



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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## General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

Status: Draft – Pending Approval

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

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members and Guests:** Dave Kuhlman, Jack James, John Haskett

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:37pm**

## Flag Salute

## Introductions

### Last Month's Minutes

The November minutes were read and approved on a motion by Gina Birkmaier 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 Dale Rasmussen and second by Dave Kuhlman. Current checking account balance is \$16,254.75 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 statement since the last General Meeting, John explains that we have received \$905 in membership fees and dues and an additional \$2k from a City of Enterprise grant for the costs of the Youth Shoot. Thank you to Gine Birkmaier for coordinating the grant application. John notes an expense of \$345 for printing new member cards and applications, etc.

Year-to-date, we have seen about \$27k in membership fees and dues for a total gross income of about \$34k. With project, operating, and maintenance expenses of over \$54k, John explains that we have seen a shortfall of about \$21k so far this year. John further explains that we are at a forecasted loss for next year, so we need to do events or fundraisers to bridge the gap.

John provides a list of sponsorship signs that are currently displayed at the Rifle Range along with records of the last time those sponsors paid for their annual sponsorship. After review of the list, it is decided that John will invoice all sponsors for a renewal before year-end and that the sponsorship year will align with the membership year. Any renewals will be good through 3/31/26. There are also several organizations who are mentioned that should be approached about sponsorship. Gary Bethscheider and



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Bill Oliver will approach these organizations about interest. Dan Piper will continue to be in charge of purchasing new signs and mounting them. He will remove any signs for organizations that do not wish to continue their sponsorship.

### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2024+ membership year is 339 as of the meeting date, with a total of 272 of these members paying annually. John notes that he has two additional applications in his possession that he just received. Gary Bethscheider notes that he has talked to several former members recently that should be mailing in their renewal applications.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Bill Oliver explains that SWAT has reserved the Range for a week in June of next year. Bill explains that other organizations around the state of expressed interest but have not yet secured any dates. John Amond explains that we are charging \$500 for week days and \$750 for weekends as a blanket rate for these types of organizations, which includes use of the Education Building.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Dan Moncrief explains that he was not able to start the 4-wheeler the last time he was at the Rifle Range. John Amond notes that he filled it with fuel and added a battery tender to the 4-wheeler several months ago. Dan will check the battery and will purchase a new one if necessary and get it replaced.

Dave Kuhlman notes that he recently noticed a sign by one of the doors at the Rifle Range that directs members to close the doors when they leave, while other signs direct members to leave them open. Dave will remove the sign for closing the doors and place it in the Education Building.

Bill Oliver explains that Casey Crum recently sprayed weeds at the Range and the County is paying for half of the cost. Casey will do more spraying in Spring and Kim Hutchison will burn the berms beforehand. Dean Brown explains that there may be an opportunity for a joint training exercise with multiple local agencies to do a prescribed burn of more than just the berms. Dean will explore this opportunity.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that the personal items of the contractor working on the shotgun ranges have been removed from the building. Gary is working on the bathroom now and will then resume sheetrock work.

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

Gary Bethscheider explains that the contractor hired for the trap and skeet houses is way behind schedule, so he and Bill Oliver wrote a new contract with Christmas as the deadline. Gary explains that progress has been much better since the new contract and the low house is done, the trap house is nearly done, and the high house is over half way done. Bill Oliver notes that the high house will be over



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20 feet tall when complete. Gary explains that the skeet house roofs will be wood frame with metal while the trap house will be concrete. The skeet houses will be constructed inside the Education Building and then moved outside.

Gary explains that he will likely finish the Moving Target Range himself. The ditch is completed. Gary notes he is hopeful that an excavator will be donated to the Range in the near future.

### **Front Gate Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will likely dig the ditch to run power and controls himself. He is hoping to borrow a small excavator for this work.

### **Wallowa Ready**

Grady Rawls explains that the instructors for upcoming classes have been confirmed. Grady and Bill Oliver will determine a place and time for these next trainings after the first of the year.

### **New Business**

#### **Range Safety Orientation Scheduling for 2025**

A schedule of instructors was developed through May of 2025. Dan Piper will add this to the calendar on the website.

#### **Board Election Nominations**

Bill Oliver thanks Dale Rasmussen for helping with the by-laws that were adopted in 2022 and explains that board elections will be held on 1/13/25. The following positions have terms ending 12/31/24:

- President | Incumbent: Bill Oliver
- Secretary | Incumbent: Dan Piper
- Board Member | Incumbent: Gina Birkmaier
- Board Member | Incumbent: Dan Moncrief
- Board Member | Incumbent: Dale Rasmussen

Bill explains that he, Dan Piper, Gina Birkmaier, and Dan Moncrief have all agreed to run again. Dale will not be running again but has agreed to still help ECS with legal and other issues. Bill nominates Dave Kuhlman to run for Dale's vacant position. Bill explains that Dave has been an active member and helped with the Youth Shoot this year. Bill further explains that all voting will take place in person at the meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> and that nominations for all available positions are open until closed immediately prior to the January 13 election.

#### **Friends of ECS Banquet Planning**

Jack James explains that his father-in-law recently passed away and there may be several firearms that could be donated to ECS from his collection. Gary Bethscheider notes that the firearms could be used at the Friends of ECS Banquet next Spring.

Gary notes that he has spoken with several sponsors and donors for the event. Donations include several African Hunts and firearms. Dan Moncrief donates \$500 in taxidermy and explains that he has a contact with CCI that may donate ammo. Dean Brown notes that he has a lead on a cow elk tag that



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could be donated and has a 7mm-08 rifle to donate. John Amond donates a couple's CHL class. Gary explains that this banquet will be held in lieu of an NRA Banquet and all proceeds from the event will go to ECS. Gary is hoping for a couple hundred people to attend. Dan Piper will send an email to all members looking for volunteers to help with the banquet. There will be a planning meeting prior to the January General Meeting where initial decisions will be made including the price for tickets.

### Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 12/14: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Grady Rawls | (541)908-2375
- Saturday, 12/14: Army/Navy College Football game at VFW Hall at noon
- Monday, 1/13/25: General Meeting and Board Elections

### Good of the Order

Gary Bethscheider explains that he may be able to get a donation of lumber from Jim Zacharius. Gary asks those present about interest in enclosing the Pistol Bay. Dave Kuhlman points out that this may make the Youth Shoot more difficult unless we expanded the structure. Further discussion of this potential project has been postponed until later.

Bill Oliver explains that he was approached by a non-member about collecting brass from the Range. This particular individual is one of the instructors for Wallowa Ready and said he would be happy to take brass as his compensation. After some discussion, it was decided that brass is reserved for members and, if he becomes a member, he can pick up all of the brass he wants.

Jack James explains that the VFW Hall will be hosting the Army/Navy College Football game this Saturday, 12/14, at noon. This will be the 125<sup>th</sup> game between these rivals. Everyone is welcome to attend the viewing. Dan Piper will send a notice and flyer to members.

### This Old Gun

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:09pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary