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General Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, October 12, 2026
Status: Draft – Pending Approval

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

Board Members Absent: Dan Piper, Gina Birkmaier, Grady Rawls

Members and Guests: Dean Brown, Paul Doherty

Handouts: October financial statements, October membership report, lighting proposal from NW Lighting & Controls

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes
The September minutes were read and approved on a motion by Dave Kuhlman and a second by John Amond with a correction about the pallet jack being purchased from Ace and then an anonymous donor paying most of the bill.

Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balances combined are $52,885, short-term CDs total $10,403, and long-term CDs total $45,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously by those present. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Regarding the P&L statement for September, John explains that we have received about $2.2k from membership and about $1.2k from raffles. Year-to-date, John explains that we have received about $28k from membership and $45k from raffles. Building and shotgun range expenses have totaled about $7k and $6k, respectively, and we have spent about $9k on raffle guns.

John notes that he has to do a full report of our raffles for the Gaming Commission. John further notes that he has submitted for partial reimbursement from the County for weed spraying at the Range.

Membership Report
The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that we added 15 members this month and now have 373 members for the 2026+ membership year with 284 of those members paying annually. This exceeds the final membership count of 343 for the 2025+ membership year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report
Bill Oliver explains that the new representative for Oregon State Police SWAT, Daniel Merritt, was very appreciative of the ECS Range for their recent trainings. SWAT tested a moving target system that worked well. We will look into a permanent installation and OSP may contribute. SWAT plans to return in June of 2027.

The Wallowa County Sheriff's office will be doing a low-light training later this month.

Old Business

Range Report
It was reported that the Range is generally staying clean largely thanks to membership efforts cleaning up after themselves. The south gate opener at the front gate has been replaced after being damaged. Gary Bethscheider notes that the gates may struggle in high winds. If the gates stop while opening in high wind or for any other reason, members should swipe their cards again to re-cycle the gates.

Range Host Report
No update was given at the meeting.

Education Building Project
Gary Bethscheider explains that interior painting is now completed.

Trap & Skeet Range Projects
Gary Bethscheider explains that rock is being laid for the shotgun ranges in preparation for concrete.

Paul Doherty presented a proposal he has received from NW Lighting & Controls for the shotgun ranges.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility
No update was given at the meeting.

New Business

2027+ Membership Dues
Gary Bethscheider moves to raise individual membership dues by $10 and family membership dues by $20 for the 2027+ Membership Year. This motion was approved on a second by John Amond and unanimous consent of those present.

ECS Bylaws Review for Suspensions and Terminations
It was explained that the board is currently discussing language updates to the bylaws for 2027 with our attorney, Ben Boyd. The primary desired changes are in regard to denying, suspending, and terminating memberships. The updated language will also reflect age limitation to membership and drug and alcohol use. Bill Oliver will lead the discussions with Ben and report back to the club once updated language has been drafted for review.

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ECS Promotional Items
John Amond explains that this lead should not be pursued at this time.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 10/13/26: Pistol Range Closed 9am-12pm | 21-Feet Training
- Thursday, 10/15/26: Pistol and Rifle Range Closed 5pm-8pm | Sheriff's Department Training
- Saturday, 10/17/26: Range Safety Orientation – 10am | Instructor: Dan Piper – (541)398-1332
- Monday, 12/14/26: Board and Officer Elections. The following have terms expiring 12/31/26:
    - President | Incumbent: Bill Oliver
    - Secretary | Incumbent: Dan Piper
    - Director | Incumbent: Gina Birkmaier
    - Director | Incumbent: Dave Kuhlman
    - Director | Incumbent: Jane Rushane

Good of the Order
Bill Oliver explains that there are currently shotgun empties available from an individual he knows. Interested parties should contact Bill.

ECS recently donated a membership to the 4H radio auction.

Bill Oliver explains that he will not be present at the November General Meeting.

This Old Gun
None

Meeting Adjourned:
Next Meeting: Monday, November 9th, 2026, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon
Submitted: Jane Rushane, Board Member