



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 11, 2024

Status: Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members and Guests:** Tom Thornton

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:34pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

The February 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 Gina Birkmaier and second by Gary Bethscheider. Current checking account balance is \$42,330.35 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 2024, John explains that the total income has been \$8,640 and total expenses have been \$5,824. The income since the last meeting totals \$2,120 with expenses of \$1,238, which includes a loan payment for \$1,012.

John further explains that the current cash on hand is \$42k with another \$48k of income expected from membership dues and fees. With an estimated \$14k in expense remaining for the Education Building and \$30k in out-of-pocket expense remaining for the shotgun ranges and other minor expenses, this leaves us with an estimated \$36k in available cash for the year. John notes that our reserve accounts currently hold \$33.5k for long-term memberships and the Wolfe Loan. John explains that these are a little heavy since some reserve accounts have not been reduced for long-term memberships yet, which will give us some extra cash.

Gary Bethscheider notes that the Gate Project isn't included in the expected expenses yet. John explains that the gate project is currently estimated at \$12k - \$20k and will be added to the cash projection.



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### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2024+ membership year is 171 as of the meeting date, with a total of 105 of these members paying annually. John notes that at least 15 memberships have come in this month alone including one new 5-year membership.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Bill Oliver explains that he recently talked to the Portland PD about doing a training later this year and they will likely leave brass again. Gary Bethscheider asks that any trainings utilizing the Moving Target Range to be no earlier than June.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Dan Moncrief explains that he has some extra springs for targets at the Pistol Range. Gary Bethscheider explains that he has 2 coyote targets that need to be painted and hung at the Rifle Range. It was generally agreed upon that one target would be placed at the 100-yard berm and the other at the 300-yard berm.

Gary notes that he has spoken to a community member who has agreed to donate some time towards weed spraying at the Range this year, it was recommended that we spray 3 times per year. Bill Oliver explains that we will also pursue another cost sharing grant with Wallowa County for these efforts, Dean Brown will investigate this. Bill will pursue additional pricing estimates for this expense.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that heat is now turned on at the building, sheet rock will begin again in the next couple of weeks. Gary explains that he will run an additional CAT5 cable to the door at the South end of the building for a card reader. Gary will also work on adding a small heater and insulation to the storage area of the building.

Bill Oliver notes that he has spoken with Kim Hutchison and the VFW Hall has enough tables and chairs that we don't necessarily need to purchase any right away. Bill explains that he would like to be picky when buying chairs and would like to prioritize low maintenance and high comfort. Gary will do further research on this and will look at costs for 150 chairs and 25 tables.

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

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will be meeting with a contractor again this week to re-visit the shoot houses at the Shotgun Ranges and get updated pricing estimates. Gary notes that this contractor has provided the best estimate to date with a price of \$13k which is about half of the other estimates received.

Bill Oliver notes that he talked with Colby Knifong who has 42 trap members in Wallowa who are willing to volunteer labor to help with this project.



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### **Front Gate Project**

Bill Oliver explains that Josh Kesecker is working with Dan Piper and Gary Bethscheider to get equipment purchased, create accounts, and add infrastructure for this project. Gary explains that only minor modifications will be made to the gate itself, including for bracing and signage.

### **Wallowa Ready**

Bill Oliver explains that he talked to Jolene Cox recently and she wants to continue Wallowa Ready in 2024. The next training will likely be for first aid. Dates are still being worked out for this training.

### **New Business**

#### **2024 Orientation Schedule Planning**

The Orientation Schedule was filled with volunteers apart from October and November, which will need to be filled later. Bill Oliver notes that Dan Piper held the orientation in February and agreed to host a family shoot during the orientation with non-members, this hosting resulted in a membership and a donation.

### **Upcoming Events**

Bill Oliver explains that Summit Church recently utilized the Range for a training with their security staff. This training brought in \$90 and went very well. John Amond notes that he was on site for a portion of the training and was very pleased with their professionalism.

Bill further explains that he and John have been working with Marion County on organizing the Sheriff's Sniper School. Bill explains that the County has asked for a W-9 and a Rental Agreement. Dale Rasmussen volunteered to help Bill draft a Rental Agreement for this and future use.

- Saturday, 3/16: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Grady Rawls – (541)908-2375
- Saturday, 3/30: Hunter Safety Field Day. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 2pm**
- Saturday, 4/6: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 9am – 3pm**
- Sunday, 5/19: Summit Security Training. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 3:30pm**
- Monday, 6/10 through Tuesday, 6/11: Marion County Sheriff's Sniper School. **Rifle Range Closed all day**
- Wednesday, 7/17 through Thursday, 7/18: Portland Police Sniper Training. **Rifle Range Closed all day**
- Wednesday, 7/31 through Thursday, 8/1: Portland Police Sniper Training. **Rifle Range Closed all day**
- 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**
- Saturday, 8/10: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 9am – 3pm**

### **Good of the Order**

Dan Moncrief raises the question of when sponsorship renewals are due. For ease of tracking, it is



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agreed by all present that annual sponsorship renewals will be due on 4/1 of every year. John Amond will compile a list of donors to speak with. Gary Bethscheider explains that we still have several sponsorship signs that need to be hung as well as 4 donation boxes. Dan M adds that we still have First Aid boxes ready to be placed if we can procure contents. Gary will reach out to Lem McBurney about the status of First Aid contents.

Bill Oliver explains that John has sent out a letter to all life members requesting donations.

Dean Brown explains that we will need to hold the drawing for the TNC Buck Tag at the next General Meeting. Dean notes that he will likely record the drawing and will have someone who did not purchase a ticket do the drawing. Bill notes that we will also do the Gun of Your Dreams raffle drawing at the next meeting as well.

Bill Oliver and Gary Bethscheider explain that they will both be out of town for the April meeting.

**This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:37pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary