



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 13, 2023

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, John Amond, Dan Piper, Dan Moncrief, Dean Brown, Dale Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: Grady Rawls, Gary Bethscheider, Gina Birkmaier

Members and Guests: Jack James

Handouts: November financial statements, November membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The October minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dale Rasmussen with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dan Piper and second by Jack James. Current checking account balance is \$35,382.88 and current Community Bank CD is \$10,403.44, as reported on the handout. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were handed out to all present at the meeting and 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 ECS has received \$415 in donations and \$870 in dues and fees. John notes that the building expenses are primarily for supplies for the septic system and that there were over \$500 in office expenses largely for printing of new forms, membership cards, etc. John further explains that the nearly \$1,500 in expenses towards line power were for supplies including wire and conduit. Taxes were also paid this period in the amount of \$597.05.

John Amond explains that year-to-date expenses for line power total \$101.5k which is below the budgeted amount of \$115k. John notes that the outlook is positive for this project to complete below budget. John further explains that the year-to-date net income on the P&L of negative \$73k is due to the loan for line power, but total equity is still nearly \$71k even with the loan.

John Amond explains that he is keeping \$14k in estimated remaining building expenses for the Education Building to be safe since there remain some unknowns including lighting fixtures. John notes that the reserve for the Shotgun Ranges is still being held and he is keeping TIFTA high at \$7,500 to be safe.



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Jack James asks for an explanation regarding the Wolfe Loan and notes that he has been away from Club business for a while. John Amond and Bill Oliver explain that the loan was to bring line power to the Range and that any bank loan ECS investigated required the Range property be put up as collateral, an option that the ECS Board was not comfortable with. Going with a private loan through longtime member and past President, Steven Wolfe, granted ECS more flexibility and still a low interest rate of 4%.

Membership Report

Copies of the Membership Report were handed out to all present at the meeting and it was read by John Amond. John explains that the current membership total for the 2023+ membership year is 361, including the 3 applications he received the day of the meeting. This figure includes 285 members that are paying annually and is 7 members more than the total membership for the 2022+ membership year.

John explains that the current membership year ends on March 31st, 2024, and it is agreed that any membership dues received after 12/1/23 will cover the 2024+ membership year. John notes that he has printed up the new membership forms.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that 15 SWAT members were training at the Range in October and utilized the Education Building. Bill notes that he received great reports regarding both the building and the Range facilities.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver notes that there are several damaged targets at the pistol range including a handful of broken retainer springs. Dan Moncrief notes that there should be some extra springs in the maintenance container. Dan Piper will verify and replace any springs that are available.

Education Building Project

Bill Oliver explains that Gary Betscheider is currently working on the pressurized water system for the building. After general appreciation is expressed for Gary's remarkable work on making the Education Building a reality, John Amond motions to formally name the building "Betscheider Hall". The motion was seconded by Dan Piper and approved by all present. John Amond further motions to name the Line Power Project after Steven Wolfe and to include a placard for both. This motion was seconded by Dan Piper and approved by all present.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that Gary Betscheider and Donnie Rynearson are getting close to having everything lined out to begin pouring concrete for the Trap & Skeet Range.

There were no updates given for the Moving Target Range.



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Wallowa Ready

There were no updates given for Wallowa Ready.

2023 Friends of the NRA Banquet Recap

Bill Oliver explains that the Friends of the NRA Banquet was overall a success with over 200 guests in attendance. Dan Moncrief notes that he was not able to attend the Banquet due to it being held during hunting season, but he heard some negative feedback from locals who were present. Others present confirm similar feedback, including notes that the event seemed disorganized and drug out. Other feedback from those present included recommendations for the event not being held during hunting season and not being held on a Friday.

New Business

2024 Membership Fees and Procedures

John Amond requests this Agenda item be moved for further discussion to December's General Meeting. Bill Oliver notes that the membership letter drafted by John looks good but wants to add the 5-year membership offer to the letter. John explains that he would like to email membership in the first week of December and will mail all life members.

2024 NRA Grant Application

Bill Oliver explains that the NRA representative that recently visited ECS encouraged the Club to apply for another grant, even though we have a couple of grant-funded projects still open. Bill explains that the deadline for the grant application is 12/6/23. Bill proposes that we ask for between \$10k and \$20k and notes that ideas currently being considered for request include firearms for youth events, ammo for events, safety gear, furniture for the Education Building, and steel targets. Bill asks the room if there are any wish list items or ideas, to which Dale Rasmussen proposed a new front gate and Jack James proposed clay pigeons. Bill and Dan Piper note that the front gate will take some investigation to approximate pricing and this process will not be completed before the deadline.

Volunteer Range Host Roster

Bill Oliver explains that the current ECS policy for out-of-town shooters using the Range is to not offer day-use because of insurance requiring an orientation. Instead, the policy is to ask Board Members to host the guests and request a donation to ECS. Bill notes that he recently received a donation of \$275 and a new membership out of one group of guests and received a \$100 donation and a letter from another group. The letter noted that the ECS Range was the best Range the group had ever seen.

Bill explains that he would like to develop a roster of members who are willing to host out-of-town shooters, so the burden does not sit solely with board members. Dan Piper will send an email to all membership looking for volunteers to build a distribution list. John Amond notes that we need to get a signed waiver from all guests utilizing the Range. Dan Piper will put some waiver forms in the sign-in box at the Range and will include the waiver form with hosting request emails.



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2024 Nominating Committee

Dan Piper explains that the following positions and people have terms expiring in 2023 and are up for re-election, all for 2-year terms beginning at the time of their election:

- Vice President: Gary Bethscheider
- Treasurer: John Amond
- Directors: Grady Rawls and Dean Brown

Bill Oliver asks for a volunteer to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee, to which Dean Brown volunteers. Bill explains that Dean will first need to reach out to all board members and officers that have expiring terms to see if they are interested in running again. Dale Rasmussen notes that the ECS bylaws allow for an increase in the number of board members if other ECS members are interested in joining. Dan Piper will email membership to inquire about nominations.

Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains that ECS is supporting PEO by donating a membership for the silent auction and notes that Dan Moncrief donated \$500 worth of taxidermy to the event. John Amond offers to donate 2 seats in CHL classes to the event. Bill further explains that the dinner is 12/2 and 12/3 with two separate dinners and notes that tickets for the event go fast. Bill notes that there will be 22 baskets up for raffle and tickets are available in person or online.

- Saturday, 11/18: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Kim Hutchison – (541)263-2077
- 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
- Saturday, 12/16: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**

Good of the Order

Dan Moncrief explains that he performed an orientation for a new member recently and there were some other members utilizing the Rifle Range that did not observe proper protocol regarding cold range practices. This is a good reminder that all Eagle Cap Shooters are Certified Range Officers and have both the authority and responsibility to remind and instruct other individuals about proper etiquette and safety protocols whenever necessary.

Dean Brown asks if 5-year members are eligible for the annual Gun of Your Dreams raffle. It is agreed by all present that 5-year, 10-year, and life members are all eligible for the raffle for every year their membership is paid.

John Amond announces that he is running for County Commissioner #1. This announcement is met by applause and support by all present. John explains that he is 1 of 5 running for the position.

Bill Oliver explains that Gina Birkmaier couldn't be present at the meeting, but she requested that ECS consider entering a float into the annual Winterfest Lighted Parade. The parade will be held on 12/9. After some discussion, it was confirmed that all members present at the meeting already had other commitments for 12/9. With the fast-approaching deadline, it was decided that ECS would not enter a float this year but would consider it for next year.



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Dean Brown asks if there have been any takers for the 358 Winchester dies, ammo, and brass that was donated to ECS. Dan Piper explains that there have been no takers, but it had not yet been posted on the website, only the ECS Facebook page. Dan will get it posted on the website for a broader reach.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary