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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025

Status: Approved

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

Board Members Absent: Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Bo Cambern, Joe Basile, Micaela Kennedy (via phone)

Handouts: November financial statements, November membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The October 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 \$41,948.97, 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 Dave Kuhlman 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 spent \$1.2k on taxes. Year-to-date income from membership has been \$46k and net income has been \$33k.

John explains that we will have a balance of about \$80k at the end of the year on the Wolfe Loan and are in a good spot with loan security. The reserve accounts for long-term members have still not been drawn out, so those accounts are still heavy.

Bill Oliver asks how ECS is doing with the IRS regarding our 501(c)3 status considering the increased income over the past year. John explains that we are doing okay, but he is monitoring closely.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 343 at the time of the meeting, with 256 of those members paying annually. John explains that the final count for last year was 339, so we have surpassed the total from last year.



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John notes that he uses application starting in December for the 2026+ year. John further explains that there are 40 long-term members with 5-year or 10-year memberships, all of which will expire in 2027. John and Dan Piper are working to have memberships available for online purchase in December, we hope to see an increase in membership and processing efficiency from this change.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

No update was given.

Old Business

Range Report

Gary Bethscheider explains that we have new flashing lights for the rifle house that will be installed soon and hard wired, so we will no longer be reliant on the solar panel plus battery. Bill Oliver explains that Ryan Seal is currently repairing some of the pistol range targets. Jane Rushane notes that one of the rifle bay doors is not rolling properly, Gary will investigate.

Range Host Report

Bill Oliver explains that we occasionally do orientations outside of regular schedule and we do hosting events periodically. We have a list of volunteers to host. Bo Cambern recently hosted 9 people who donated \$170. Bo notes that it was a great group that were very well behaved and a pleasure to host.

Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that sheetrock is being installed in bathrooms now and we will be purchasing fixtures soon. Gary believes that he will be getting multiple office furniture items donated to the building soon. Gary further explains that John Harris is going to help with the installation and permitting of the septic system.

Trap & Skeet Range Projects

Bill Oliver explains that Bo Cambern has quite a bit of experience with trap and skeet, so he recently met with Bill and Gary at the Range to help with final layout considerations. Bill explains that all measurements were re-verified now that the buildings are in place and everything looks great. All house roofs are installed. Gary is currently running conduit and then will lay fill and pour walkways. Power is being moved from the current pole position to the back of the skeet house.

Bo Cambern volunteers to help organize trap and skeet events once the Range is complete.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that the power has been run, pedestal stands are poured and bollards are in place on the road side. Opener brackets are being built by Tyson Samples and he is also working on some sign brackets so that we can include sponsor signs at the front gate. Dan Piper mentions that we should include sturdy stops to the gate to prevent them from being able to open in the wrong direction in high winds.



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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

Access Control and Front Gate Management

John Amond explains that he and Dan Piper have been discussing how to handle the transition from the padlock to an automated front gate. The only way to do a clean transition will be at the start of the new membership year on 4/1/26. All present agreed this would be a good plan. It was also agreed that we would keep the sign-in sheet available at the gate for guests.

Dan Piper explains that we also need to come up with a plan for power outages. Dan explains that the gate opening mechanism can utilize a battery backup, but the access control system in the Education Building would not be functional in a power outage. It was decided that Dave Kuhlman will add an emergency manual egress gate in the fenceline to the North of the existing gate.

John Amond proposes that we charge a \$25 fee to replace any lost or damaged cards once the system is live. All agreed this was reasonable.

Scholarship Committee Update

An email proposal from Micaela Kennedy, chair of the Scholarship Committee, was provided as a handout at the meeting. Bill Oliver and Micaela explain that scholarships would be for graduates in 2026, so decisions need to be made soon. It was proposed that the scholarship would be for Wallowa County residents only and would be open to any seniors or those in the final year of secondary school. John Amond proposed postponing decision until next meeting so that everyone can review Micaela's proposal.

Bill asks that everyone consider ideas and questions that could be answered by applicants as well as possible ways that the applicants could raise money for the Range.

Dave Kuhlman moves to proceed with establishment of the scholarship program and to include a requirement for an essay about the 2nd Amendment with other details to be determined. This motion was seconded by Gina and approved unanimously.

Youth Shoot Committee

Bill Oliver explains that hunter safety range day is set for 3/21/26 and we would like to coordinate with hunter safety for the Youth Shoot. Gary Bethscheider explains that this should functionally be fine but proposes moving to a date with fairer weather. Bill notes that Dave McKenzie is still hunting, so there are no major updates to the committee process at this point.



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Raffle Updates

Bill Oliver explains that the Glock 19X MOS is sold out and that we were awarded a TNC Bull Hunt for 2026 that we can raffle. Bill explains that we are awaiting further details about the tag before we can go live with sales. Bill and Dean Brown will confirm what the TNC requirements are and then will coordinate with Gary Bethscheider and Dan Piper for getting the raffle established.

Dean Brown notes that we should try to get the raffle up and running by December so that they can be given as Christmas presents.

HB38 Discussion

Bill Oliver explains that HB38 is a bill covering national reciprocity for concealed carry licenses and encourages all members to look into the bill. John Amond will do some further research as well and report back at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 11/15: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: John Amond – (503)799-9534

Good of the Order

Gary Bethscheider explains that Paul Doherty has done many thousands of dollars' worth of electrical at the Range and is one of our most consistent volunteers. Gary moves to give Paul \$500 to help with his fuel costs on these regular trips to work at the Range. Dan Piper seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. John Amond will cut the check and Gary will deliver.

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: 8:16pm

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

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary