



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, Dan Piper, John Amond, Dan Moncrief, Dean Brown, Dale Rasmussen, Gina Birkmaier, Grady Rawls

Board Members Absent: None

Members and Guests: Kim Hutchison, Karen Bates-Josi, Kyle Graham, Lem McBurney

Handouts: March financial statements, March membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The February minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Gina Birkmaier with one correction to the first name of a guest present at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Gina Birkmaier and second by Gary Bethscheider. Current checking account balance is \$36,786.56 and current savings accounts balances are \$21,671.43 as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

John Amond explains that income for this calendar year is around \$24k YTD. John further explains that we must hold \$10,000 in reserve for the loan for Line Power and John intends to hold \$13,000 as a safeguard. John mentions the uncertainty of future operating expenses since the club will be paying utilities after line power is installed.

Bill Oliver mentions that we have found a way to save over \$1k annually on our insurance by combining our property policy with our general liability policy.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John Amond explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 177 as of 3/18/23. John further explained that 118 of these members are paying members (not life or comp members). John explains that he is receiving more applications daily including 19 received on 3/20 alone.

John Amond and Bill Oliver express that this is a great indication of strong membership counts for the



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year since the membership year has not even started yet. The total membership count for the 2022 year was 354.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Kim Hutchison expresses that there is nothing new to report on this matter nor events to add to the Calendar.

Old Business

Range Report

Kim Hutchison reports that maintenance work utilizing work crews from Saturday, 3/18 went well and the 100-, 200-, and 300-yard berms are looking good. He further explains that he will have the crews back at the range this coming Saturday, 3/25 to complete activities at the Rifle Range and hopes to also work on the Competition Range and Sight-In Bay.

Dan Moncrief explains that weather and ground conditions were too wet on Saturday, 3/18 to perform work on the new Rifle Range target holders. These activities will have to wait until later in the year. Bill Oliver mentions that Charlie Danforth will be bringing target materials soon along with a \$5k donation.

Dean Brown and Dan Moncrief explain that the new tables/benches for the Pistol Range have been completed and should be delivered by RDF&P soon. Dean further explains that Hayes Printing & Graphics may not be able to complete any orders the club has pending currently. Dan Piper to confirm which signs are still pending and reach out to other vendors to get work complete.

Dean Brown explains that he has spoken with a local EMT about recommendations for First Aid to include at the Range. Dean provided a list of recommended equipment and explained that waterproof ammo cans may be a good storage solution. Lem McBurney notes that a comprehensive kit with an AED may be valuable at the Education Building with lighter trauma kits at the shooting bays.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that Ed Staub has a heater installed in the building but there seems to be a propane leak somewhere in the line sets. Ed Staub to investigate and repair as needed. After complete, we should be able to proceed with insulation and sheetrock work.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that the Trap & Skeet Range is on hold until the weather improves.

Funding for Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explains that everything has been arranged for the line power loan and ECS board members signed required documents at tonight's meeting. Bill further explains that we are now waiting on Pacific Power and things seem to be moving slowly on that front. Bill explains that Pacific Power needs to stake the exact route of the line to update estimates for work. Pacific Power have everything they need from ECS to move forward. Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider will reach out again to get this moving forward.



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New Business

Moving Recurring Date of General Monthly Meeting

Kim Hutchison explains that there will be an on-going conflict at the VFW Hall on the third Monday of every month. Kim proposes moving the ECS General Monthly Meeting to the second Monday of every month. This was approved on a motion by Kim Hutchison and a second by Dean Brown with unanimous support from all present.

2023 Grand Opening/Season Opener Event

Gina Birkmaier explains that she is planning to have the Grand Opening be a family shooting event with a BBQ. Gary Betscheider proposes that the event not be held until July so that on-going projects can be completed before the event. After deliberation and consideration of other community events occurring in July, Gina made motion to set Grand Opening for Saturday, 7/15. The motion was seconded by Dan Moncrief and approved unanimously by all members present.

Planning for 2023 Shooting Activities

Kim Hutchison explains that the Rifle Range will be closed from noon – 6:00pm to anyone not participating in Cowboy Action Shoots on days when Cowboy Action Shoots are scheduled. Kim further explains that the Old Dog Shoot/Military Shoot will need to be rescheduled and will close the Rifle Range during the event.

Kim Hutchison explains that the entire range will be closed for the Youth Shoot on Saturday, 9/9 to anyone not participating in the event.

Bill Oliver explains that he has received several requests for a Precision Rifle Shoot but we do not currently have anyone to host the event. Grady Rawls mentions that he may know someone who would be interested in hosting a small competition shoot. Grady to reach out and see if his contacts may be interested in helping. Gary Betscheider mentions the possibility of providing a Precision Shooting class through Wallowa Ready if there is enough interest.

Wallowa Ready: Classes for Preparedness

Bill Oliver explains that Jolene Cox sent an inquiry email to many community and ECS members to gauge instructor and class interest. Bill further explains that Jolene has received lots of positive responses and volunteers looking to help. There were several areas of recurring interest including, maybe most prominently, in the area of communication. Bill mentions that Mike Musia has volunteered to teach a class on Ham Radio/Amateur Radio operation. Bill explains that a steering committee has been developed to organize Wallowa Ready and anyone interested in joining this committee should reach out to him or Jolene. The committee will hold their first meeting in early April. Early classes for Wallowa Ready may not be able to be held at the Education Building.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 3/25: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Grady Rawls
- Saturday, 3/25: Hunter Education Live Fire, **pistol range closed 12pm – 2pm**
- Saturday, 3/25: Range Maintenance, **multiple ranges closing at unknown intervals**



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- Saturday, 5/6: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Saturday, 6/3: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Monday, 6/12 – Thursday, 6/15: OSP Sniper School, **range closed 7am – 8pm**
- Saturday, 7/1: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Monday, 7/3: Angie Short wedding, **range closed 7am - 8pm**
- Monday, 7/10 - Thursday, 7/13: Oregon Police Academy training, **pistol range closed 7am - 8pm**
- Saturday, 7/15: Grand Opening Event
- Saturday, 8/5: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Saturday, 9/2: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Saturday, 9/9: Youth Shoot, **range closed for event**

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Karen Bates-Josi asks about pricing for donor signs at the Range. Gary Bethscheider explains that donors can pay \$250 to have a 30"x30" sign on the Rifle Range building for a year. Bill Oliver mentions that we can also hang donor signs on the Education Building. An agenda item will be added for next month's meeting to review donor sign pricing and to identify someone to lead the promotion of donor signs.

Lem McBurney mentions that it may be valuable to update/improve the ECS sign located along the Highway to include a notification/promotional board about upcoming Range events/closures/etc. Lem volunteered to research options and pricing. John Amond notes that many membership applications note this sign as their referral source.

Gina Birkmaier notes that there is currently only a single local instructor for Hunter Safety courses so these courses fill up quickly. Dan Piper to speak with Mike Teece about how ECS may be able to help promote additional instructors signing up to help with Hunter Education.

Gary Bethscheider explains that the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and the Enterprise Police Department have each paid for a single lifetime membership but the Oregon State Police have not paid for any membership since 2020. Gary further explains that Wallowa County has donated many materials to the range over recent years. Gary and Lem McBurney volunteered to talk with these organizations about corporate memberships.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary