



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Amond, Dan Piper, Bo Cambern, Dave Kuhlman, Jane Rushane

Board Members Absent: Gina Birkmaier, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Dean Brown, Micaela Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, Randy Tye

Handouts: February financial statements, February membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The January minutes were read and approved on a motion by Kevin Kennedy and a second by Randy Tye with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balances combined are \$62,361, 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 for January, John explains that we have received about \$1.7k in membership dues and fees and about \$33.6k from raffle proceeds. John explains that raffle proceeds are from the TNC Bull Elk Tag and a couple of firearms.

John explains that he expects around an additional \$28k from membership this year which he anticipates will put us at a surplus of around \$38k after the projects are completed. John notes that reserves for long-term members have not yet been realized, and all 5- and 10-year memberships will expire in 2027. This reserve is currently about \$19k. Gary Bethscheider mentions that we should discuss options to encourage these long-term members to renew when their memberships expire. Bill Oliver proposes that we consider offering a 5-year membership again at that point.

Gary Bethscheider asks John to create a report for next month's meeting regarding approximate annual income from membership and approximate annual operating costs. This should give us a better idea of long-term financial health of the organization beyond the many projects and current fundraisers.



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Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that we have 160 members for the 2026+ membership year with 83 of those members paying annually. John notes that he has received 68 member applications since the last meeting. Any member who pays before April 1st will be entered into the annual Gun of Your Dreams raffle to win a \$600 gift certificate from the Man Shack Gun Shop. Bill Oliver explains that he recently spoke with Curt White about the raffle and the Man Shack Gun Shop is excited to participate again this year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that he recently spoke with Kim Hutchison who is organizing a work crew for community service to do some work at the Range. This is still being organized but should occur prior to the Youth Shoot on 3/21.

Old Business

Range Report

John Amond explains that all of the yardage markers at the pistol range were knocked down for an unknown reason. Jane Rushane will investigate and get them re-positioned as necessary. Dean Brown explains that there may be an opportunity for some controlled burns at the Range in April. Dean will coordinate and schedule with the Board.

Bill Oliver notes that the porta-potties near the building have blown over recently, but they were thankfully clean. Jane and Kim Hutchison will get these repositioned near the building to hopefully avoid getting blown over again. Bill notes that we own these porta-potties.

Jane explains that she recently put first aid kits at the rifle and pistol ranges. Dean Brown will look into getting an AED at the building.

Range Host Report

No update was given at the meeting.

Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that the current budget to complete the building is close, but he believes it is a bit low. Gary explains that he is talking with a plumber to get a float system added to the cistern. The cistern is separate from the building's domestic water but is required to operate the hydrants on site. The cistern is currently manually filled with no automatic controls.

Bill Oliver explains that he was recently speaking with Steve Wolfe who reminded Bill that a picnic area was loosely planned for near the building. This will be investigated further as the building wraps up, but Gary proposed putting it on the west side of the building to provide a seating area for those observing trap and skeet events.

Bill explains that we need to either buy or borrow tables for the building soon to be used at the Youth Shoot. Gary explains that he was recently looking at tables again and will move forward with purchasing



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some soon under a prior club authorization of up to \$1,600.

Trap & Skeet Range Projects

Bo Cambern explains that he has reached out to suppliers regarding clays and buying in bulk is the way to go. We will need a clean, dry place to store pallets of clays. Gary Bethscheider proposes either cleaning and repositioning one of our containers or purchasing another one to have near the Trap & Skeet Range. Bo will research all of this further and report back to the Board.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that he will soon be backfilling the posts and other work areas around the gate. John Amond raises the question of whether or not we should charge members for replacement cards. It was agreed by all present that a fee should be charged any time a replacement card is needed.

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 explains that the application is live and flyers have been posted around the county. Micaela notes that she posted around 30 flyers. The announcement went out on 1/28 to the local schools, ESD, and home school associations. Bill Oliver explains that the application is available on our website and notes that the deadline for submission is 3/18 with an award date of 4/16. The committee will bring recommendations to the board at the April meeting.

Youth Shoot Committee Update

Bill Oliver explains that he has been speaking with the committee chair, David McKenzie, and event coordination is progressing. David will work with Dan Piper and Gina Birkmaier to get a flyer created, distributed, and posted. Bill explains that we have received multiple donations including cash and 22lr rifles. Dan Piper will handle registration, John and Jude Amond will handle handguns, and Gary Bethscheider will provide food for the event.

Youth Shooting Events

Bill Oliver explains that he recently received a phone call from a community member inquiring about what ECS has going for local youth. Bill explains that we currently only have the Youth Shoot but would love to do more – the issue is getting volunteers to organize events. Gary Bethscheider explains that he would like to see local law enforcement host some events. Gary proposes targeting 3 events, one each hosted by the Sheriff's Department, Oregon State Police, and the City of Enterprise Police Department. It was agreed by all that this would be a great opportunity for both the law enforcement agencies and youth to connect. Bill and Gary will talk with these agencies to gauge interest.



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Commemoration of July 4th, 2026

No update was given at the meeting.

Eagle Cap Shooter Endowment Fund

Bill Oliver explains that he recently spoke with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) about their Endowment Partner Fund. This could establish an endowment fund where anyone could set ECS up as recipients in their will/trust/etc. Bill explains that the OCF is willing to come and speak to the Board about this opportunity. It was agreed by all that this would be worth pursuing.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 2/14/26: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Dean Brown – (509)540-2845
- Wednesday, 3/18/26: ECS Scholarship Application Receipt Deadline
- 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
- Thursday, 4/16/26: ECS Scholarship Award Announcement

Good of the Order

John Amond notes that he will invoice all sponsors for their signs on 4/1. Gary Betscheider notes that he would like to pursue additional sponsors and potentially offer advertising on the front gate.

Dean Brown explains that the RMEF banquet is coming up and asks if ECS would be willing to donate a membership to the event. This was approved on a motion by Dan Piper and approved by all present. This raised the question of whether or not minors are allowed to be members of ECS. Bill Oliver will review the bi-laws and report back on this matter.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9th, 2026, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary