



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 10, 2023

Status: Draft – Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Dean Brown, Dale Rasmussen

Members and Guests: Jolene Cox, Kim Hutchison, Pam & Jim Olsen

Handouts: July financial statements, July membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The June minutes were read and approved on a motion by Gina Birkmaier and a second by John Amond with a correction to the Treasurer's Report. The correct amount for the donation towards the lockbox at the Education Building was \$200 rather than \$370.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dan Piper and second by Grady Rawls. Current checking account balance is \$47,255.85 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.

The P&L for the last month shows \$1,025 in membership fees and dues income in addition to expenses totaling \$4,549.04. These expenses include building supplies, liability insurance, and the Gun of Your Dreams gift card. The year-to-date P&L shows over \$44k in membership fees and dues. John Amond explains that he expects around \$9k still coming in this year.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 304 as of 7/10/23. This figure includes 234 members that are paying annually. John further explains that ECS is currently 50 members short of the final membership last year. Bill Oliver adds that the club is still receiving inquiries regularly about membership.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that the Police Academy is currently at the Range and using the Education Building for trainings. Bill has received multiple comments from recent Law Enforcement events complimenting



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the facilities, general satisfaction with the events, and intentions to return.

Bill further explains that the dumpster gets full rather quickly, especially with these events, and requests that all members keep an eye on it and notify the Club if it is in need of being emptied.

Bill further comments that there will be a local Law Enforcement event Friday, 7/14, and he expects to see SWAT coming back this October.

Old Business

Range Report

Dan Moncrief explains that he met with Charlie Danforth and unloaded materials for the new target hangers at the Rifle Range. Dan is hoping to get hanger boards cut and put up this week. Dan further explains that weed spraying is progressing, but more is needed.

Bill Oliver comments that burn barrels can be removed from the range and compliments the condition of berms at the Rifle Range after cleanup and weed spraying. Gary Bethscheider explains that a new coyote target is still in the works.

New Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that insulation is complete, and he will begin hanging sheetrock this week and will be looking for volunteers. Gary further explains that everything is lined out for septic and digging is planned to begin this weekend. Gary mentions that a Club Member who had intended to donate plumbing fixtures for the building has passed away suddenly so it is unknown whether this donation will come through.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that he and Gary Bethscheider laid out the range more precisely last week. Bill explains that Donnie Rynearson is helping with the project and has now been gifted a Family Lifetime Membership as he already had an Individual Membership.

There are no major updates to the Moving Target Range project at this time.

Funding for Line Power for the Range

Bill Oliver explains that documents from Pacific Power are supposedly in the mail but have not arrived yet. The Club is checking the mail daily to ensure a quick response. Bill has talked to Charlie Danforth about a matching donation of up to \$10k for this project and it is likely to be approved.

New Business

2023 Grand Opening/Season Opener Event

Gary Bethscheider explains that the Education Building will not be complete by the planned date of August 5th. Bill Oliver proposes moving the Grand Opening to September 9th. The change of date proposal was approved by all members present.



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Kim Hutchison notes that this change of date will now have the Grand Opening coincide with the Youth Shoot and we will need to give up either the planned Cowboy Action Shoot or the Military Shoot. Kim also notes that the cost of ammo for the event may be expensive. There is some discussion about charging for ammunition, but this is yet to be decided. Kim also explains that eye and ear protection need to be purchased for the Youth Shoot.

Gary Bethscheider explains that he has talked to Sherriff Fish about being involved with the Grand Opening Event and has been trying to get ahold of Chief McQuead to request involvement, including using local Law Enforcement as Range Safety Officers. Gary also explains how he would like to have the County Commissioners present at the event.

Gina Birkmaier explains that she is working on a flyer for the event and will work on social media postings and postings with the Chieftain. Bill Oliver comments that the Chieftain has been invited to the event for coverage.

Kim explains that the VFW Post will provide tables and chairs for the event and will be donating a rifle for the Youth Shoot grand prize. Gina will look into additional prizes including potential donations from Fish and Game. Gary will talk to local sporting goods stores for donations as well. Kim and Bill note that ammo for the Youth Shoot will be provided by donations and Kim.

Bill will look into the possibility of a trap demonstration by the Wallowa High School trap team at the event if the range is operational.

Gary explains that non-members will be welcome at the event and proposes a discount for anyone signing up for membership at the event. Gina proposes offering a free decal with membership application at the event with unanimous agreement.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, 7/10 - Thursday, 7/13: Oregon Police Academy training, **pistol range closed 7am - 8pm**
- Friday, 7/14: Wallowa County Sheriff's Office Training, **range closed 7am - 9pm**
- Saturday, 7/22: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dan Moncrief
- Saturday, 9/2: Cowboy Action Shoot, **rifle range closed 12pm - 4pm**
- Saturday, 9/9: Grand Opening Event

Good of the Order

Jolene Cox provides an update on Wallowa Ready, explaining that there will be HAM Radio testing by Josh Kesecker on Wednesday. Jolene explains that there will also be garden tours on Saturday, 7/15, with a big thank you to Pam Olsen for organizing the tours. Pam Olsen explains that she has had multiple people sign up for the event and they are working on coordinating filming of the tours for those who can not attend in person. Grady Rawls explains that he will try to film the event.

Jolene further explains that she has met with a potential instructor on proper medication storing and preparing, more information to come soon. Pam Olsen proposes canning classes for later this year before winter.



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Grady Rawls explains that he will not be present at the August or September meetings nor the Grand Opening due to conflicts with his business.

Bill Oliver explains that we need to add current membership applications/waiver forms to the new Club flyers. Grady will talk to Central Copy about printing and folding 150 – 200 copies of the application to be added to the flyers.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary