



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 10, 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: Noel Walker

Handouts: June financial statements, June membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The May minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Gina Birkmaier 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 Dean Brown. Current checking account balance is \$36,823.38 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 \$2.2k in fees and dues since the last meeting and have paid \$2.8k on insurance and another \$2.8k on concrete block for the shotgun ranges. John explains that year-to-date we have spent about \$5k towards the Line Power Loan, including interest, and total expenses have been just over \$24k. With an originally estimated expense burn rate of \$4k/month, we are right on track.

Regarding the Balance Sheet, John explains that all of the Hauxwell CDs have staggered maturity for flexibility and notes that we have \$96.6k remaining on the Line Power Loan.

John further explains that we have an estimated \$7k remaining income from membership this year. With all of the estimated remaining expenses towards projects, we are currently looking at an estimated negative balance of \$3.7k, however, John explains that he has held \$4k in reserve for operating expenses, \$7.5k in TIFTA, and about \$5k in reserves for long-term members that can all be brought forward if the negative forecasted balance is not made up by membership dues and donations.



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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 286 as of the meeting date, with a total of 220 of these members paying annually. John notes that we are still on pace with the membership count for last year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

No update was given.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver notes that Rahn's dumped the dumpster this week and he replaced the lock on the front gate as the old one had become damaged.

Dean Brown explains that he burnt the tumbleweeds last week using the Fire Department's water truck, and he coordinated with Powder River for weed spraying. They will hit the burnt areas first and mentioned that it may not need any more spray until Fall but they can play it by ear. Bill notes that he found our supply of weed chemical from a couple of years ago which was able to be mixed with new product for use. Casey with Powder River donated 20% of the costs and took a membership as partial payment. Gary Betscheider notes that we should be able to receive partial reimbursement from the County on the bill for weed spraying.

Gary explains that he will be doing some target maintenance at the Rifle Range and will mount the new coyote targets, one at the 100-yard berm and one at the 300-yard berm. John Amond notes that he has white paint he can donate for painting the new targets.

Gary proposes that we form a work party once or twice a year for target and general range maintenance. Gary will also investigate adding steel to vertical members of wood target hangers to protect them. Gary further notes that we still have 4 donation boxes to hang at the Range.

Bill Oliver explains that Gary Betscheider has been working hard on all the projects going on at the Range for a long time. Bill extended great gratitude for all of Gary's work and explained that he would like to get Gary some help to finish up some of these items. With a low volume of volunteers to help with these projects, Bill explains that we have solicited bids from Stockdale Contracting to help. Bill and Gary presented the proposal received, which includes work towards the gate project, the moving target range, and the drain field. The proposal is for a total of \$4,209, they are willing to take partial payment in the form of a lifetime membership. Further, they have a truckload of logs that they are willing to donate to the Range. The proposal was accepted with a minor change to language on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dan Piper.

Education Building Project

Bill Oliver explains that he recently learned that the VFW has about 150 chairs in storage that were donated from the American Legion location in Joseph when that site closed. Kim Hutchison and Mike Tece both agree that the chairs should go to ECS. Kim and Gary Betscheider will coordinate for getting



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the chairs transported and stored at the Building.

Gary Bethscheider asks the group whether we should sheetrock and insulate the storage room at the Building. After some discussion, it was agreed to move forward. Gary notes that he will use waferboard on at least the lower walls for longevity. Gary asks about a whiteboard and projector for the Building. John Amond notes that he has a screen and projector that he will donate to the Building.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Gary Bethscheider explains that construction of the trap houses has begun.

Gary further explains that cleaning and shaping of the existing hole as well as installation of a drain and sump pit are included in the proposal from Stockdale.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like to meet with Josh Kesecker and Dan Piper on site soon to finalize locations for the card reader pedestals and Stockdale will help with the trenchwork.

Wallowa Ready

Bill Oliver explains that Jolene Cox has continued to have some difficulty getting instructors locked in to times for classes, Bill will try to help.

New Business

Youth Shoot Date and Arrangements

Bill Oliver explains that he recently met with David McKenzie, who has volunteered to host the Youth Shoot for this year. In order to coordinate with Mike Teece and to align with the Hunter Safety Range Day again this year, the date for the Youth Shoot has been set for 9/21/24.

Gina Birkmaier will investigate the possibility of applying for a grant from the City of Enterprise again this year. Gary Bethscheider will cater the event. Gina and Gary will work together to seek donations from local companies towards the Youth Shoot.

John Amond proposes looking for sponsors for the event to help cover costs. Dean Brown explains that RMEF has a program to donate money to events like this, he believes that 2024 funds have already been allocated, but he will investigate.

Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains Dale Rasmussen has put together an Event Agreement for events. The initial draft of the Agreement was presented by Bill and Dale. It was agreed that everyone would review the draft and discuss it at the General Meeting in July.

Bill further explains that Mike Hall, a non-local, came out to the Range last year and shot trap and made a good donation. Mike wants to come back at the end of June and use our existing trap equipment. Bill explains that we need a volunteer to host Mike and his group on either June 28th or 29th. Gary



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Bethscheider explains that he will look into having line power to the thrower. Dan Piper will send out an email looking for volunteers.

Bill notes that there was a Cowboy Action shoot last week and urges everyone to participate in July. Bill explains that Kim brings plenty of guns and ammo for everyone to use.

- Saturday, 6/15: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Gary Bethscheider | (541)263-0304
- Sunday, 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**
- Saturday, 9/21: Annual Youth Shoot. **Details to come.**

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Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like one individual to take charge of handling donor sign hanging. Dan Piper volunteers and will take care of purchasing and mounting going forward.

Bill Oliver explains that he and his wife will be hosting an Open House at their recently completed Kominka Tea House on June 22nd and 23rd and invites everyone to join.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09pm

Next Meeting: Monday, August 12th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary