



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 12, 2023

Status: Draft – Pending Approval

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: Randy Greenshields, Pam & Jim Olsen

Handouts: June financial statements, June membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The May minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Gary Bethscheider with corrections to the Law Enforcement Report and an addition to the Education Building Project Update, both from John Amond. The LE Enforcement report was corrected to include that the Enterprise Police Department has a single life membership with ECS. It was added that Gina Birkmaier donated funds for a lockbox at the Education Building. Grateful thanks to Gina for her timely donation.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dan Moncrief and second by Dan Piper. Current checking account balance is \$50,404.89 and current Community Bank CD is \$10,403.44, as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Regarding the P&L since the Last General Meeting, John Amond explains that donations include \$5,000 from Charlie Danforth towards Line Power and \$200 from Gina Birkmaier for a lockbox at the Education Building. Charlie Danforth has agreed to donate another \$5,000 upon completion of the Line Power Project. John further explains that the debit of \$1,100 is for the return of a deposit for the Short Family Wedding that was planned for July. The wedding needed to be moved to a different site since the Education Building would not be completed in time. Bill Oliver expresses that the family was not upset about the change.

John Amond further explains that ECS has an estimated surplus of \$8,900 cash-on-hand after planned project expenses remaining and an excess of \$3,800 in operating funds after estimated increases to operating expenses.



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Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 293 as of 6/12/23. This figure includes 226 members that are paying annually. John further explains that ECS has received a couple of new life members since the last meeting.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver expresses that the suicide prevention training was valuable and mentions that if anyone would like to see the resources provided to please reach out to Bill directly. Bill explains that the Oregon State Police are currently at the Range for their Sniper School training, and the event seemed like a great success. Bill explains that the OSP is planning another event in October without a set date. The Oregon Police Academy training scheduled for 7/10 through 7/13 is confirmed but the possible event for 7/14 is still not confirmed.

After discussion of the single life membership possessed by the Enterprise Police Department, Gary Bethscheider proposes that there needs to be some kind of contribution annually as many officers use the Range regularly under this single life membership. Gary proposes that the Enterprise Police Department be charged \$450 annually for a corporate membership, a \$100 discount since they have already purchased an individual lifetime membership. This proposal was approved on a motion by Dean Brown and a second by Dan Moncrief with unanimous approval by all members present.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver explains that one of the neighbors of the Range has complained about garbage blowing onto their property from the Range. This garbage is likely primarily from paper targets being left on hangers and blowing over the hill in high winds. Dan Piper to send a reminder to all members about picking up targets/trash and properly disposing of it. Gary Bethscheider proposes that we do a trash cleanup the next time we have a work crew available. Bill to talk with Kim Hutchison about this project.

John Amond explains that the burn/trash barrel at the pistol range fills up quickly and is not dumped regularly. After discussion, it is decided that the dumpster will be moved to a more central location near the restrooms for trash depositing from all ranges to help control overflow and blow away.

Dan Moncrief explains that weed spraying is now complete but there is still some old chemical believed to be left over from last year that has not been located. Dan further explains that there is a buildup of tumble weeds in several areas, including the sight-in bay, that need to be burned. Dan will look into this. Dan expresses that the new target hanger posts are complete and ready to hang targets. All welding is completed.

Bill Oliver explains that one of the targets at the muzzle loader range will need to move because of the possibility of an over-shot going off range. Bill and Gary Bethscheider will investigate. Gary is investigating new and replacement steel targets for the Rifle Range.



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New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that insulation is in exterior walls and that electrical work is nearly complete. Gary further explains that plumbing and structural permits are signed off and the building is ready for sheetrock. Gary will likely be looking for volunteers to help with hanging sheetrock. The septic tank is in but the drain field and some other elements are still pending.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Gary Bethscheider explains that Donnie Rynearson will help with the concrete pours for the sidewalks and Trap & Skeet Range. Gary proposes that both Donnie and Paul Doherty get lifetime memberships donated for their contributions to the project.

Gary explains that there is additional gravel and a drain system needed at the Moving Target Range. Gary had to dig out and reshape the pit prior to the Sniper School event so it could be used.

Funding for Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explains that Pacific Power has approval from ODOT to cross the highway and the private property owner in the area is agreeable to an easement. Bill further explains that there have been some issues with property lines being properly portrayed by ORMAP documents which have caused some delays.

Wallowa Ready

Bill Oliver explains that the first Wallowa Ready training on communication was a success, and the video recording of the training is available if anyone is interested in watching. Many other training courses are being planned on an array of topics, but no dates have been set yet. Grady Rawls explains that he is helping Jolene Cox streamline the process and will continue to film the classes.

New Business

2023 Grand Opening/Season Opener Event

Gina Birkmaier explains that she is working on details and talking with Gary about food. Gina is planning out the media releases for the event. Bill Oliver expresses that he will talk with a local community member about doing a demonstration on long range shooting at the Grand Opening.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, 6/12 – Thursday, 6/15: OSP Sniper School, **range closed 7am – 8pm**
- Saturday, 6/24: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dan Piper
- Saturday, 7/1: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm – 4pm**
- 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 12pm – 4pm**



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Good of the Order

Gina Birkmaier draws from the bucket for the winning ticket for the \$800 gift card raffle for early membership renewal. The winner is David Workman, congratulations!

Gary Betscheider explains that he has some SCUBA tanks that are expired and no longer certified that could be used as targets. Gary will cut out the bottoms and take them to the range for targets.

John Amond explains that new ECS brochures are available and expresses that members should take them to any business that has old brochures on display or would like to advertise for the Range.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 pm

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

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary