



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 13, 2025

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, John Amond, Dan Piper, Dave Kuhlman, Jane Rushane

Board Members Absent: Gary Bethscheider, Gina Birkmaier, Dean Brown, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: John Haskett, Michael Cambern, Kevin and Micaela Kennedy

Handouts: October financial statements, October membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The September 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 and Friends of ECS Banquet Outcome Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balances combined are \$42,674, 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 John Haskett and a second by David Kuhlman. 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 \$1.1k in membership fees and dues, \$400 in a refund from the African Hunts sold at the Banquet, and \$1.5k from raffles. Notable expenses include \$1.3k for gravel and \$2.9k for the shotgun skeet house roofs. Year-to-date income from membership has been \$44k and net income has been \$34k.

John notes that the Wolfe Loan will be below \$80k by January 1st and is tracking well. Jane Rushane asked about the interest rate on the loan. John and Bill Oliver explained that it is a very favorable loan with a low interest rate around 3% and the loan did not require putting the property up as collateral and was a 10-year note.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 331 at the time of the meeting, with 244 of those members paying annually. John explains that the final count for last year was 339, so we are on par with last year. John notes that he uses application starting in December for the 2026+ year.



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Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that training sessions are likely done for the year, but we expect similar use next year.

Old Business

Range Report

Jane Rushane explains that she recently cleaned the bathrooms and John Amond notes that they look the best they have in years. John will re-stock the toilet paper. Jane notes that she found a loose hose and put it into the shipping container.

Education Building Project

Bill Oliver explains that the gun safes have been delivered and we are still working on sheetrock on the interior.

Trap & Skeet Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that the roofs are completed for the skeet houses and the trap house is planned for later this month. Bill and Gary Bethscheider will be working on final layout this month.

Front Gate Project

Bill Oliver explains that conduit has been run and pedestal stands have been placed. Dan Piper notes that power will be ran to the server this month and he will start work on membership input into the system.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility

Bill Oliver explains that this project is started, but is now on hold until next year.

Wallowa Ready

No update was given at the meeting.

New Business

Scholarships

Bill Oliver explains that he likes the idea of offering a couple of scholarships to local high school students for college/advanced education/post-secondary schooling. Bill explains that we would need to have a committee for scholarship oversight and that we used to have a program. Micaela Kennedy volunteered to lead the committee. Dave Kuhlman and Bill Oliver volunteered to participate in the committee.

Fundraising Banquet Discussion

Dan Piper explains that our recent calls for volunteers received little response and there were no volunteers for committee leadership positions. Dan proposes that we should not plan a banquet for Spring 2026 since these positions are not in place and encourages focusing any volunteer efforts on completing ongoing projects.

Bill Oliver explains that he would like to put more consideration into the matter and mentions that we



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could reach out to potentially interested members individually to pursue volunteers.

John Amond notes that he believes we are in a good position financially and does not feel that doing a banquet in Spring is necessary to keep the club whole, even with expenses planned for projects. John further notes that we need to be careful with fundraising efforts to ensure we do not jeopardize our 501(c)3 status. John monitors this closely.

Youth Shoot Committee

Bill Oliver explains that we would like to do a youth event in Spring and are looking to form a committee to plan and manage the event. Bill notes that we may be able to do an inaugural shotgun shoot at the time of the event and we would like to partner with Hunter Safety again. Bill has reached out to David McKenzie to see if he is willing to chair the committee.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 10/18: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Dan Piper – (541)398-1332

Good of the Order

Bill Oliver explains that the club purchased the Range property in 2004 and were able to pay off the loan in 2010 by selling life memberships. The property is now owned free and clear. Bill notes that we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, but we are not exempt from property taxes. Bill notes that we get a lot of value from the County maintaining the roadway out to the Range.

Bill explains that he is working with Kim Hutchison, ECS's Armorer, to get the gun safes relocated in the Education Building and getting club firearms organized.

Bill explains that we had a non-member request use of the Range on 10/27. Bo Cambren volunteered to host the non-member and collect a donation.

Bill explains that he and Dean Brown completed the application for an elk tag on TNC land. Bill notes that we are not guaranteed a tag and we may get a buck tag rather than a bull tag. John Amond notes that ECS already has a state gambling license to offer raffles that raise funds in excess of \$10k.

Bill explains that NEOEDD is looking to offer a workshop for \$150 for up to 3 people on grant writing. Bill proposes ECS is willing to send members as long as they write at least 1 grant application for the club within a year of completion. Consensus opinion was to participate in a workshop, if offered.

Dan Piper will review and update the Range Safety Orientation manual to reflect updates and changes that have occurred at the range facilities since it was written.

Dan explains that firewood delivery is still in process but going well. Dan further notes that online sales for raffle tickets should be ready for the next raffle and we should be able to sell memberships online for the 2026+ year.

Micaela Kennedy proposes that we include an audible alarm with the flashing lights at the Rifle Range



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indicating that individuals are down range. This will be considered with future additions.

This Old Gun

Bill Oliver explains that This Old Gun is an opportunity for members to bring any firearm that they find fascinating and share with members present. Bill encourages all to participate.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm

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

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary