



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Status: Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** Gina Birkmaier, Grady Rawls

**Members and Guests:** Bo Cambern, Micaela Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, David McKenzie

**Handouts:** December financial statements, December membership report

**Meeting called to order at 6:34pm**

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

The November 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 balances combined are \$29,444.44, 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 Dean Brown and a second by Jane Rushane. 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 about \$1k in membership dues and from raffle proceeds, while spending about \$1k on loan payments, \$2.7k on firearms, and \$3.2k on weed spraying. John notes that we expect to get about 50% of weed spraying costs reimbursed from the County. Year-to-date income from membership has totaled about \$46k while spending about \$7.3k on insurance, \$3.4k in loan interest, \$4k on weed spraying, \$7.5k on utilities, and \$5.2k on other range expenses.

John explains that we have not touched our reserves for long-term members and he plans to hold those reserves until the start of the 2027+ member year when they will be fully realized. John further explains that we have gained about \$1.5k in interest from CDs that are not yet realized on the financial statements. This interest is being kept in money markets for now.

**Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the final total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 343, with 256 of those members paying annually. John explains that



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the final count for last year was 339, so we surpassed the total from last year. John notes that we already have 80 members for the 2026+ membership year which includes Curt White as a donated membership for efforts in 2025.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

No update was given.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Jane Rushane explains that the rifle bay doors are now working well and the latches have been replaced. Jane further notes that members have been doing a good job of cleaning up recently.

#### **Range Host Report**

Bill Oliver explains that he recently hosted one person who ended up being local so he will hopefully join as a member soon.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Betscheider explains that we are working on sheetrock for part of the west wall and the bathrooms. Gary further explains that John Harris is helping to complete septic and got the permits renewed.

#### **Trap & Skeet Range Projects**

Bill Oliver explains that he recently double checked all dimensions with an experienced skeet shooter who also provided guidance dimension documents based on national trap and skeet regulations.

#### **Front Gate Project**

Gary Betscheider explains that some power elements remain, but it is almost ready to function check.

#### **1,000-yard Competition Target Facility**

No update was given at the meeting.

#### **Wallowa Ready**

No update was given at the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Scholarship Committee Update**

Micaela Kennedy moved to allocate \$3,500 for scholarships with an announcement in January and application deadline in March and award in May. This motion was approved with a second by John Amond and unanimous consent by all present.

Bill Oliver explains that he has reached out to some local school officials for feedback to help guide the process. Gary Betscheider proposes that the committee and board of directors should agree on the



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scholarship winner(s). This was agreed by all present.

### **Youth Shoot Committee Update**

Bill Oliver explains that the date is set for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, in conjunction with Hunter Safety and David McKenzie is chairing the committee. Hunter Safety will utilize the Education Building for classroom sessions.

David explains that he had good help last year for the event but he could use help pursuing donations and with media notices. He notes that 3 rifles were given away at the last event and would like to target having 3 firearms for this event as well. Bill notes that Curt White has a Rossi 22lr that he would like to donate. Dave proposes having a 410 shotgun for one of the prizes.

Gary Bethscheider notes that he will provide catering again this year. Bill notes that we will have a membership table at the event.

### **Elk Tag Drawing Live Drawing**

It was unanimously agreed that we should live-stream the drawing for the TNC LOP Elk Tag Raffle, drawing to be held Wednesday, 3/25/26, at 7pm at the Stubborn Mule. Dan Piper will discuss this with Grady Rawls to figure out the best method.

### **Raffle Updates**

Dan Piper explains that online sales continue to be a success and most of the Elk Tag raffle tickets are sold out already and the M&P 9mm raffle tickets are also going quickly.

### **2026 Range Safety Orientation Schedule**

Dan Piper called for volunteers and got enough sign ups to begin filling the schedule.

### **Revision of Course Packet for Safety Orientation**

Bill Oliver explains that he and Dan Piper are working on updating the safety orientation course packet. As a part of this process, he reviewed our conditional use permit regarding shooting hours. Bill explains that our permit states that shooting is allowed from 7am – 8pm with occasional night shoots approved by the board. It was agreed that our policy will be that shooting is allowed at sunrise but no earlier than 7am until sunset but no later than 8pm. Bill notes that when we get set up for potential night shoots or if we have a growing interest, we can approach the County and discuss our permit and talk with the neighbors of the Range.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 12/13/25: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Grady Rawls – (541)908-2375
- Saturday, 3/21/26: Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day – more details to follow

### **Good of the Order**

Gary Bethscheider proposes that we should keep membership fees and dues the same for the 2026+ member year as they were for the 2025+ year and consider raising them for 2027+. This was agreed unanimously by all present with multiple board members noting the generosity of members in 2025 and



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our stable financial position.

Dean Brown moved that we hold a Gun of Your Dreams raffle again this year for membership who have paid their dues by 3/31/26 for a \$600 gift card at Man Shack Gun Shop. This motion was approved on a second by Dave Kuhlman and unanimous consent by all present.

Micaela Kennedy mentions that she is considering forming a local chapter of either A Girl with A Gun or Well-Armed Woman and explains that these are training organizations for women, by women. ECS could potentially be a host organization for a local chapter which would create opportunity for increased membership.

Bill Oliver explains that we have several African Hunts that were donated to ECS that we can raffle or sell for additional fund raising. Bill and Gary Bethscheider will discuss options.

**This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:24pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary