



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 8, 2025

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Gary Bethscheider, John Amond, Dan Piper, Dean Brown, Dave Kuhlman, Jane Rushane

Board Members Absent: Bill Oliver, Gina Birkmaier, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Joe Basile

Handouts: September financial statements, September membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The August 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 primary checking account balances combined are \$45,779, short-term CDs total \$10,403, and long-term CDs total \$45,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dan Piper and a second by Dean Brown. 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 \$2.3k in membership fees and dues while spending \$1.5k on insurance. Year-to-date income from membership has been \$44k while operating expenses and project costs have been about \$57.5k. John further explains that he estimates an additional \$2k from membership this year while estimated remaining project expenses are \$18.5k for the Building, \$23.5k for the Shotgun Range, and \$2k for the front gate. John notes that none of the reserves for long-term members have been drawn down at this point and all of these reserves will be paid out in 2027. John also notes that the interest from our CDs have not been added to our cash accounts yet.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 321 at the time of the meeting, with 234 of those members paying annually. John explains that the final count for last year was 339, so we are tracking well to meet the same count as last year.



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Law Enforcement Relations Report

No update was given at the meeting.

Old Business

Range Report

Jane Rushane reported that Dave Kuhlman recently replaced the damaged tractor tire and dumped the burn barrel. Jane purchased a new battery for the ATV and hooked it up to the trickle charger. Dean Brown proposed that we remove the battery during winter and store it in the Education Building. Jane explains that she recently inspected the fire extinguishers and found one that had lost its charge.

Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that sheetrock work continues and we will probably hire out mudding and taping.

Trap & Skeet Range Projects

Gary Bethscheider explains that the roofs will be going on the trap houses in the coming weeks.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that he is currently working on the power runs. We received approval from the County to place the entry pedestal beside the road. Tyson Samples has agreed to help with fabricating the brackets for the gate openers.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility

Gary Bethscheider explains that this project is progressing but it will likely not wrap up until Spring.

Wallowa Ready

No update was given at the meeting.

New Business

Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day

Gary Bethscheider explains that there is a lot of preparation work that has not been completed for the Youth Shoot, so we are considering postponing the event. After some discussion, it was decided that the event would be postponed to an undetermined date in Spring and we need to form a small committee to manage this event. Bill Oliver will approach Dave McKenzie, who has led the event the last couple of years, to see if he is willing to lead the committee and recruit committee members.

Thank You's for Banquet and Gift Receipts

John Amond explains that most of the cards and gift receipts had been mailed but there were multiple that we did not have addresses for. Those cards were handed out at the meeting to be hand-delivered.

Firewood Planning

Gary Bethscheider explains that we are going to have the logs processed for us at a small cost and we



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will then coordinate delivery of the wood.

Chair Transportation to Education Building

John Amond explains that the chairs have already been taken to the Education Building.

Scholarships

This item was postponed until Bill Oliver could be present in October.

Fundraising Banquet Discussion

Gary Bethscheider explains that he is interested in doing another banquet as long as there is a committee to organize the event. It was agreed that the leadership committee would need to be 6 people and would need to be formed at least 6 months in advance to ensure a successful event. Dan Piper will issue a call for volunteers through email and the website. If a committee is not formed by the October meeting, a banquet will not be held in Spring.

Range Safety Orientation for September

Dan Piper explains that we still need a volunteer for doing orientation in September. No members present had availability. Dan Piper will email board members to organize.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 9/13: possible Range Safety Orientation 10am
- Saturday, 9/20: Pistol and Rifle Range Closed 9am – 2pm | Hunter Safety Range Day
- Thursday, 9/25: Pistol and Rifle Range Closed 5:30pm – 8:30pm | Sheriff's Department Low Light Training

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Gary Bethscheider explains that we need tables for the Education Building before hunter education. Gary proposes that we purchase 12 tables that are 8ft but fold in half for easier transfer and storage. It was decided that we would purchase 10-to-20 tables at Gary's discretion with a maximum spend of \$1,600 on a motion by John Amond and second by Dean Brown.

Gary Bethscheider asks Dean Brown if we can apply for another TNC tag. Dean will find out more information and report back.

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will be doing some more raffles soon and would like to figure out a way to sell tickets online. Dan Piper will try to figure this out. Gary proposes that we consider doing a raffle strictly for life members in the future.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary