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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 8, 2023

Status: Draft – Approved

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

Board Members Absent: None

Members and Guests: Kim Hutchison, Jolene Cox

Handouts: May financial statements, May membership report, Suicide Prevention Training Flyer

Meeting called to order at 6:29pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The April minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Kim Hutchison with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dale Rasmussen and second by Grady Rawls. Current checking account balance is \$44,802.32, current Community Bank CD is \$10,403.44, and current Hauxwell CDs are \$25,000 as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

John Amond explains that the Community Bank CD covers the obligations of the Wolfe loan for line power while the Hauxwell CDs are investments and considered fixed assets. Bill Oliver asks what the interest rate is for the CDs that ECS currently holds. John explains that the rate is a little over 4%.

John Amond explains that ECS has received an additional \$2,450 in fees since the last meeting for a total of about \$41k year-to-date. John estimates that ECS will see an additional \$8k coming in this year. After planned expenses and a safety factor for error, John estimates about \$3k remaining in available cash. John further explains that forecasted operations are showing as healthy and explains that he has held reserves for 5-year and 10-year members since there will not be annual membership fees coming in for these members over the coming years. These reserves are not considered in ECS's current cash. Bill Oliver explains that ECS should be seeing a refund coming through for the change with insurance, John confirmed that the refund has been received.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John Amond explains that the current membership



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total for the 2023+ membership year is 289 as of 5/8/23. This figure is just 65 members short of the total from the 2022+ membership year which is higher than anticipated for being in the second month of the new membership year. John expresses that he is confident we will meet or exceed the membership count from last year. John further explained that 223 of these members are members that are paying annually.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that all dues for the Oregon State Police have now been paid, both past and present. The City of Enterprise has paid for their sponsorship sign but have not yet paid any annual membership dues. John Amond explains that they have a single life membership for the department. Gina Birkmaier believes that payment should be forthcoming.

Old Business

Range Report

Dan Moncrief explains that weed spraying is 60% to 80% complete and an invoice for spraying is pending to John Amond. There is question whether or not ECS has unused weed spraying chemical in storage at the Range that needs to be checked for use next time. Kim Hutchison explains that he was able to work around the weed spraying efforts for the Cowboy Action Shoot.

Dan Moncrief explains that mobile welding was planned for last Friday but some truck problems caused a delay. The work is intended for the coming weeks.

Kim Hutchison explains that several targets at the range are damaged and need repair or replacement. The steel coyote at the 100-yard berm is damaged and Kim recommends replacement. Many of the other steel targets have broken chains, Kim volunteers to work on these targets. Kim further recommends adding additional steel targets at 100-yards. Gary Bethscheider will look into both coyote and tombstone targets for the 100-yard berm. Dan Moncrief will talk to mobile welder about using grader blades to hang steel targets as well.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that the electrical for lighting has been completed in the attic and that plumbing will hopefully be complete this week. Gary explains that there is quite a bit of CAT5 ran through the building for future cameras and other equipment. Bill Oliver explains that the building will be locked and we will likely do a lockbox or a keypad lock for entrance. John Amond explains that funds for a lockbox/keypad lock were donated by Gina Birkmaier.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that we should be seeing a quote coming in soon to lay block for the Trap & Skeet Range and that the Moving Target Range should be finished in the coming month.

Funding for Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explains that Pacific Power should be on site tomorrow to stake the line route for power. Bill explains that Pacific Power will put poles on the road easement rather than on private property. This



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means that we will only need an easement application from the County and for crossing the highway and one land owner in addition to ourselves (Patton) rather than from all land owners on the route.

New Business

Appointment of Wallowa Ready Committee

Bill Oliver introduces Jolene Cox who has been organizing Wallowa Ready. Jolene has received about 50 opt-in requests for the Wallowa Ready email list. Josh Kesecker has around 20 people signed up for the first class on communication. John Amond has offered concealed handgun classes and explains that if there are more than 12 people interested, the class will need to be held at VFW or some other large venue. Jolene is working on an estimated calendar of events. Jolene explains that she has found potential instructors for many topics including medicine, sutures/first-aid, wildlife medicine, herbal medicine, self-defense, and hunting. Other ideas proposed include women's shooting and canning, among others.

Bill Oliver explains that the ECS bylaws allow the board to form a non-board committee for Wallowa Ready. Creation of such a committee was approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dean Brown. The committee was formed with the following tentative members:

- Jolene Cox, Chair
- Pam Olsen
- Grady Rawls
- Gary Bethscheider
- Karen Josi
- Bill Oliver

Suicide Prevention Training

Bill Oliver explains that there are two trainings in May at the Hearts for Health building in Enterprise for Suicide Prevention. Bill explains that these training are set up from the perspective of gun owners. The morning meeting will have donuts while the evening training will have pizza. Both options are the same class. These trainings are an attempt to create leadership in suicide prevention by gun owners.

2023 Grand Opening/Season Opener Event

Gina Birkmaier explains that not much has been established yet but she will need help from RSOs. Gina explains that there is a shoot being planned for the morning with a dedication following with food. Kim Hutchison explains that ECS can borrow tables and chairs from the VFW Hall but further explains that he will not be in town for the weekend of July 15th or the following weekend. With this and other community and member events in mind, Bill Oliver proposes changing the date of the event to August 5th rather than July 15th. This proposal was accepted unanimously by all members present. Kim Hutchison expresses that ECS should invest in a box of safety glasses and earplugs and also invest into multiple sets of youth-sized earmuffs for the event and to have on hand.

After discussion, a general outline of the event was created as follows for Saturday, August 5th:

- 10am – 12pm: Cowboy Action Shoot



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- 12pm – 2pm: Lunch and dedication ceremony
- 2pm – 4pm: Military and rimfire shoot for youth and adults

Upcoming Events

John Amond explains that he will not be available for the safety orientation on May 20th. Dale Rasmussen volunteered to cover the orientation for John. Kim Hutchison explains that he needs to move the next Cowboy Action Shoot to Sunday 6/4 rather than Saturday 6/3. Kim further explains that the previous Cowboy Action Shoot went great and he had 9 people join for the event including 1 first-timer that will be back.

- Saturday, 5/20: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dale Rasmussen
- Saturday, 6/4: 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, 8/5: Grand Opening Event
- Saturday, 9/2: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Saturday, 9/9: Youth Shoot, **range closed for event**

Good of the Order

Dan Piper explains that the first sponsorship sign has been received using an online resource after difficulties have been faced with local companies. Dan explains that this first sign was ordered as a trial but since the quality seems good, he will order the other signs that are still pending. Dan further explains that he has not been able to obtain a digitized copy of the logo for the Dollar Stretcher and has had to solicit graphic design work in order to create one. This has incurred additional cost but still does not exceed the income from the sponsorship. Dean Brown requests the purchase of 4 First-Aid signs to be used at the Range. Dan will investigate.

Gary Bethscheider explains that the brochures and membership applications that are displayed at several local businesses are now outdated. John Amond expresses that he has the new ones. Dan Moncrief will go back through the volunteer list to try and track down all of the old forms.

Dan Moncrief explains that he dropped off a collection of old political signs and foam boards at the range to be used as target hangers. He placed the stack in the mobile home located on the premises. Dan further explains that he has all the boxes to be used for First-Aid supplies.

Kim Hutchison explains that he is looking for a veteran that is not a member of ECS but could use a donated membership. Kim would like to donate a membership to such an individual.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, June 12th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon



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Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary