



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Status: Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dean Brown, Grady Rawls

**Members and Guests:** Kim Hutchison, Dave Kuhlman, Gary, Jeff

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:32pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

The August minutes were read and approved on a motion by Gary Bethscheider 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 Dan Moncrief and second by Dave Kuhlman. Current checking account balance is \$20,450.08 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 \$945 in fees and dues since the last meeting and have spent \$1.4k on final payment of insurance for the year. Total donations year to date total only \$2.3k with \$24k in total membership fees and dues. Total expenses year to date are about \$45k with \$4.4k towards the building, \$9.1k towards the line power loan, \$5.8k towards the gate, \$9.7k towards the shotgun range, and \$6k towards utilities.

John explains that electrical costs have been about \$500/month. Gary Bethscheider notes that this may be in error and suspects that Pacific Power may be charging us a fee that they shouldn't be. Bill Oliver and Gary will investigate these costs to confirm they are correct.

John further explains that we had a \$10k CD reach maturity this month that John liquidated and moved to a money market account. This \$10k is included in the total cash on hand figure of \$30k. John explains that he has lowered the projected total income for a 12-month period from \$50k to \$30k. This decrease is in part due to the realization of 5-year membership expense (covered by the reserve CD accounts with Hauxwell) and largely due to low donations. At this same time last year, we had received almost \$11k in



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donations compared to the \$2.3k we have received this year. John also notes that our expenses are higher this year than last year, excluding the costs for line power that were covered by the loan. At this time last year, total expenses were about \$27k compared to \$45k this year. John notes that projects are a large part of this expense and can be spread out if need be. John estimates total annual expenses of \$30k after current projects are completed.

Bill Oliver asks John if there is cause for concern. John explains that there is no cause for concern at this time as we still have reserve accounts in place. John notes that the biggest unforeseen impact to our finances has been the drop in donations. Gary Betscheider explains that he would like to hold a fundraiser soon. Bill notes that a fundraiser would be more prudent after some of the current projects are completed.

John will also expense the remaining \$2.7k in NRA grant funds for the shotgun range.

### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2024+ membership year is 314 as of the meeting date, with a total of 248 of these members paying annually. John notes that he has one more application waiting to be added and received 2 more at the meeting. Bill Oliver and John both comment on regular phone calls coming in for renewals.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Kim Hutchison explains that local law enforcement recently did a nighttime/low light training at the Range that went very well. Bill Oliver explains that our permit does not fully allow night shoots and only permits them with special permissions. Bill asks for all present to let him know if anyone hears of any complaints about this training. Kim further explains that the training was complete mid-evening, so hopefully the timing was not unreasonable for our neighbors. Bill notes again that after-hours shooting at the Range is on a pre-approval basis only.

Bill further notes that he has not received any word from Oregon SWAT yet about their annual training.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Bill Oliver explains that the silhouette targets are missing from the Pistol Range and asks all present if they know where they are. No one present knows of their whereabouts. John Amond suggests double checking with Dean Brown regarding repairs and then reaching out to some of the organizations who have recently utilized the Range for trainings to inquire.

John Amond explains that he will donate a trickle charger for the 4-wheeler now that there is line power to the Rifle Range. Bill Oliver and Dan Moncrief will move the 4-wheeler to the North end of the Rifle Bay where there is an outlet and will ensure the 4-wheeler has fuel.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Betscheider explains that sheetrock work continues and more time will be put in to sheetrock



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before the Youth Shoot. Gary will also reach out to Josh Kesecker to confirm final details for the card reader at the South man door.

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

Gary Bethsheider explains that progress continues at the Trap & Skeet Range on block houses. Gary explains that work at the Moving Target Range is currently being scheduled and hopes to have work completed before the weather changes.

### **Front Gate Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that the contractor being scheduled for the Moving Target Range will also dig the trenches for the gate.

### **Wallowa Ready**

Bill Oliver explains that Grady Rawls is planning the next trainings for late fall after hunting season. The next classes will be for first aid and pharmaceutical storage and supply.

### **New Business**

#### **Youth Shoot Arrangements**

Bill Oliver explains that he, David McKenzie, and Kim Hutchison recently met at the Range and worked out final details for the shooting events for the Youth Shoot. The event will include 2 age classes: 8-12 and 13-17. A parent or guardian must be present for each shooter. The event will be coordinated with hunter safety and instructor Mike Teece to include his students. Bill further explains that we still need RSOs for the event. Several members present volunteer.

Gina Birkmaier and Bill explain that we should have plenty of prizes from generous donations made by VFW, 3 Bears Towing, Sports Coral, Joseph Hardware, the Stubborn Mule, Grain Growers, and others.

Dan Piper will coordinate with Jim Hensen to borrow tables from the VFW Hall and return them after the event. Bill Oliver will arrange having the toilets cleaned before the event and will add a hand-wash station.

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will supply lunch which will be free for participants and \$10 per meal for adults. We will also have a donation jar available.

Gina Birkmaier explains that the City Council meeting for September was postponed, so the October meeting will include grant discussions and a decision on our request for a City Grant to help fund the event.

#### **Discussion of Long-Term Memberships and Maintenance Fees**

Bill Oliver postponed this discussion for the time being.

#### **Non-Lead Sight-In Days**

Bill Oliver explains that we did not host a non-lead sight-in day this year but asks those present about



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interest in hosting such an event next year. Bill explains that ammunition is provided and offers an opportunity for hunters to try lead projectile alternatives and see how they perform with their firearms. Bill notes that we have hosted such events in the past that were successful. Those present express interest in looking into such an event for next year. John Amond notes that he has experienced good performance from such ammunition, but costs are generally higher than lead.

### **Reception at Club House**

Bill Oliver explains that his daughter is getting married and is planning a reception on his property on 9/22. Bill asks those present if they can utilize the Education Building for the reception as a back up if weather turns nasty. All those present agree.

Bill notes that the wedding reception held at the Education Building last month generally went well, but notes that it was much more trouble that it was worth for the \$300 fee that was charged. Bill notes that we need to eventually determine how we'll offer the building for use in the future.

### **4-H Radio Auction Contribution**

Bill Oliver explains that the Board agreed to donate an annual membership for the upcoming 4-H Radio Auction. The auction will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon.

### **Upcoming Events**

Kim Hutchison explains that a Cowboy Action Shoot has been scheduled for 9/14 with normal arrangements.

- Saturday, 9/14: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dale Rasmussen | (503)803-1700
- Saturday, 9/14: Cowboy Action Shoot. Rifle Range Closed 12pm – 4pm
- Sunday, 9/15: Church Security Training. Pistol Range Closed 12pm – 5pm
- Saturday, 9/21: Annual Youth Shoot. Pistol and Rifle Range Closed 9am – 2pm
- Sunday, 9/22: 21 Feet Training. Pistol Range Closed 9am – 4pm

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary