



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 9, 2023

Status: Draft – Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** Grady Rawls

**Members and Guests:** Dave Kuhlman, Allen Hart

**Handouts:** October financial statements, October membership report

**Meeting called to order at 6:39pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

The September 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 Dale Rasmussen and second by Dan Moncrief. Current checking account balance is \$39,852.42 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 the primary expenses included approximately \$1,500 towards the Education Building. John further explains that the loan payment of \$1,012 is set up on an automatic payment.

John Amond explains that year-to-date income from fees and dues is about \$48k while net income is negative \$68.5k due to the loan for Line Power. John further explains that, as shown on the balance sheet, ECS's opening equity was \$45.5k, which is more demonstrative of Club health than net income. John notes that operating expenses are estimated at \$3.2k per month and income is projected at \$50k per year.

Gary Bethscheider raises concern over annual cost for garbage being around \$1,200. John Amond notes that this includes pumping of the vault toilets. John further clarifies that Line Power expenses include Pacific Power expenses as well as all costs associated with building hook up.

Bill Oliver explains that a neighboring property to the Range is listed for sale and is being advertised as



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coming with power. Bill further notes that another neighbor is interested in hooking up to power. Bill and John Amond explain that each new hookup to the line supplying the Range property over the next 5 years will pay 25% of the line power costs back to ECS. This kick back is limited to 3 new hook ups or a total of 75% return on costs.

### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 348 as of 10/9/23, with an additional member signing up at the meeting for a total of 349. This figure includes 272 members that are paying annually and is just 5 members short of the total membership for the 2022+ membership year.

John explains that the current membership year ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and any membership dues received after 1/1/24 will cover the 2024+ membership year.

Gary Bethscheider explains that he was recently approached by a former member who expressed that he did not know his membership had lapsed. Several members present express that they have had similar conversations. Gary recommends sending out letters to those former members who have at least not renewed in recent years. John Amond will provide a list of inactive members to Dan Piper for further investigation. Gary notes that any letters should be sent after the first of the year.

Bill Oliver explains that he and John Amond have been working on distribution of life membership certificates and distribution is nearly complete.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Bill Oliver explains that he was recently contacted by the Oregon State Police who is interested in utilizing the Range again, no date has been set at this time.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Gary Bethscheider explains that the donation boxes are ready to be put up at the Range and both of the new steel coyote targets are finished but brackets are still being built. One of the coyotes is planned to be placed at the 100-yard berm and the other at the 300-yard berm. Dan Moncrief explains that the first aid boxes are being stored in the mobile home at the Range and just need contents before being placed. Gary will reach out to Lem McBurny for an update on content sourcing. Dale Rasmussen notes that there are many weeds at the 100-yard Sight-In Bay that need to be burned.

#### **Education Building Project**

Bill Oliver explains that there is a party interested in reserving the Education Building for a wedding next August and notes that he has vetted this with the Club's insurance already. Gary Bethscheider notes that ECS should purchase tables and chairs for the building soon and rent them to interested parties. Bill Oliver will discuss tables and chairs with Kim Hutchison and his experience with those used at the VFW Hall. After some discussion, it is largely agreed that rectangular tables would be better suited for the space. John Amond notes that ECS has the funds to make the purchase any time.



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Gary Bethscheider explains that we will need to mount the meter box soon and asks whether we want to try and update the gate before winter. After some discussion, it is decided that this will be a better project to try and tackle next year. Gary further explains that there is conduit run to the water cistern, but we need to run a wire from the well to the Education Building for the pressure tank still. Gary is currently trying to chase down a potential existing run to utilize.

Gary further explains that he believes the Education Building should be useable in the next few months for events such as Wallowa Ready. Gary notes that he has people lined out for finishing the sheetrock, texture, and paint but explains that lights still need to be purchased.

#### **Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects**

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will be meeting with Donnie Rynearson tomorrow to discuss final details and layout of the Trap & Skeet Range. Dan Moncrief notes that we should try to pour the concrete pad at the 100-yard Sight-In Bay at the same time as we pour for the Trap & Skeet Range.

Bill Oliver explains that there are no major updates to the Moving Target Range, but we still need to add gravel, a trench, perforated pipe, and a drain system.

#### **Wallowa Ready**

Bill Oliver explains that Jolene Cox is planning a couple of Wallowa Ready events for the Fall.

#### **Range Fees and Dues for 2024+ Membership Year**

Gary Bethscheider motions to leave Membership Dues the same as for the 2023+ year at \$95 while raising the maintenance fees by \$10 to \$50. Gary further motions to offer an early bird discount of \$10 for renewals received before 4/1/24 and to offer the 5-year membership option again. The motion was seconded by Gina Birkmaier and approved by all members present with no dissenters. Allen Hart proposes to highlight Range improvements with the membership notifications of fee increases.

#### **New Business**

##### **PEO Raffle Donation Discussion**

Bill Oliver explains that there is an upcoming event to support scholarships for local women and provides handout to all members present. The event is the PEO Gail's Holiday Evening planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wallowa Lake Lodge. Gary Bethscheider motions for an ECS Membership donation to the raffle. This motion was seconded by John Amond and approved by all present. Gary proposes that the group brings participants to the Range for a tour. Bill will discuss this opportunity with PEO.

##### **Visit from NRA Representative**

Bill Oliver explains that the Range was visited by NRA Representative Rob Berg. Bill expresses that he was very impressed with the status of the Range and NRA-sponsored projects. Bill explains that Mr. Berg is going to try to get a safe for the Education Building and encouraged ECS to apply for another NRA Grant. John Amond notes that Mr. Berg expressed that ECS is the poster child for shooting ranges in this



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area and we are doing everything the NRA wants to see grant-wise.

### **2024 NRA Grant Application**

Bill Oliver explains that there are many improvement opportunities at the Range that grants could help with, but we need to decide what to apply for and who would write the grant application. Bill explains that we could apply for anything from buildings to guns and ammo.

Gary Bethscheider proposes that we apply for something that adds to or maintains something we already have. Gary proposes some options including furniture for the Education Building, dirt for berms, a concrete pad at Sight-In Bay, and ADA accessibility.

Bill Oliver will talk with the NRA to confirm ECS eligibility to apply for another grant. After confirmation, Dan Piper will reach out to membership for interest in writing the grant application.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 10/21: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dale Rasmussen
- Monday 10/23 – Thursday 10/26: OSP Training. **Range closed intermittently, check website for specific times.**
- Friday, 10/27: Friends of the NRA Banquet at 4pm at the Cloverleaf Hall.
  - For more information, call Ken Hauxwell at (503)970-8899.
- Saturday, 12/2 – Sunday 12/3: PEO Gail's Holiday Evening Fundraising Event at the Wallowa Lake Lodge.
  - For more information, call the Wallowa Lake Lodge at (541)432-9821

### **Good of the Order**

Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like to send a letter or email to all lifetime members to ask for ECS donations towards current projects. Gary further explains that General Meetings could soon be held at the Education Building rather than the VFW Hall. Bill Oliver notes that use of the VFW Hall does not cost ECS anything, so meeting location is completely up to club preference. Dean Brown proposes use of the Education Building in summer months and use of the VFW Hall in winter months to general acceptance by all present. Notification will be sent to all members via email if/when the meeting location changes.

Gina Birkmaier notes that we should do a Christmas campaign for memberships as gift ideas. Dan Piper will work on a draft email for members.

Gina Birkmaier explains that the City of Enterprise has approved ECS's application for \$2k in grant funding for the Open House celebration held earlier this year. Great thanks are extended to Gina for her work on this application by all present. Gary Bethscheider expresses that the Open House was a huge success and proposes holding similar events regularly in the future.

Dean Brown explains that he was given dies, brass, and ammo for .358 Winchester that can be sold to raise funds for ECS. After some discussion, it is agreed that the selection be posted for \$50. Dan Piper and Gina Birkmaier will advertise the items.



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**This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:06 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary