



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 11, 2023

Status: Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** Gina Birkmaier

**Members and Guests:** Kim Hutchison, Christian Gray

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:36pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Gary Bethscheider and second by Dean Brown. Current checking account balance is \$31,390.47 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 for year-to-date in 2023, John explains that the total annual income has been \$53k, which includes donations, membership dues, and maintenance fees. John notes that we also received almost \$11k in contributions from Charlie Danforth and others that is not included in this income total. John further explains that the total cost to Pacific Power for line power has come to \$101.5k, which is below the budgeted amount of \$115k. John explains that the new expense towards the Trap & Skeet Range of \$3.2k is for concrete and notes that this expense has been removed from the project budget. The total expenses year-to-date are \$138k, which includes \$100k for the line power/Wolfe loan. John explains that he is using the difference of \$38k to estimate the monthly run rate for expenses.

Regarding the Balance Sheet, John Amond explains that the Community Bank CD is the reserve account for the Wolfe Loan and the Hauxwell CDs are other club reserves including for long-term members. The Hauxwell CDs have a balance of \$25k. John explains that ECS's total equity is currently almost \$67k.

Dan Moncrief asks for clarification regarding the Community Bank CD account as a reserve for the Wolfe Loan. Bill Oliver and John Amond explain that ECS must reserve one-year's payment amount towards



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the Loan per the agreement. Bill explains that this reserve was a small ask by the loaner since the property was not required as collateral and no lien was required. John Amond notes that he would like to discuss and consider early payments towards loan principal each January during the loan term.

John Amond explains that he has kept \$14k budgeted for completing the Education Building and \$7k for completing the Trap & Skeet Range, this is in addition to the \$2.7k remaining in NRA grant funds towards the project. Gary Bethscheider explains that bids have been coming in higher than expected for machine enclosures at the shotgun range and estimates that we will need an additional \$10k to complete the project. John notes that we have \$7.5k in TIFTA that may cover most or all of additional expenses.

Bill Oliver explains that any funds to be received from the raffle for the recently awarded TNC Buck Hunt tag are not included in the budget. Dean Brown indicates that ECS could make \$10k in ticket sales from the raffle.

Gary Bethscheider notes that he would like to send a letter to all life members asking for donations. John Amond explains that he is currently working on a mailing list for distribution and is drafting the letter. John is hoping to mail the letter in January.

John Amond explains that he has received an invoice for \$100 from the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce for our membership renewal and asks if we would like to renew. Renewal was approved on a motion by Gary Bethscheider and a second by Dean Brown. Dan Piper will coordinate with the Chamber for getting meetings and events added to the Chamber's calendar. Grady Rawls volunteered to provide ECS brochures and membership forms to the Chamber.

### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2023+ membership year was 361, which is 7 members more than the total membership for the 2022+ membership year. John explains that there are currently 112 members for the 2024+ year which includes 7 paying members.

John Amond explains that he has printed up new membership/application forms and asks all members to remove old forms from around town and replace them with the new forms.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Kim Hutchison explains that he should be able to get work crews at the range again this year to perform maintenance, including trash pickup, weed spraying, burning berms, etc. Kim also explains that he would like to add rebar framed target hangers on the south end of the Rifle Range from 50 to 100 yards for use by the Oregon State Police.

Bill Oliver explains that the Sheriff's department is interested in doing a night shoot at the range, but this event has not yet been scheduled. Bill explains that nighttime shooting can be an issue for the conditional use permit for the site and if we ever wanted to get serious about night shooting, we will have to talk to the neighbors and develop a program. Bill notes that any previous night shoots have not



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been a problem to date.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Dan Moncrief explains that he recently purchased new target springs for the pistol range and Dan Piper replaced all of them that were broken.

Gary Bethscheider explains that rats have gotten into both the mobile home and the maintenance shed at the range and notes that we need to inspect all of the shooting bags and everything else that is stored in these areas. Kim Hutchison notes that any delicate items could be moved to the shipping container at the Rifle Range, Kim will look into this. Gary notes that we should invest in several shelving units for the storage areas at the Range.

Dan Moncrief asks if we can get rid of the mobile home completely. John Amond explains that the Oregon State Police use the mobile home for trainings a couple of times per year. Bill Oliver will talk to them about improving the facility.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that the ceiling sheetrock is all mudded and taped but sheetrock work continues throughout the building and he is still working on getting the heaters installed. Gary notes that he is still exploring conduit runs from the building to other range facilities.

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

Gary Bethscheider explains that the foundations for the Trap & Skeet Houses are poured and he is currently pricing out the structures. Gary further explains that the walkways still need to be poured and he wants to lay out a future lighting configuration.

There were no updates given for the Moving Target Range.

#### **Wallowa Ready**

There were no updates given for Wallowa Ready.

### **New Business**

#### **2024 Board and Officers Election Planning and Board Size Confirmation**

Bill Oliver explains that Dean Brown is the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Board and Officers Election for 2024 and that the election meeting needs to take place within the first quarter of the year, according to our bylaws. Bill explains that he would like to set the election for during the General Meeting in January. Dean Brown explains that all board members and officers with expiring terms have agreed to run again. Bill notes that members can be nominated up to the day of the election and explains that we can increase the size of the Board from 9 members up to 11 if we desire. John Amond motions to keep the Board at 9 members for the time being and to hold elections the second Monday of every January. This motion was seconded by Dean Brown and approved by all present. Gary



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Bethscheider asks if this can be changed later and notes that we may be able to get more help from board members if there were more of them. Dale Rasmussen confirms that the size of the board can be expanded at any time by vote of the board.

### **2024 Gun of Your Dreams Raffle**

Gary Bethscheider explains that he does not want to use Grain Growers for the gift certificate and would like to make the gift certificate for Curt White's Man Shack Gun Shop instead as he has been acting as the club's FFL for recent events. Gary motions to use the Man Shack Gun Shop for the 2024 raffle. This motion was seconded by John Amond and approved by all present. John notes that the drawing for the raffle should be held at the General Meeting in April.

Dan Moncrief asks when membership payments need to be received in order to be entered into the raffle. John Amond confirms that payments must be received by the Treasurer by 3/31/24 in order to be eligible.

### **Upcoming Events**

Dean Brown explains that he still has a buck tag and may be hunting during his scheduled orientation. John Amond explains that he has performed several orientations for new members recently so thinks it is unlikely that the scheduled orientation will be necessary. Kim Hutchison volunteers to cover for Dean if necessary.

- Saturday, 12/16: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Kim Hutchison – (541)263-2077
- Saturday, 12/16: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Monday, 1/8/24: ECS General Meeting and Board Elections | VFW Hall in Enterprise

### **Good of the Order**

Bill Oliver explains that the PEO Banquet was a success with over \$4k in raffle sales. Bill notes that the donated ECS membership was sold for \$110 at auction and Dan Moncrief's donation of \$500 in taxidermy work was sold for \$450. Bill further notes that dinner tickets were almost sold out.

Bill Oliver explains that he recently received a call from a marketing agency about advertising in the Alpine Meadows Golf Course scorecard. Bill explains that he is not overly interested in the opportunity but asks those present for feedback. John Amond explains that he would like to give Bill the authority to decline any offering from solicitors on behalf of ECS, this was agreed by all present and Bill will not move forward with the advertising opportunity.

Dean Brown explains that Eagle Cap Shooters was awarded a hunting tag for a Buck Hunt on Zumwalt property owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the 2024 season. Dean explains that we put in for a Bull Elk tag but were not awarded it. Dean explains that the tag is for a 5-day guided hunt with housing provided. Dean further explains that the hunting guide can cater the hunt to the tag holder to offer a hunting experience appropriate for their experience and physical ability.

Dean Brown explains that there will be a total of 500 tickets available for the TNC Buck Hunt and each ticket will be sold at \$20 per ticket. Dean explains how board members should track ticket sales. Dean notes that he has all the tickets on hand for distribution and notes that members can participate in the



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raffle. Dean receives great thanks from all members present for his work on this fundraising opportunity.

Dean Brown explains that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) banquet is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dean explains that the organization and the event always bring a lot of money to the County and notes that there are funds available for gun clubs. This would be worth investigating once a trap/skeet club is formed after completion of the shotgun range.

Gary Betscheider asks those present for their thoughts on options for a new front gate and explains that we need to add a meter before we can have power at the gate. John Amond proposes holding off on placing a meter for now. Dan Piper and Dan Moncrief will investigate options for a gate and card reader.

Kim Hutchison explains that he has someone interested in viewing military rifles. Kim is working on organizing a gun show & tell for some time in February. More information to follow.

#### **This Old Gun**

Dean Brown presented an old black powder shotgun that was his wife's grandfather's and explains that he would like to bring it back to working condition and use it for hunting again someday.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:06 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary