



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

P.O. Box 499
Joseph, OR 97846

www.eaglecapshooters.com

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 12, 2024

Status: Draft – Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Gary Bethscheider, Dan Piper, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Josh Kesecker, Tom Thornton

Handouts: February financial statements, February membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Warm welcome to all, especially Tom Thornton, a long time member, and Josh Kesecker for his willing offer to help with installation of an automated Range Gate.

Last Month's Minutes

The January minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dan Moncrief 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 Gina Birkmaier. Current checking account balance is \$48,763, as reported on the handout, plus an addition approximately \$3,500 in recent membership receipts not yet deposited. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

It was noted that the first payment was made to Pacific Power for electricity in the amount of \$1,251, which covers several months since hookup.

John Amond was commended by all present for making excellent reports and for keeping our finances in good order. John was additionally commended for recently crafting a letter that was sent to all Life Members urging them to make further contributions in support of range development.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2024+ membership is 155 as of the meeting date, including 89 paying members. John notes that several new memberships have been received recently that were not included on the report. It was noted that memberships are coming in at a rapid rate and it seemed we were on track to reach the break-even point with membership revenue of last year. The membership report was welcomed as good



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

P.O. Box 499
Joseph, OR 97846

www.eaglecapshooters.com

news and John Amond commended for his diligent work with membership renewal.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

It was reported that the Marion County Sheriff's office has reserved the Range for a Sniper Training to be held on June 10-12 and that interest in use of the Range for Law Enforcement training seems to be growing. Comments by recent users have been very positive, ending with the comment "We want to come back".

It was further noted that law enforcement leadership at the City, County, and State levels should be encouraged to be more active in public service projects at the Range; including, but not limited to, acting as Match Directors, leading or participating in special events for youth, veterans, women, etc.

Old Business

Range Report

Dan Moncrief and Dan Piper reported that metal targets at both ranges have been repaired and more work on that front will continue as weather improves.

It was reported that the County Road Department, with Carl McFetridge as plow operator, had plowed Ant Flat Road to the Range access gate twice and will continue to keep the road in good shape for the remainder of the winter season. Much appreciated and without which the range could not function year-around.

Education Building Project

It was reported that Gary Bethscheider would soon return from holiday and get propane working in the Education Building so it would be warm enough to finish sheetrock and apply finish paint to the interior.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

It was noted that the concrete foundations for trap and skeet houses are complete and bids are being sought for laying concrete block walls and construction of remainder of trap and skeet field.

Wallowa Ready

Since the recent presentations on "Emergency Communications" and "Home Gardening" were successful in content and participation, it was agreed that the series of community preparedness presentations should be continued and that "Emergency Medical" and "Prescription Management" should be the two topics for Spring, perhaps followed by Hunting/Making Meat as well as Food Preservation Alternatives. Jolene Cox has agreed to plan the Spring presentations and work on future possibilities as well.

New Business

2024 Orientation Schedule Planning

No further orientation schedule planning was performed at the meeting.



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

P.O. Box 499
Joseph, OR 97846

www.eaglecapshooters.com

Planning and Discussion for New Facility Gate

President Bill Oliver introduced ECS Life Member Josh Kesecker to present a plan for installing an automated gate at the Range entrance. There followed a presentation of feasibility and budget along with questions from those present and answers by Josh and others. Those present approved Josh's proposal for installation and a budget of up to \$12,000 to cover the costs of radios, routers, and all other necessary equipment, not including the gate structure and movement mechanism. Josh, Bill, Gary Bethscheider, and Dan Piper will do a field survey and further determine feasibility and any remaining issues to be resolved. Various gate configurations and manufacturers of movement mechanisms were discussed, including local examples for study.

It was agreed that surveillance cameras should be included along with lighting, a manual override system, pedestals and card readers and cards. The overall plan and cost was approved on a motion by John Amond, seconded by Dan Moncrief, with the understanding that work would commence immediately and that further reports would be provided. All present expressed thanks to Josh for stepping forward and offering a very well-articulated plan at a significantly reduced cost.

Upcoming Events

It was confirmed that Dan Piper will conduct a Range Safety Orientation session for new members at 10am on February 18th and will host a new member family shoot, especially for young shooters at the same time. A review of other upcoming events was conducted and members were especially encouraged to visit the "Military Arms Show and Tell" event on 2/18 at the VFW Hall that has been arranged by Kim Hutchison. All are welcome with no fees or charges.

- Saturday, 2/17: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dan Piper – (541)398-1332
- Sunday, 2/18: Summit Security Training. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 5pm**
- Sunday, 2/18: Military Arms Show and Tell | VFW Hall in Enterprise | 12pm – 5pm
- Saturday, 3/9: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 9am – 3pm**
- Saturday, 3/30: Hunter Safety Field Day. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 2pm**
- Monday, 6/10 through Tuesday, 6/11: Marion County Sheriff's Sniper School. **Rifle Range Closed 8am – 9pm**
- Friday, 8/2 through Saturday, 8/3: Wedding Reception Setup. Education Building Reserved.
- Saturday, 8/3 through Sunday, 8/4: Wedding Reception. **Entire Range Facilities Closed Saturday at 5pm through Sunday at 9am**

Good of the Order

None

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Bill Oliver, President