



## EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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### General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025

Status: Draft – Pending Approval

**Board Members Present:** Bill Oliver, John Amond, Dan Piper, Gina Birkmaier, Dean Brown, Grady Rawls, Dave Kuhlman, Dan Moncrief

**Board Members Absent:** Gary Bethscheider

**Members and Guests:** John Haskett, Jane Rushane, Ken Hauxwell, Mac Williams, Derek Bowker, Tom Thornton

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:33pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

### Last Month's Minutes

The February minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dave Kuhlman with one corrected misspelling under the Law Enforcement Relations Report.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond and approved on a motion by Dean Brown and second by Grady Rawls. Current primary checking account balance is \$10,144, banquet account balance is \$10,000, short-term CDs total \$10,403, and long-term CDs total \$25,000, 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 meeting, John explains that we have received \$250 in donations, \$1,400 towards the Life & Founding Member Plaques, and \$2.3k in membership dues and fees. John further explains that year-to-date income has totaled \$6.7k with expenses totaling \$15.6k. John notes that the total expenses figure is misleading as this includes the \$10k transfer of funds towards the Banquet. Bill Oliver notes that this \$10k is an investment, not an expense. John notes that our operating costs have increased to a run rate of about \$4k per month and with an estimated \$21k to come in still this year from membership, we are looking at a deficit. Current fundraising efforts are expected to close this gap.

Ken Hauxwell asks about the balance on the Wolfe Loan for line power. Bill Oliver explains that we have about \$88k remaining on the loan and are on pace for a 10-year payoff of the loan. John notes that we also have reserves for 5- and 10-year memberships that will all expire in 2027. We can bring these reserves forward if necessary.



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### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 186 at the time of the meeting, with 111 of those members paying annually. John notes that the final count for the 2024+ membership year was 339 and he expects a similar membership total this year.

Bill Oliver notes that we currently have 10 comp'd memberships and explains that these are memberships that are given to those that have made substantial donations or contributions to the Range and on-going projects. Bill further notes that we have received 30 membership renewals since the last meeting and notes that those who renew by 3/31 will be entered into the annual Gun of Your Dreams raffle.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

Bill Oliver explains that ODFW recently utilized the Range for a training and several other law enforcement trainings are scheduled for this summer. Reports from users continue to be very positive.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Dan Moncrief explains that he recently received the donated target from MGM that is one target stand with multiple targets that appears to be a spinner of some sort. This target will be placed at the Pistol Range at the 15-yard line. MGM also sent a banner with the target that will be hung at the banquet and then at the Range in appreciation. John Amond notes that MGM donated the target and paid for shipping costs.

Dean Brown explains that he was recently speaking with Mike Musia and Mike volunteered to help with any mobile welding that we need at the Range. Bill Oliver explains that Ryan Seal recently repaired some of the Pistol Range targets. Ryan is also helping with mowing again this year. Dean notes that he is working on a plan to burn the Range this spring.

#### **Education Building Project**

Work on the Education Building is awaiting better weather and excavation equipment. Plans are in order and progress will resume soon.

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

Work is currently on hold awaiting better weather. Dave Kuhlman asks whether the contractor who is building the block houses is still staying on Range facilities. Bill Oliver explains that he is not staying on site, but he still has quite a few personal items at the Range and he has not yet completed the work.

#### **Front Gate Project**

Work is currently on hold awaiting better weather and equipment to dig the trenches required.

#### **Wallowa Ready**

Grady Rawls explains that he is working with one of the local emergency room doctors on a training for



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first aid and how to quickly diagnose severeness of injuries. They are working on dates now but are targeting an April timeframe.

### **Life & Founding Member Plaques**

Bill Oliver explains that the plaques are offered to Life and Founding Members of ECS and notes that founding members are those who joined by December of 2004. There are about 90 founding members in total. Bill will begin calling some of these founding members that we no longer have email addresses for. Plaques are available now, but we will also sell them at the banquet. Bill explains that the Wall of Honor will include an American Flag and the ECS logo along with the member plaques.

### **Sponsor Signs**

John Amond explains that he invoiced all current sponsors that were due for renewal in January, and we have received renewal payments from all except for one. This one remaining sponsor expressed that they would like to renew, but payment has not yet been received.

### **New Business**

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

Bill Oliver explains that Gary Bethscheider and The Stubborn Mule will be providing a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Bill further notes that we have secured Randy Eschler as the auctioneer for the event and the Wallowa Trap Team and Rooted Youth Ministries are going to help with the event.

Bill explains that we have received multiple donations including two African hunts from our NRA contact, a trailer of logs for about 20 cords of firewood donated by Henderson Logging, a gift card for taxidermy from Dan Moncrief, a Savage 7mm-08 from Dean Brown, party-barge rentals from the Wallowa Lake Marina, an AR from JR Collier, a gun safe, a taxi service from Loveland Funeral Service, and others. Dan Moncrief notes that he has been talking with CCI and is hopeful that they will make a donation.

It was discussed and decided that Life Memberships will be offered at a 10% discount at the banquet, there will be a pre-event raffle before the event, and that general raffle tickets will be included with all sponsor packages.

#### **Civilian Marksmanship Program Membership**

Bill Oliver explains that ECS is a member of CMP and encourages all members to investigate the benefits of this program that we have access to.

#### **Hunter Safety Range Day**

Bill Oliver explains that the Hunter Safety Range Day is scheduled for 3/29, but there have been some delays getting it onto ODFW's website under their new layout. Once the ODFW website information is confirmed, Dan Piper will send an email notification to membership.

#### **1,000-yard Competition Target Facility**

Bill Oliver explains that he was approached by two of our members about installing a competition pit at



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the 1,000-yard target. This project would include 8 target holders to allow competition from all benches that could then be scored from the pit. Bill explains that these members recently started digging and quickly hit rock and have had to use a jackhammer. Bill notes that we will likely need to use concrete barriers along with the pit for safety. Dave Kuhlman inquires about the cost of the project and Bill explains that the members are volunteering their time so the cost to ECS should be relatively low and just for materials.

### **Archery Range Discussion**

Bill Oliver explains that we recently received a request from one of our members for an Archery Range to be added to our facilities. Bill notes that we once had a simple archery range with hay bales that was under utilized and eventually removed due to degradation. John Amond notes that he has also received interest in a new archery facility. Bill Oliver will discuss the potential project with the interested parties to get more information.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 3/15: Range Safety Orientation at 10am. Instructor: Dale Rasmussen | (503)803-1700
- Saturday, 3/22: Pistol Range Closed 9am-12pm | 21-Feet Training
- Saturday, 3/29: Pistol Range Closed 9am-11am | 21-Feet Training
- Saturday, 3/29: Pistol Range Closed 12pm-2pm | Hunter Safety Range Day
- 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**

None

### **This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:04pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary