



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Dan Moncrief

Members and Guests: Dave Kuhlman, Jane Rushane

Handouts: January financial statements, January membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The December minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Grady Rawls 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 Dan Piper. Current checking account balance is \$29,036.79 and current CDs total \$25,403.44, as reported on the handout. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Regarding the P&L statement for 2024, John explains that the total annual income was right about \$40k and total annual expenses were about \$49k and notes that we need to close this gap. John notes that he recently cashed out one of our \$10k CDs for a buffer.

Regarding the P&L statement since the last meeting, John explains that we received a \$5k donation from Charlie Danforth which is included in our rolling cash numbers. John further explains that we have received \$985 in sponsor sign renewals which includes payment from 5 of the 10 current sponsors that we invoiced. We have received \$1.7k in membership dues and fees since the last meeting.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the final membership count for the 2024+ membership year was 341. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 130 at the time of the meeting, with 65 of those members paying annually. John notes that the long term, 5- and 10-year memberships are set to expire in 2027.



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Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that ODFW reached out regarding hosting a training at the Pistol Range on 1/21 and DPSST is planning a training in July using both the Pistol and Rifle Ranges. Bill explains that DPSST has agreed to pay for bathroom cleaning and trash pickup in lieu of a rental fee which would make it impossible for them to hold the training.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver explains that he was recently approached by a couple of our members about installing target pits at the 1,000-yard berm. This would include a large ~8' deep pit and as many as 8 targets on cables that would raise and lower for scoring. These members volunteered their labor to help make this happen. Bill will ask these members to write a proposal for this project and bring it to the board for consideration.

Bill explains that the silhouette targets at the Pistol Range are still damaged and some of the rebar target hangers at the Rifle Range are damaged. Bill will talk with Ryan Seal about bringing the mobile welder on site to perform repairs.

Bill notes that he recently changed the sign from the Rifle Bay that incorrectly said to close the bay doors after use.

Education Building Project

No update was given at the meeting.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

Gary Bethscheider explains that work continues on the shotgun range but progress is definitely slower this time of year. Gary notes that, if weather cooperates, we may be able to get a concrete truck on site in the next couple of weeks. Gary notes that we do not yet have equipment on site to continue work on the moving target range.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that we do not yet have equipment on site to dig trenches for the gate project.

Wallowa Ready

Grady Rawls explains that the next training should be in March, more information to come. Grady explains that he intends to film 5 or 6 of these trainings and then we can discuss building a library or options for download.



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New Business

Board Elections

Dan Piper explains that no additional nominations were put forward. Nominations were closed and ballots were handed out to all those present at the meeting and ballots were counted by Dean Brown. The results of the election were unanimous as follows:

- President: Bill Oliver
- Secretary: Dan Piper
- Board Member: Gina Birkmaier
- Board Member: Dave Kuhlman
- Board Member: Dan Moncrief

All of the above positions are two year terms expiring at the election of January, 2027.

Friends of ECS Banquet Planning

Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like to set up a separate bank account for the banquet to keep all funds separate until after the event. John Amond will get this arranged. Gary further explains that the planning committee is estimating a need for \$15k to \$20k to pay for the banquet, John notes that this should not be a problem and expects a good cash flow from membership over the next few months with low expenses. Moving \$20k towards the banquet was approved on a motion by Dale Rasmussen and a second by Dave Kuhlman.

John will speak with the bank about getting a credit card machine for the banquet. Dan Piper will investigate online payment methods for ticket sales.

Upcoming Events

Grady Rawls explains that he is not available to host the safety orientation for January. Bill Oliver volunteers to trade with Grady for February.

- Saturday, 1/18: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Bill Oliver | (541)398-1104
- Tuesday, 1/21: Pistol Range Closed | ODFW Safety Training 1pm – 4pm
- Saturday, 5/17: Friends of Eagle Cap Shooter Banquet | Clover Leaf Hall
- Monday, 6/9 – Tuesday, 6/10: Rifle Range Closed | OSP/Multi-Agency Sniper Training
- Thursday, 6/12: Rifle Range Closed | OSP/Multi-Agency Sniper Training
- Monday, 7/7 – Thursday, 7/10: Pistol and Rifle Ranges Closed | DPSST Training

Good of the Order

Bill Oliver explains that PEO issued ECS a very nice thank you letter for the donation we made for their fundraiser in December. Bill notes that PEO raised \$9,200 this year which broke their record for the most money they have ever raised for this dinner/fundraiser. Last year, PEO National sent \$45k in scholarships to local women.

Bill explains that he has been considering ways to get life members to be more involved and contribute more money to the Range. Bill explains that he recently spoke with McTee Creations about making wood plaques for a Wall of Honor for life members who are interested in contributing. McTee is able to



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make the plaques for \$15/each. Dean Brown notes that he may be able to provide the wood for the signs for free, potentially decreasing the overall expense. Gary Betscheider notes that these plaques could be used for future fundraising campaigns to add stars, nails, or other insignia to plaques. These plaques would be available for a donation of \$300/each and Bill plans to announce these sponsors at the ECS Banquet. This campaign was approved on a motion by Gary Betscheider and a second by Gina Birkmaier.

John Amond explains that Ed Staub was compensated with a corporate membership for their generous donations/contributions to the Education Building. This corporate membership is for 5 years and started in 2022, so the membership is good through the 2027+ membership year.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary