrow morning 7/20 at 10:00 am a work crew including Gary Bethscheider, Dan Moncrief, and Charlie Danforth will dig the post holes and set the grader blades for use as the vertical supports for target stands at various distances at the rifle range. The targets on the black powder cartridge range will be relocated to the proper distances as well.

Bill Oliver recapped the June 26th NRA 3GE training and dry run by John Straughan, and the rifle match training provided by MJ Van Dine.

Building Project Update

An update on 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. Next steps: finish the east and west covers and concrete pads by the entrance doors; install the wall and ceiling insulation; install the drywall. The overhead rollup doors for the north and south ends of the building should arrive in about 6 weeks.

ECSEA Lease for the Pistol Range Shelter and Parking Lot

At the June meeting, John Amond proposed paying off the lease in the amount of \$4,950.00. The topic was revisited at this meeting and Gary Bethscheider proposed not to pay off the lease considering the ECSA and ECSEA will soon be merging into one organization. John Amond remarked that paying off the lease would help clean up the books, but he was okay either way. Bill Oliver will consult with attorneys for their point of view.

Single 501(c)3 Organization

Bill Oliver asked for any suggestions or changes to the amended bylaws. There was a suggestion via email by Gina Birkmaier to include "Inc." in the name Eagle Cap Shooters. John Amond proposed a change to the wording regarding quorum. A discussion began about who should elect the board members, and the consensus was Membership should elect the board members.

Regarding the number of board members, the bylaws state, "5 to 11 board members" and there are now 8. To avoid possible "four against four" voting results, Gary Bethscheider suggested an odd number, either 7 or 9. He proposed adding the from the ECSEA board plus the 8 on the ECSA board.

Bill Oliver closed the discussion with the reminder of 7/26 as the cutoff date for changes before the revised bylaws go to the attorneys for final review.



Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver led off a review of costs to run permanent line power to the range property. Gary Bethscheider made a proposal to move forward with installation of line power now, even if a loan is required to fund the project. The quote from Pacific Power is \$77,000.00 plus pulling vaults plus conduit. The vaults and conduit are continuing to increase in price. Gary indicated he has a friend who is willing to provide a private loan, and he will meet with him to discuss terms and interest rate.

Bill Oliver stated requirements for a loan should include: the creating of a sinking fund to insure against financial trouble, and a maximum monthly loan payment of \$1,000.00.

Gary Bethscheider provided estimates for building materials still to be paid for including Roll-up Doors \$5,600.00; Man Doors \$6,200.00; Blow-in Ceiling Insulation \$7,000.00; Wall Insulation \$1,500.00; Drywall for Ceiling \$3,600.00; Drywall for Walls \$1,500.00. Estimated total cost to finish the new education building is \$45,000.00.

After some discussion, the consensus was to move forward now with the line power project and to have Pacific Power do all the work related to the installation of the power cable.

Another suggestion was presented to bypass the water cistern and to just extend the existing water line which originates at the well, directly to the new building.

NRA Foundation Grant #22OR41

Bill Oliver said he will work with Gary and Aaron to begin staking out the design soon for the new trap and skeet range.

Planning for the Season Opener/Grand Opening Event:

After much discussion, the decision was made to postpone the Season Opener/Grand Opening Event until Spring 2023, so the new building is completed and ready for the event. Regarding the "Gun of Your Dreams" membership raffle originally scheduled to be held at this event, the Board decided to hold the raffle drawing at next month's general meeting on Tuesday August 16th.

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.

Range Operations Guide and Administrative Procedures

Kim Hutchison is still working on revisions and updates.



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New Business

Hunter Education

Mike Teece reported that the 2022 Hunter Education dates have been set and information is now on the ODFW website.

Friday 8/19 – 6pm to 7pm at the VFW Hall

Saturday 8/20 – 12pm to 2pm at the pistol range

Hunter Sight-in Days

Sunday 9/18 – Host: Kim Hutchison and Sunday 9/25 – Host: John Straughan

Upcoming Events

- Friday 8/19 – Hunter Education Review and Test – VFW Hall, Mike Teece
- Saturday 8/20 – Hunter Education Field Day – Pistol Range, Mike Teece
- Saturday 8/20 – Range Safety Orientation, Instructor: Dan Moncrief
- Thursday 8/25 – MVPA Convoy

MVPA Convoy

Concerns: Alcohol consumption, and shooting. A lengthy discussion ensued, and Bill Oliver summed up by saying he would send a letter along with a Waiver of Liability to the MVPA Convoy organizer. The letter will state there shall be no alcohol and no shooting while they are dry camped at the range Thursday evening and Friday morning. In addition, the range facilities will be closed to public access Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Policy for Use of New Building

Bill Oliver said he has received inquiries from people wanting to rent the new building in 2023 to host weddings and wedding receptions. ECSA needs a policy to address alcohol consumption and shooting at these types of events. The Board discussed this, and Bill Oliver said he would consult with the attorneys before drafting a formal policy.

The ECSA Administrative Rules state: ***“Alcohol and Drugs: No participant on ECSA property shall be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs before or during live firing or on the range complex. A Certified Range Officer or Range Safety Officer may deny range access to anyone in violation.”*** The consensus was that alcohol should not be permitted on the range property, and that the shooting ranges should be closed for such events.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon