



# EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026

Status: Approved

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

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members and Guests:** Bo Cambern, Micaela Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, Paul Doherty

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

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

**Flag Salute**

**Introductions**

**Last Month's Minutes**

The December 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**

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balances combined are \$64,348, short-term CDs total \$10,403, and long-term CDs total \$55,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Gina Birkmaier and a second by Jane Rushane. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

John presented the P&L for the full 2025 calendar year and explained that we received about \$47k from membership dues and fees as a part of our \$157k in total income for the year. Total expenses for the year were about \$127k with over \$60k of that being one-time expenses. John notes that the balance of our Wolfe loan is \$79k for year end.

Regarding the P&L statement since the last meeting, John explains that we have received about \$1,750 in membership dues and about \$33.5k from raffle proceeds. John explains that raffle proceeds are from the TNC Bull Elk Tag and a couple of firearms.

John explains that he will generate monthly P&L statements differently moving forward. Rather than doing statements meeting-to-meeting, he will generate monthly P&L statements for review at future meetings. John further notes that Silver Creek in Lostine is currently working on our annual taxes and he is working with the Center for Non-Profit Law, a firm in Salem, as our registered agent to ensure everything is up-to-date with our non-profit status.



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### **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. John explains that we already have 92 members for the 2026+ membership year and confirms that anyone who has paid prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered into the Gun of Your Dreams raffle.

### **Law Enforcement Relations Report**

No update was given.

### **Old Business**

#### **Range Report**

Jane Rushane explains that she found some first aid kits in the trailer that she will distribute around the facilities. Jane will reach out to local paramedics to ensure the kits are appropriately stocked.

#### **Range Host Report**

No update was given at the meeting.

#### **Education Building Project**

Gary Bethscheider explains that the doors have been repositioned with thresholds and the door card reader has been installed. Sheetrock and paint continues with about 1-1/2 days of work remaining to finish the wall coverings. Gary explains that the septic system will be finished up as soon as the ground dries out.

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

Paul Doherty explains that he moved the electric meter and service box to the back side of the low skeet house to protect it. He will run power to the houses next and throwers can then be installed.

#### **Front Gate Project**

Paul Doherty explains that he will install a couple of outlets at the gate to power the access control system. Josh Kesecker can then power up and begin testing the controller.

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

Gary Bethscheider explains he has located some casing pipe that we will use to build the target stands that will be set in concrete this Spring. Gary notes that the idea for this additional facility came from some of our membership who are interested in long-range precision shooting and having competitions. These members have been helping with construction. The facility will include 8 target hangers and a bunker in front for target grading. Gary explains that the project will cost an additional \$3,500 to complete. John Amond motioned to approve the additional expense. The motion passed with a second by Dean Brown and unanimous consent by those present. John notes that he believes we will be the only range in Eastern Oregon with this type of 1,000-yard competition facility.

#### **Wallowa Ready**

No update was given at the meeting.



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## **New Business**

### **Scholarship Committee Update**

Bill Oliver explains that the committee has developed a list of essay and other questions to be included with the scholarship application. Bill explains that he spoke with several school advisors for recommendations and noted that the target for distribution of the application is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. The required submission date would then be around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March and the committee could make recommendations to the board at the April General Meeting. The committee is working on an application now and will work with Dan Piper to get it finalized and distributed.

### **Youth Shoot Committee Update**

Bill Oliver explains that David McKenzie is planning the event but wasn't able to make the meeting to provide an update.

### **Commemoration of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Paul Doherty proposes that ECS should try to do something special in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of our nation. After some discussion, it was decided that ECS would target having a float in the Wallowa Parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Chief Joseph Days Parade as well as hold an event at the Range, likely the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup>. Paul is taking lead on building the float while Gary Bethscheider and Bo Cambern are taking lead to plan the Range event.

### **Board Elections**

Bill Oliver explains that Dean Brown has decided to step down as a Board Member and Gary Bethscheider nominated Bo Cambern to run for the vacant position. Bo has already volunteered to lead events for the Trap & Skeet Range and is working to become a certified referee. With no further nominations, ballots were distributed. The new ECS Board of Directors is:

- President: Bill Oliver | Term expires 2026
- Vice President: Gary Bethscheider | Term expires 2027
- Secretary: Dan Piper | Term expires 2026
- Treasurer: John Amond | Term expires 2027
- Director: Gina Birkmaier | Term expires 2026
- Director: Bo Cambern | Term expires 2027
- Director: Dave Kuhlman | Term expires 2026
- Director: Grady Rawls | Term expires 2027
- Director: Jane Rushane | Term expires 2026

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 1/17/26: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Jane Rushane – (541)398-8838
- Saturday, 3/21/26: Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day – more details to follow
- Wednesday, 3/25/26: TNC LOP Bull Tag raffle drawing at 7pm | Stubborn Mule in Joseph



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### **Good of the Order**

Bill Oliver explains that we have 2 African Hunts that were donated to us in 2025 that we can use for fund raising. One of these hunts is in Namibia while the other is in South Africa. Gary Bethscheider proposes raffling off both of them rather than doing an auction, this was agreed by all present. Gary and Bill will discuss timing for these raffles.

Bill Oliver explains that the competition bays at the Range are open for general use as of now in case any members would like to use them for training. Bill further explains that we will need to close this area down during shotgun events. Gary Bethscheider and John Amond will work on some sort of road closure sign to be placed on the road to the competition bays to be used during events.

### **This Old Gun**

None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:14pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

**Submitted:** Dan Piper, Secretary