



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 9, 2026

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Amond, Gina Birkmaier, Bo Cambern, Dave Kuhlman, Grady Rawls, Jane Rushane

Board Members Absent: Dan Piper

Members and Guests: Dean Brown, Micaela Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, John Haskett, Heidi Jones, Paul Doherty, David McKenzie, Robert Reading

Handouts: March financial statements, March membership report, draft letters to members re: automated gate access plan, revised annual expense vs dues income report

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

There being 16 members, board members and guests present, introductions were made and guests welcomed. Heidi Jones was welcomed as a new member.

Last Month's Minutes

The February 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

The Treasurer's report was read and reviewed by John Amond and along with the Membership Report, approved unanimously on a motion by Dave Kuhlman, seconded by Gina Birkmaier. Current checking/savings account balance is \$75,757.15, including undeposited funds of \$1,355. Additional Fixed Assets are CDs totaling \$45,000 plus accrued interest which has not yet been recorded.

Cash projection for 2026 shows a positive balance of at least \$4,000 (not including \$7,500 "Tifta" and reserves for Long Term Members) after expected annual expenses and special expenses to complete current projects.

A special report, requested by Gary Bethscheider, comparing annual fixed and recurrent required expenses exclusive of special or one-time expenses with anticipated annual dues income showed a positive balance of \$14,258 without additional fund raising income (which thanks to Gary Bethscheider's highly successful gun raffles and other efforts is likely to remain substantial). So, it appears that current dues income is sufficient to cover annual fixed expenses. The line item for Utilities which was mislabeled "Electric and water" was corrected to read "Electric and garbage" (Rahn Sanitary) and there was discussion and agreement to try to reduce our garbage costs by renting a smaller container, which would



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cut the cost almost in half.

Membership Report

The Membership Report was presented by John Amond who updated the printed report distributed and noted that 2026 membership has reached 177, of whom 100 are annual paying members and noted that was an increase of 16 since last month's report. He expects 2026 membership to be about the same as 2025—about 343 members, and is budgeting accordingly.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver reported that Kim Hutchinson had made arrangements for a group of offenders doing community service will be coming to the range to help with range cleanup and there was discussion around choosing a date shortly before the Youth Shoot on March 21. Jane Rushane, Gary Bethscheider, and Kim will work out a plan and the help was welcomed.

Old Business

Range Report

In addition to the report on the automated gate, maintenance committee chair Jane Rushane reported on her clean up of permanent toilets and other fix up tasks and Dave Kuhlman reported that he had taken the flat mower tire and wheel to Les Schwab and since a damaged rim was the problem, the solution was to put a tube in the tire since the rim was not properly sealing. John Amond reported that he had just received a check for \$1,000 from Wallowa County Weed Management as partial reimbursement for the bare ground weed treatment recently completed by Casey Crum. It was noted that the weed control program has been successful and the range is as weed free as it has ever been.

Dean Brown reported that the “Range Burn” previously proposed for April 25 as part of a fire fighting exercise is not likely to happen but he is still working on a more modest burn at the Range and will report further.

More helpers are being rounded up to assist Gary's work—he will be adding substantial gravel to roads and parking lots prior to the Youth Shoot and generally cleaning and organizing the Education Building to facilitate the upcoming Hunter Safety final class and test to coincide with the Youth Shoot.

Range Host Report

No update was given at the meeting.

Education Building Project

Work on the Education Building proceeds apace with sheetrocking about completed and thus the inside is nearly ready to paint. Sara Bethscheider will select colors in consultation with Gary and Bill and volunteer painters will soon be needed. Josh Kesecker is finishing up the automated south door and the heating system is fully operational but we will be adding a second heating unit as the one unit now installed is barely adequate.



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Trap & Skeet Range Projects

All three of the Trap and Skeet buildings are roofed. Wiring is proceeding and thrower machine and door installation will soon follow, along with installation of lights to enable evening trap and skeet events.

There was discussion about how skeet and trap events will be managed and agreed that members will not be allowed to individually operate the facility but will be welcome to participate in regularly scheduled events managed by club volunteers. Bo Cambern explained that the usual practice is for members to get a discount for rounds while others would be welcome to shoot at a higher cost. Procurement of clay targets was discussed and it was agreed we probably would not be able to sell ammunition but that the question needed further investigation. It was suggested that discussion with the Wallowa Rod and Gun Club would provide useful advice and develop a schedule of events that was coordinated to enable both clubs to offer more shooting opportunities.

Front Gate Project

Draft letters to members regarding Range access via the soon to be completed automated gate were discussed and with some minor amendments, adopted for distribution to members along with their key cards. There was discussion about preventing damage to the gate by users and the wind and various suggestions will be considered for implementation. Progress toward installation is steady and gravel will soon be filled in around the card stanchions and then wiring and further testing will follow.

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

Chair Micaela Kennedy reported that we had received 2 applications but that more were expected and that the committee would meet soon after the March 18th Deadline for applications to begin review of submissions and prepare their report for consideration at the April 13th ECS meeting. Bill Oliver reported that John Amond had provided the committee with basic IRS tax information that we would convey to recipients along with their award letters.

Youth Shoot Committee Update

Members were reminded that David McKenzie and Mike Teece agreed on the date of Saturday, March 21 for this event and that this year not only the Range Day but also the final class meeting and test for Hunter Safety class will take place at the Range and Education Building. While David will head the event, Gina Birkmaier and Dan Piper will help with publicity and registration as they have in the past and Gary Bethscheider has generously agreed to cater the lunch again. David McKenzie brought printed advertising flyers to the meeting, discussed the schedule and recruited additional volunteers to help carry out the event. It was reported that three rifles have been obtained for prizes at cost thanks to Curt White of the Man Shack Gun Shop. It was noted that the VFW Post and local American Legion group will



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provide \$250 each thanks to the efforts of Kim Hutchinson and Mike Teece respectively. Several members offered to post the flyer around the County and were given copies of the flyer. Gina confirmed the \$2,000 grant from the City of Enterprise for the Youth Shoot and that she will advertise on our Facebook page and offered help with food service and supervising shooters as did several others including David Kuhlman, Bo Cambern, and Bill Oliver.

Last year we saw more than 40 young shooters and fed nearly 100 youth and adults who attended, which was more than a 30% increase over prior years. Hope we can do at least as well this year.

Youth Shooting Events – Minor Age Members

In response to a question at the February meeting, Bill Oliver reported that our Bylaws do include a Youth Member category but it is undefined and no dues cost has been assigned. Once we reach a decision about further enabling youth membership, it is an easy matter to fix because that sort of change to the Bylaws requires only a majority vote of the Board at any regular meeting to approve and adopt the change. However, there was general concern that those under the age of 18 should not be able to shoot without responsible adult supervision. That principle was generally agreed but how to implement it was not so clear. Further discussion is needed, especially with regard to future trap and skeet events. It was agreed to give further thought and to take the issue up at a subsequent meeting as there were multiple issues to consider. It was also agreed that we wanted to encourage youth membership and more shooting/training opportunities for young people. It was suggested that consultation with Annette Moeller, coach of the Wallowa High shooting team, and other school leaders might be useful.

Commemoration of July 4th, 2026

Paul Doherty, chair of the ECS Parade Float for Wallowa July 4 Celebration reported that Andy Hillock had offered a float vehicle—perhaps a “retired” military vehicle or flatbed—but that we would need to create the float. It was suggested that the Art teachers at our three high schools might be consulted for workers and ideas. Gary Bethscheider and Bo Cambern are thinking about a 250th Birthday event to take place at our range, not on the Holiday but near the 4th.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 3/14/26: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Bill Oliver – (541)3987-1104
- Saturday, 3/14/26: Range Closed 8:30am – 2:30pm | Range Cleanup Day
- Wednesday, 3/18/26: ECS Scholarship Application Receipt Deadline
- Saturday, 3/21/26: Youth Shoot and Hunter Safety Range Day
- Wednesday, 3/25/26: TNC LOP Bull Tag raffle drawing at 7pm | Stubborn Mule in Joseph
- Monday, 4/13/26: General Meeting and Endowment Presentation by Oregon Community Foundation
- Thursday, 4/16/26: ECS Scholarship Award Announcement

Good of the Order

Gary Bethscheider cordially invited newest member Heidi Jones to be an active member and helper and asked if it was her intention to volunteer her help. She observed that at first she would like to help with



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Gina's tasks but that she did intend to be an active as opposed to passive member. We all appreciated her enthusiasm.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13th, 2026, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Bill Oliver, President