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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, John Amond, Gina Birkmaier, Dave Kuhlman, Jane Rushane

Board Members Absent: Gary Bethscheider, Dan Piper, Dean Brown, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Randy Tye, Kevin and Micaela Kennedy

Handouts: August financial statements, August membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The July minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Jane Rushane with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current checking/savings account balance is \$55,034.50 and other CD assets are \$45,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dave Kuhlman and a second by Gina Birkmaier. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

With regard to our overall financial situation, Treasurer Amond noted that income from the Banquet and memberships has boosted total income year-to-date to almost \$147,000. He expressed confidence that we will be able to meet or exceed our obligations if the present trend continues or accelerates and urged all to keep up the fundraising efforts. It was noted that all insurance costs have now been paid for the year, including Liability, Comprehensive, and Directors and Officers liability coverage – for which the premium has stayed the same as last year.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 305 at the time of the meeting, with 214 of those members paying annually. John notes that he expects the total membership to be about the same as 2024 – about 341 members and he is budgeting accordingly.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver reported that law enforcement training sessions scheduled for this summer, specifically OSP Sniper/SWAT training June 9-12 and DPSST training for Eastern Oregon law enforcement July 7-10 were



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successfully completed and each session included at least 16 officers. All present at the meeting expressed satisfaction that various law enforcement agencies seem to be very impressed with our range facilities and that such training is an important part of the club's overall mission.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver explains that Casey Crum has recently completed fall spot spraying and weeds are clearly dying as a result. The total cost was about \$830 and we will request cost share reimbursement for that expense which is expected to cut the cost in half. Ryan Seal, in addition to repairing welds on the pistol range targets and holders, took advantage of recent heavy rains and completed summer mowing of the Range while danger of fire was low.

Bill reports that he carried out the July 19th Range Orientation which was attended by four new members and led to discovery of several new volunteers to help with range projects.

Range Maintenance Committee

Jane Rushane accepted appointment as Chairman of the new Range Maintenance Committee and Bill Oliver also announced additional members of that committee including Ryan Seal, Mike Musia, Dave Kuhlman, and Dean Brown. It was emphasized that members noting maintenance needs should report them to Jane or to Bill for attention.

There was discussion of whether the 4-wheeler at the Rifle Range was in service and Dave Kuhlman agreed to check on the condition of the battery, charging equipment and maintaining a fuel supply. He will also check on and repair as necessary a flat tire on the mower that has been reported.

Jane will receive combinations to all the storage Conex boxes and conduct an inventory of their contents and of the old mobile home with an eye toward being sure we know what we have and that each item is stored properly.

There was also discussion of the flashing lights in the Rifle house and whether they were functional and whether they should be powered via line power as opposed to solar charged battery. Jane will investigate and take action as advisable to assure the lights are always functional.

Education Building Project

Bill Oliver explains that work continues and more helpers are being rounded up to assist Gary Bethscheider. Shane Langerman and others will be pitching in to complete the interior of the Education Building.

Trap & Skeet Range Project

Bill Oliver explains that work is proceeding. The buildings are essentially finished as to height and concrete block fill, with roofs and thrower machine installation to follow, along with installation of lights to enable evening trap and skeet events.



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Moving Target Range Project

Bill Oliver explains that the facility was tested by OSP this summer and they were quite pleased with the finished project. It was noted that we have sufficient funds to mechanize the moving targets and may do that in the future so that both law enforcement and our members can enjoy moving target events.

Front Gate Project

Bill Oliver explains that the pylons for the automated gate card readers have been poured and placed and that a County Easement Permit has been applied for since the outside gate pylon is in the County Right of Way. Consultation with the County Road Department has been done and there seems to be no problem.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility

Bill Oliver explains that excavation for the facility with target pits and stands is underway and next steps will be to install protective concrete jersey barriers contributed by ODOT and install target frame lift structures.

Pacific Power

In response to an inquiry at the July meeting, it was reported that at the time of installation, we chose one of two options which not only enables us to recover costs of installation if others hook up to power downline within five years from installation of our line (about 25% per new customer hookup with a limit of three) but also required us to pay more for power than just the metered use and we are being billed in accord with that choice. There are at least three new owners of property south of our Range on Ant Flat Road and Bill Oliver will contact them regarding their interest in line power.

Wallowa Ready

No update was given at the meeting.

New Business

Club Armorer

It was announced that Kim Hutchison has accepted appointment as Club Armorer and will maintain a record of make and serial number of all club-owned guns and assure the proper maintenance, storage, distribution, and recovery of all such guns. We now have two large gun safes plus a third smaller safe which will be used for this purpose and will be located in the Education/Clubhouse Building. Kim will work with Bill to collect all guns held temporarily by members and relocate them to the safes at the Range.

Thank Yous for Banquet and Gift Receipts

Dan Piper had noted to Bill before the meeting that he has all of the Thank You cards and envelopes being printed. Further discussion tabled for the September meeting.

Firewood Planning

Dave Kuhlman noted that he would be willing to help with delivery of firewood and use of his trailer. Further discussion tabled for the September meeting.



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Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day

It was announced that David McKenzie and Mike Teece have agreed on the date of Saturday, September 20, for this event and that this year not only the Range Day but also the final class meeting and test for Hunter Safety will take place at the Range and Education Building. While David will head the event, Gina Birkmaier and Dan Piper will help with publicity and registration as they have in the past and Gary Bethscheider has agreed to cater the lunch. Prizes, especially the firearms, need to be arranged and those who have helped prepare and carry out the event will be asked to help again, along with whatever “new blood” we can involve. Last year we saw almost 50 young shooters and fed nearly 100 youth and adults who attended. We hope we can do even better this year.

Tables also need to be arranged for use at the Education Building for the event. Last year we borrowed tables from the VFW, Bill would like to consider buying some tables for permanent residence at the Education Building.

Chair Transportation to Education Building

About 50 chairs purchased from the Wallowa County Museum need to be moved from a barn near the Hurricane Creek Grange to the Education Building prior to September 20. Dave Kuhlman offered the use of his horse trailer to transport the chairs with the idea that this would happen in early September. Jane Rushane signed on to help but others will be needed to help load and unload. Thanks for the offer Dave!

Scholarships

It was generally agreed that ECS should resume offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors through an application process that may include an essay on the 2nd Amendment. Further discussion tabled for the September meeting.

Fundraising Banquet Discussion

Bill Oliver explained that the next step to determine feasibility of another banquet would be for Gary Bethscheider and Dan Piper to develop a list of work groups/sub-committees needed to carry out another banquet and list up responsibilities for each group and name at least the Captain of each group. Further discussion tabled for the September meeting.

Range Hosts

Our program of having our members host out-of-town shooters who wish to use our Range is working pretty well. Dale Rasmussen and Johlona Nelson hosted the May family reunion group and Dale will be hosting another group of shooters on August 13. These activities raise contributions to our club and build good will so thanks so much to those of you who have agreed to host our out-of-town shooters! If you would like to be added to our “Willing to Host” list, please contact Bill Oliver or Dan Piper and we will let you know when a volunteer is needed. Good excuse to go to the Range!

Range Safety Orientation for September

Since those board members present had done multiple orientations, it was decided to postpone to the September meeting to appoint a board member to do the September 13 orientation.



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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 8/16: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Dave Kuhlman – (541)398-8328
- Sunday, 8/24: Pistol Range Closed 2pm – 6pm | Summit Training
- Saturday, 9/20: Pistol and Rifle Range Closed 9am – 2pm | Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day

Good of the Order

Bill Oliver called attention to the special safety notice included in the August 10 call for this meeting to remind members to always carefully check downrange to be sure there are not shooters ahead of the firing line checking or putting up targets before opening fire. Of course the burden of safety is on all shooters, both those downrange and those at the firing line. So, those who go downrange need to turn on flashing lights in rifle house and otherwise be sure to alert arriving shooters that there are people downrange. And arriving shooters need to carefully check that there are no people downrange before commencing to set up firearms and begin shooting. Basic but very important situational awareness is necessary to keep us safe.

Kevin and Micaela Kennedy asked if the Community Bank sign at the Range entrance gate needed to be updated since STCU has taken over Community Bank. Bill Oliver explained that the large Community Bank sign near the entry gate to the range was created to acknowledge Community Bank's \$2,500 contribution in 2005 that helped provide the down payment on our Range property – which is now paid off. Bill reported that when the takeover was first announced he had begun the discussion with STCU staff about a contribution at least for the amount of a new sign – and perhaps more. Bill said it was a great question and that the reminder was appreciated since it was time for him to follow up with STCU to see what they might like to do in the way of a new sign and support.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54pm

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Bill Oliver, Acting Secretary