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**General Meeting Minutes** 

Date: Monday, January 16, 2023

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, Dan Piper, John Amond, Dan Moncrief, Dean

Brown, Dale Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: Ken Hauxwell, Gina Birkmaier

Members and Guests: John Straughan, Kim Hutchison, Jim and Pam Olsen, Allen Hart, Grady Rawls

Handouts: January financial statements, January membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

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**Introductions** 

#### **Last Month's Minutes**

The December minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dale Rasmussen.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by John Straughan and second by Dan Moncrief. Current checking account balance is \$11,268.49 and current savings account balance is \$10,402.94 as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

John Amond explains that all reports going forward will be strictly for ECS and will not reflect any balances or profit & loss from ECSA or ECSEA.

John Amond states that ECS has not used any of the funds from the NRA grant towards the new Shotgun Range at this time.

John Amond further explains that Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, and Dan Piper will be signers on new bank accounts created for ECS.

#### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John Amond explains that the Report reflects members who have paid for the 2023+ membership year, which runs April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. The current annual membership sign-ups as of January 16<sup>th</sup> is 8 plus life and other memberships of 57 for a grand total of 65. It was agreed that subsequent reports will reflect total membership including those whose 2022 membership is still current until March 31, 2023. With current membership included,



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the total membership count is about 360.

#### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Kim Hutchison reports that there are no updates to Law Enforcement Relations. Bill Oliver explains that there are two law enforcement events planned for 2023. These events will take place from 6/12 through 6/15 closing the entire range and from 7/10 through 7/13 closing the pistol range only.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Board of Directors**

Bill Oliver explains that the new Board of Directors was voted in at December's meeting. However, ECS received a letter of resignation from Ken Hauxwell from the Board. Bill Oliver inquired if members would like to vote on replacement of this Board member which received unanimous consent by all present. Bill Oliver inquired if there were any nominations to fill the vacancy. Gary Bethscheider nominated Grady Rawls to the Board. Upon no further nominations, Bill closed the nominations and requested a verbal vote. Grady Rawls was elected by unanimous verbal vote by all members present.

#### Eagle Cap Shooters 501(c)3

Bill Oliver explains that Eagle Cap Shooters Association and Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance have been consolidated to a single organization, Eagle Cap Shooters (ECS). Bill further explains that ECS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that can accept tax-deductible donations.

#### **Range Report**

Dan Moncrief mentions that time will need to be scheduled in the Spring to install the new target hangers at the Rifle Range. The new hangers will be constructed primarily of steel to increase durability. Bill Oliver mentions that new benches for the Pistol Range are fabricated and ready for pickup from RDF&P Fabrication. Dan Moncrief will organize pickup and delivery.

#### **New Education Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider reported that the building is fully enclosed and he is working on heat with Ed Staub & Sons. After heat is in the building, work will begin on finishing the insulation and interior walls.

#### **Trap & Skeet Range Project**

Gary Bethscheider reported that the range is laid out and ECS has all 3 machines in hand. Concrete work is intended to begin in Spring.

#### **Moving Target Range Project**

Gary Bethscheider reported that the pit still needs gravel added and proposed digging on the North side of the pit to add a gentle slope for easier access. Bill Oliver notes the intention of adding a cable-driven system for moving targets in the future.

#### **Funding for Line Power for the Range**

Bill Oliver explained that ECS has received an estimate from Pacific Power for \$100,000 to bring power to the range. Power would be coming from Highway 3 to the North. Bill explained that ECS has



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potentially found a member that is wiling to offer ECS a loan to cover the cost of the project without using the Range property as collateral. This loan would potentially include a lien on the revenue stream and would require annual funds of at least \$12,000. The proposed interest rate on the loan would be a fixed rate at 6.5% over 10 years. Bill explained that ECS may have confirmation of the availability of this loan option by the 1st of February. More information to come. Any membership vote on line power is postponed for now.

#### **New Business**

#### **Membership Types and Rates**

After discussion, Gary Bethscheider proposes increasing membership fees by \$10 for the 2023+ membership year and adding a one-time-opportunity of a 5-year membership at discounted rate.

Proposed new rates are as follows:

- Individual (includes maintenance fee): \$135 | \$10 DISCOUNT AVAILABLE IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY 4/1/23
- Couple/Family (includes maintenance fee): \$195 | \$10 DISCOUNT AVAILABLE IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY 4/1/23
- Corporate (includes maintenance fee): \$550 | \$10 DISCOUNT AVAILABLE IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY 4/1/23

#### 5-Year limited time only, special offer:

- Individual 5-year (includes maintenance fees for next 5 years): \$550 | PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4/1/23 – this opportunity expires 4/1/23 and may not be re-offered
- Couple/Family 5-year (includes maintenance fees for next 5 years): \$800 | PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4/1/23 – this opportunity expires 4/1/23 and may not be re-offered

The motion was seconded by Dean Brown and approved by unanimous vote of all 8 board members present. These rates do not include the \$25 initiation fee required for first-time members.

#### **Gun Raffle**

Gary Bethscheider makes motion to enter all members who pay their dues prior to 4/1/23 into a gun raffle for \$800. Payment of dues must be received by April 1st. The treasurer will automatically prepare raffle tickets for all members who meet the deadline. The format and location of the firearm to be decided at a later date. The motion was seconded by John Amond and approved by unanimous vote of all 8 board members present.

#### **Range Safety Orientations**

The schedule for Range Safety Orientations was agreed upon by board members as the following:

- Saturday, January 21st: Bill Oliver
- Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Kim Hutchison
- Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Grady Rawls
- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Bethscheider



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- Saturday, May 20th: John Amond
- Saturday, June 24th: Dan Piper
- Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Moncrief
- Saturday, August 26th: Dan Piper
- Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: John Amond
- Saturday, October 21st: Dale Rasmussen
- Saturday, November 18th: Kim Hutchison
- Saturday, December 16th: Dean Brown

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 1/21: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Bill Oliver
- Saturday, 6/3: Angie Short wedding, range closed from 7am to 8pm
- Monday, 6/12 through Thursday, 6/15: OSP Sniper School, range closed 7am to 8pm
- Monday, 7/10 through Thursday, 7/13: Oregon Police Academy training, pistol range closed 7am to 8pm

#### Good of the Order

Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider mention several donations coming in for ECS from community members. Gary mentions that 4 donation boxes are made and ready to mount at the Range. John Straughan explains that the signs for the donation boxes are being made by Hayes Printing & Graphics.

John Straughan provides update on decals and mugs with new ECS logo. Need to find a new source for decals but mugs are available for purchase for \$15/each. Interested parties should contact Dan Piper at secretary@eaglecapshooters.com.

Bill Oliver proposes use of the new Education Building for community classes centered around preparedness and mentions that he has discussed this with potential instructors. John Amond makes motion to pursue this idea further. The motion was seconded by Gary Bethscheider and approved by unanimous vote of all 8 board members present.

Kim Hutchinson proposes idea of adding a paintball arena at the range for community use. All members present agree that this idea would be worth pursuing.

Gary Bethscheider moves to offer Chris Pritchard with Enterprise Electric a free 5-year membership as a thank you for the assistance he has given during the recent construction efforts. The motion was seconded by John Amond and approved by unanimous vote of all 8 board members present.

#### This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted**: Dan Piper, Secretary