



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 13, 2024

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Grady Rawls, Dan Moncrief

Members and Guests: Dave Kuhlman, Noel Walker

Handouts: May financial statements, May membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The April minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Gary Bethscheider with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dean Brown and second by Gina Birkmaier. Current checking account balance is \$40,218.40 and current CDs total \$35,403.44, as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Regarding the P&L statements, John explains that we brought in about \$2,355 in fees and dues since the last meeting and about \$18k year-to-date. John notes that fees and dues for the 2024+ membership year total about \$20k as of the meeting date. John explains that we have spent \$3k on the shotgun ranges, \$385 in taxes, and \$755 on utilities since the last meeting. John further notes that the expenses for taxes were for preparation and filing. John highlights that year-to-date we have spent \$3.6k on the gate project and \$800 for the Gun of Your Dreams raffle.

John further explains that we currently have about \$40k cash on hand with an estimated \$9k still to come in from memberships. With an estimated remaining out of pocket cost of \$12k for the Education Building, \$24k for the Shotgun Ranges, \$4k for the Front Gate, and other project expenses, John notes that we are currently forecasted with a negative \$1k for cash on hand. John explains that this estimate does not include any donations and we still have funds in reserve accounts for long term members that have not been allocated to cash yet.

Bill explains that he recently spoke with our insurer and notes that our premium should be coming down by several hundred dollars for this year. Bill notes that after reviewing the insurance documents, there is



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quite a bit of coverage included with the policy. Bill will send a copy of the policy documentation to Board Members. Bill notes that the Education Building is insured for \$400k.

Gary Bethscheider asks if income from the Nature Conservancy Buck Hunt Tag raffle has been included in the Treasurer's Report. John confirms that this information can be found on the November P&L and is included in the financial statements.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2024+ membership year is 270 as of the meeting date, with a total of 204 of these members paying annually. John notes he received a couple of more memberships as of the day of the meeting and we are still on pace to meet our total membership count for last year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that it may be difficult to get a work crew at the Range right now and that he is unsure if it will happen this year at all, according to Kim Hutchison.

Old Business

Range Report

Gary Bethscheider explains that the wooden target hangers at the Rifle Range are in poor condition and have been shot heavily recently. Gary explains that we need to schedule a maintenance day soon to perform repairs. Multiple members note that they have observed targets being stapled directly to the posts and crossbeams recently. Dan Piper will send a reminder email to all members about proper target procedures and notes that this should likely be an annual reminder. Dale Rasmussen proposes reaching out to local appliance retailers to see if they have large sheets of cardboard available for us to provide at the range for membership use. Dan Piper will investigate some options.

Bill Oliver explains that he has been in contact with a contractor for weed spraying who will look at the weed conditions and provide an estimate for the work. The contractor noted that two sprayings this year would be ideal, including one in Spring and one in Fall. Bill notes that the contractor would accept a membership as partial payment and would likely donate a portion of the costs. Dean Brown will look at burning the tumble weeds on site in preparation for weed spraying.

Dan Piper notes that several of the steel targets are still damaged at the Pistol Range. Dean Brown and Dan Moncrief will work on getting these targets repaired.

Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that most of the building is sheetrocked and he is working on adding the wiring for the card reader at the north man door. Bill Oliver explains that he has done some research on chairs and has been most impressed with the Lifetime brand chairs such as those found at the Cloverleaf Hall. Those in attendance agreed that the quality of these chairs is good. Bill notes that the cost for 200 chairs and 20 tables in this style would be about \$11.5k - \$12k, which is outside of our current budget. Gary and John Amond propose a fundraiser for chairs and tables. There is some discussion over offering



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plaques to donors. The Board will work on a fundraiser campaign and options.

Gary Bethscheider explains that the Cloverleaf recently purchased new kitchen appliances and Gary has been talking with the County about them donating the old appliances for the Education Building. Gary further explains that he has spoken with several local contractors about our need for cabinets and they will keep us in mind for any remodel projects where they remove cabinets that are in good condition.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Gary Bethscheider explains that we have gotten the block delivered for the trap houses and construction will begin soon.

Gary further explains that the pit for the Moving Target Range still has standing water. Gary will pump the water and work on building a drain system.

Front Gate Project

Dan Piper explains that he is working with Josh Kesecker who is confirming some preliminary programming of the controller. Dan explains that he believes they have found a way to integrate the system with the commercially available gate opener controller without excessive modification.

Wallowa Ready

Bill Oliver explains that Jolene Cox has had some difficulty getting instructors locked in to times for classes, but she is targeting June as a timeline.

New Business

Youth Shoot Date and Arrangements

Bill Oliver explains that David McKenzie has volunteered to host the Youth Shoot for this year, but we need to decide on a date for the event. Board members will investigate local events to try and identify a reasonable date for late summer or early fall and discuss at the next general meeting. Gary Bethscheider volunteers to cater the event again this year, John and Jude Amond volunteer to help with the pistol event, Dan and Amanda Piper volunteer to help with registration, and Gina Birkmaier volunteers to help with organization and publicity. Bill Oliver will work with Mike Teece to try and coordinate the event with the Hunter Safety Range Day.

Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains that he reached out to McCluskey Arms regarding their inquiry to host a large event next year. Bill explains that he had a good conversation with the organization and, after discussion, they will not be using our Range for the event due to the intended scale of the event.

Bill explains that he has a conflict on 5/18 for hosting the Range Orientation. John Amond volunteered to cover the orientation and Bill will take the open slot for 10/19.

Dan Piper explains that he received multiple emails from members expressing their interest in a Military Arms Shoot. Bill Oliver will discuss with Kim Hutchison for potential coordination.



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- Saturday, 5/18: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: John Amond | (503)799-9534
- Saturday, 5/18: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 9am – 12pm**
- Sunday, 5/19: Summit Training. **Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 3:30pm**
- Saturday, 6/1: Cowboy Action Shoot. **Rifle Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Monday, 6/10 through Tuesday, 6/11: Marion County Sheriff's Sniper School. **Rifle Range Closed all day**
- Saturday, 6/16: 21 Feet Training. **Pistol Range Closed 9am – 3pm**
- Saturday, 7/6: Cowboy Action Shoot. **Rifle Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**
- 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**
- Saturday, 8/10: Cowboy Action Shoot. **Rifle Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**
- Saturday, 9/7: Cowboy Action Shoot. **Rifle Range Closed 12pm – 4pm**

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Bill Oliver explains that the winners of the Gun of Your Dreams raffle, Patty and Brett Murphy, were very pleased to have won and noted that they would like to make a donation towards the Youth Shoot when it comes time.

Bill Oliver explains that we are being donated several safety vests and high-visibility gear from Cheryl Fitzgerald that can be used for events. John Amond will work on a thank you letter.

Bill Oliver explains that Dale Rasmussen has been working on drafting a Range Rental Form.

Noel Walker explains that he has several books on old firearms and asks if there is a Range library that he could donate the books to. Bill explains that there is not currently a library established, but we should consider adding one to the Education Building. Dave Kuhlman notes that he also has some books he could donate to the library as well.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary