



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Amond, Dan Piper, Dave Kuhlman, Grady Rawls

Board Members Absent: Gina Birkmaier, Dean Brown, Dan Moncrief

Members and Guests: John Haskett

Handouts: June financial statements, June membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The May minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dave Kuhlman with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report and Friends of ECS Banquet Outcome Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balance is \$47,648, banquet account balance is \$38,295, short-term CDs total \$10,403, and long-term CDs total \$25,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dave Kuhlman and a second by Grady Rawls. 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 \$23.4k in membership fees and dues while spending \$3k in insurance and about \$500 on repairs for the excavator. Year-to-date income from membership has been \$39k including the membership bump we saw from the Banquet.

Regarding the financials from the Banquet, John explains that there may still be some small adjustments to final numbers. John explains that gross income from the Banquet, including memberships, was about \$101k with net profits totaling about \$52.7k, again including memberships. John notes that reconciliation with QuickBooks and our bank accounts came out with just a \$5 discrepancy. This discrepancy is believed to be the initial \$5 charge that Dan Piper did online through Zeffy to test the platform. John notes that some funds have already been transferred from the banquet account to the general checking account.

With net income from the banquet far exceeding the goals set by the Board during the initial planning for the Banquet, it was agreed by all that the fundraiser was a huge success. This first ever banquet for



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ECS did not come without difficulties and errors, as expressed by all present. John Amond explains that the Talus CC credit card processing application was not a great company to use and recommends that we do not use them again. On a positive note, Dan Piper explains that the handful of feedback cards that we did receive were unanimously positive with a great dinner being the most common praise.

Gary Bethscheider explains that some of the estimated remaining costs for projects at the Range are likely low. After some discussion, it was estimated that \$20k from the banquet should be enough to cover all remaining costs when combined with other cash on hand and the estimated \$10k still to come in from membership this year. It was decided on a motion by John Haskett and a second by John Amond to put \$20k of banquet profits into long-term investments with CDs and to keep the rest liquid or in short-term investments for projects. John Amond explains that we can get about 5% interest on a CD and he will stagger the investments based on maturity so that we can access the money as needed.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 282 at the time of the meeting, with 199 of those members paying annually. John Haskett notes that he has recently spoken with a few community members who want to join and expects their applications to come in soon. John Amond does not anticipate a shortfall in membership for this year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that the DPSST training is being hosted by Sherriff Moody under their corporate membership plus they will pay a \$200 cleaning fee. Gary Bethscheider expresses that organizations such as DPSST should purchase their own corporate membership in order to use the Range for such trainings. After some discussion, it was agreed that having DPSST using the Range for such trainings is a good thing for the community and aligns with ECS's core mission statement. Bill will discuss the issue with DPSST and will work to get corporate memberships from all such organizations that use the Range for these types of trainings.

Bill notes that OSP is currently using the Range for their training and they are very happy with the facilities, including the Moving Target Range. Bill notes that Jamin from OSP came out early and did a bunch of maintenance at the Range.

Old Business

Range Report

Gary Bethscheider notes that the tractor had a flat tire and a dead battery and that our maintenance committee needs to check on these types of items. Bill Oliver will discuss this and other maintenance items with Dean Brown and Dan Moncrief to re-establish a maintenance plan at the Range.

Range Hosted Shooting Events

Bil Oliver explains that Dan Piper recently sent out a request for hosts to help with the upcoming Heritage Girls & family reunion events. Bill explains that we received a good response and have a volunteer list growing.



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Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that progress continues but does not feel certain that the building will be complete by October. Gary explains that we need to plan on a whiteboard or chalk board and a cork board for the building. Bill Oliver notes that we also need to plan a large TV or a projector for the building, and we need to decide on tables. After some discussion, it was agreed that rectangle tables would be best for the space. Gary further explains that he is going to talk to Jerry Fee about a safe or two for the building. Jerry said he has some used safes that he may be able to sell for a discount, Gary will investigate further.

John Amond explains that he brought a chair to the meeting from the Wallowa County Museum. The Museum has 40 chairs available that are brand new, though they have been in storage for some time. They are willing to sell them for \$20/chair and the chairs come with carts as well. John further explains that we can purchase more of these chairs if needed through a retailer for \$40/chair. Bill notes that we also have about 100 folding metal chairs that were donated by the VFW Hall. It was decided on a motion by John Amond and a second by Dan Piper to proceed with purchase of the 40 chairs from the Museum.

Grady Rawls mentions that we should schedule work days in advance for finishing the building and believes we will get more volunteers showing up.

Trap & Skeet and Moving Target Range Projects

No update was given at the meeting.

Front Gate Project

No update was given at the meeting.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility

No update was given at the meeting.

Wallowa Ready

Grady Rawls explains that he is working with instructors to lock down dates for trainings.

New Business

Thank Yous for Banquet and Gift Receipts

Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like to send thank you cards to those who helped make the Banquet a reality. It was agreed by all present that this would be a great idea. Dan Piper will make the cards and work with Bill Oliver on language. We will have one card printed and then each board member will put their name in the card. This card can then be duplicated and sent to donors, sponsors, volunteers, and others who made the Banquet happen.

Gary further explains that he gave \$100 each to the 4 girls who helped at the finance table as a thank you and would like to do something special for the auctioneer as well. Gary will work out details, but will likely give the auctioneer a membership and some ammo and maybe a gift card.



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Firewood Planning

Dan Piper explains that 3 cords of wood were sold at the banquet, 2 cords during the live auction and 1 cord in the silent auction. We have approximately 12 cords worth of logs at the Range. The lowest purchase price at the banquet was \$250 for 1 cord. It was decided that the purchasers at the banquet should have first option to purchase additional cords at \$250/cord and we can offer delivery to these buyers. If there are additional cords left over, we will discuss future sales at the next meeting. Dan Piper and Bill Oliver will reach out to the 3 buyers from the banquet to see about additional cords.

Wedding Event Policy

Bill Oliver explains that we allowed a wedding reception at the Range last year and charged \$300, which barely covered our expenses. Bill further explains that we received another request for a wedding this fall. After some discussion, it was decided that it is still pre-mature to rent the Education Building since we do not know when it will be completed and we should decline the wedding request for this year.

Range Safety Orientation

Dan Piper will send a request to Board Members to fill the remainder of the Safety Orientation schedule for this year.

Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains that Gail Wickre, spouse of a former ECS president, asked us to host the American Heritage Girls for a training later this month. This would be 10 young women getting their badge for the American Heritage Girls organization and would be traveling over from the Tri-Cities. Bill explains that we should have enough volunteers to cover the event and Kevin McQuead has agreed to help.

Bill explains that the Friends of the NRA Banquet is not happening this year and needs to be removed from the schedule.

- 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
- Saturday, 6/14: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Dan Piper – (541)398-1332
- Friday, 6/20: Pistol Range Closed 10am – 2pm | American Heritage Girls Training
- Sunday, 6/22: Pistol Range Closed 2pm – 5pm | Summit Training
- Sunday, 7/6: Pistol Range Closed 9am – 4pm | 21-Foot Training
- Monday, 7/7 – Thursday, 7/10: Pistol and Rifle Ranges Closed | DPSST Training

Good of the Order

Gary Bethscheider explains that we will soon be holding a raffle for a Glock 20 MOS and a Ruger 10/22 Carbon Fiber to raise additional funds for the Range.

Bill Oliver explains that we will need to elect an armorer soon to manage the club's firearms. Bill explains that the firearms are currently, temporarily held by multiple members. Serial numbers and names of holders are recorded.



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John Amond explains that he has recently received 2 membership applications using the application form from last year. John requests that any time anyone sees an old form to please pull it and replace it with a current one.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41pm

Next Meeting: Monday, July 14th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary