



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 10, 2023

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Gary Bethscheider, Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Jack James, Roman Kennedy, Micaela Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy

Handouts: April financial statements, April membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The March minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Gina Birkmaier with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Gina Birkmaier and second by Jack James. Current checking account balance is \$67,548.38 and current savings accounts balances are \$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 ECS has a number of reserve accounts to cover both long-term members and the requirements for the Wolfe loan for line power. John explains that all non-annual members won't be paying dues next year or for several years to come, in some cases. Thus, he has set aside funds to cover this lack of payment each year. Bill Oliver notes that the Wolfe loan did not require a lien on the Range property, but it does require a minimum of \$10,000 to be maintained in a reserve account at all times. The total in reserve accounts is \$35,260.

John Amond proposes that the reserve accounts be invested in the following manner:

- Two CDs at Community Bank – 10 year: \$10,200
- One CD with Hauxwell – 3 month: \$5,000
- One CD with Hauxwell – 6 month: \$5,000
- One CD with Hauxwell – 1 year: \$15,000

John explained the balance of flexibility and interest of CDs vs money market accounts vs savings accounts and believes this investment proposal will offer the best balance for ECS. The investment of reserves proposal was approved on a motion by Dan Piper and a second by Jack James.



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Bill Oliver notes that ECS is now saving approximately \$2,000/year on insurance and paperwork was recently filed for the policy change. This change will come with a refund check of about \$250 for cancellation of the previous policy. Bill notes that coverage is the same but now general liability and insurance for structures will be with the same carrier.

John Amond also notes that the P&L line items for Legal Fees and Office Supplies are for final costs of combining ECSA and ECSEA into a single entity and for new stationary etc, respectively.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John Amond explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 264 as of 4/10/23. This figure is 90 members short of the total from the 2022+ membership year which is higher than anticipated for being in the first month of the new membership year. John further explained that 203 of these members are members that are paying annually.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver mentions several upcoming Law Enforcement events at the Range scheduled for this year and mentions that there may be another event for 7/14/23. This event is currently awaiting confirmation.

Bill also explains that the OSP has agreed to pay for both their 2022 and 2023 dues and the club is awaiting payment. Gina Birkmaier expresses that the Enterprise PD is also working on payment for dues. Bill further explains that Law Enforcement pays for events held at the range in addition to membership dues.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver explains that the new benches and tables for the Pistol Range have been delivered, Bill will thank Wup for the generous donation.

Dan Moncrief explains that the new target frames are still a work in progress and he is primarily waiting for better weather. Bill expresses that he received a call from Charlie Danforth who recommended having the targets cover the tips of the target holder blades and that he is going to bring 2x6s and other supplies on his next trip for Range use.

Dan explains that he has purchased Plano boxes for First Aid kits at the Range and is planning a defibrillator for the Education Building. Jack James notes that the Red Cross will donate one if needed.

New Education Building Project

Bill Oliver notes that the propane leak is still present at the building. Bill explains that we are approved to complete wall coverings but need heat to the building before doing so. Bill also notes that the building is prepped for TV but do not have one and ECS is looking for a donation.

Bill Oliver raises the question of whether or not the Education Building should be locked after



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construction is completed. The general consensus of all present was that, yes, the Education Building should remain locked when not in use for events/classes and board members should be the only ones with keys.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that he has started conversation with someone to lay block for the Trap & Skeet Range and that the Moving Target Range is on hold until the weather improves.

Funding for Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explains that everything is moving forward for getting Line Power to the Range. Bill is actively talking with Pacific Power to work out final details prior to construction beginning. John Amond explains that he is expecting a \$5,000 donation from Charlie Danforth to be used towards the line power project.

New Business

Donor Sign Pricing and Promotional Efforts

Dan Piper explains that the price for donor signs has not been updated or reviewed in some time and remains at \$250 per sign per year. Dan further explains that he hoped to have updated pricing for the cost to make the donor signs but has had some difficulty with local resources for making these signs. Dan to pursue online pricing if local sources do not pan out by next meeting.

Gina Birkmaier notes that she has received good feedback from those businesses she has visited and she has received multiple applications already.

2023 Grand Opening/Season Opener Event

Bill Oliver notes that the Education Building may not be completed at the time of the event, set for Saturday 7/15/23. Bill and Gina Birkmaier explain that the event is intended to have a competitive shooting event in the morning followed by food and a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a fun shoot in the afternoon. Bill mentions that we may be able to have a world class trap shooter at the Range for the event. Bill explains that the first option for food will go to Gary Bethsheider. Gina proposes having a free raffle at the event with bricks of .22LR, ECS decals, etc.

Gina Birkmaier to put together a committee for planning the event.

Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains that the Cowboy Action Shoots require no pre-registration and non-members are welcome. Bill mentions that the Police Academy may require use of the rifle range in addition to the pistol range. Bill to confirm.

- Saturday, 4/22: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Gary Bethsheider
- Saturday, 4/29: Twenty One Feet - Training, **pistol range closed 9am – 4pm**
- 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**



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- 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**

Good of the Order

Bill Oliver explains that the Club allows dry camping on the property but mentions that water is not guaranteed to be drinking safe. Camping is not available to non-members. Bill and John Amond recommend camping at the following locations: West side of Education Building, in the Pistol Range parking lot, or in the parking lot by the Competition Bays.

Bill notes that there was a recent inquiry as to whether ECS needs a new form/waiver every year for club members and explains that there is no need to send in a new waiver with payment each year. John Amond notes that the club only needs this information if something has changed for the member.

Bill notes that he is currently working on Life Member Certificates that he hopes to have completed in time for the Grand Opening Event.

Bill explains that there was a recent request to add an ATV ramp/loading dock at the Range and explains that there would be no increase in liability with this addition. It was agreed upon to discuss this with Gary Bethsheider for the next time we have heavy equipment available.

Bill explains that there has been a strong and positive response to Jolene Cox regarding the Wallowa Ready Project. The topics that have received the most interest are: communication, concealed carry, and canning. Roman Kennedy mentions LORA products as a potential resource for the topic of communication, Bill to mention this to Jolene for consideration. The first class is intended for May and will likely be held at The Place in Joseph. It was decided that any communication going to all club members would come from the ECS Secretary and members must opt in to receive communications directly regarding Wallowa Ready.

John Amond and Bill explain that ECS still owes Wellens Construction a training session and a firearm in exchange for the donations they have given the Club. Gary Bethsheider is organizing.

Dan Moncrief explains that his son-in-law has made generous donations of his time for multiple projects at the Range and he was promised a life-time-membership by Gary Bethsheider but has not seen a membership card come through. John Amond explains that he was not privy to this agreement and, so, Dan's son-in-law has not been added to the raffle. Bill makes the decision to hold off on drawing the raffle until after this situation is resolved.

Dan Moncrief asks if the range maintenance fee is included for life members or if they need to pay the fee each year. John Amond explains that life members owe no additional dues, fees, etc for the life of the member.



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Dan Moncrief explains that he was approached by a member about adding Shot Markers at the Rifle Range for long range shooting. These systems communicate shot placement back to the shooter wirelessly. Bill explains that he likes the idea but feels that we should finish up the current projects taking place at the Range before looking to add more. The club is to revisit this topic later in the year.

Dan Moncrief notes that he is going to training soon to teach the local hunter safety classes as there is currently only one instructor in Wallowa County. Dan Piper to send informational email to all members about need for additional instructors with information about how to participate.

Grady Rawls mentions that he has received some phishing emails addressed as if they are coming from Bill Oliver asking for financial assistance. Several other members present have expressed seeing something similar. Dan Piper to send note to all members to watch out for scams.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary