

# Bend Trap Club General Meeting 3/9/2025

Meeting called to order @ 1:05 p.m. by Chad Lilze.

Directors present –Julie Spindler, Richard Shrode, Chad Lilze, Heath Lilze, Kyle McKenzie, Heath Lilze, Dwain Storm, and James Todd.

Directors not present – John Spindler, Bob Elliott, Angelo Licitra, Rick Volkman, and Bob Lundquist

Chad read the **mission statement** of Bend Trap Club as follows: The Bend Trap Club is a non-profit club in a wildlife overlay zone as described by our Deschutes County conditional use permit. The club is run for the benefit of its members and was used as a shooting range for the entirety of 2024 and will be again in 2025.

**2024 Annual meeting minutes** were handed out to all members in attendance and read by individuals. Motion was made by Richard Shrode to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by James Todd. All were in favor.

**Presidents 2024 Report** Chad announced to the membership that the new caretaker is Scott Davis. He has a renewable 1-year contract that renews each April.

All shot that was mined in 2023 has been sold. Looking at sources to keep reloading supplies in stock at the club.

BTC will be hosting the PITA Grand Pacific this year (July 17-26). Currently, we are looking for a 3–5-year contract for hosting this shoot on an annual basis.

BTC was awarded the 2026 Oregon High School State Shoot. If the 2026 shoot proceeds successfully, we will secure a five-year contract for subsequent shoots. Additional expansion is needed before June 2026. Still discussing the options, we will form committees for upcoming tasks. Chad is working on getting grant monies to help offset the expansion costs.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Bend Trap Club were the winners of the 2024 Madras Challenge Cup! Bend won the event by 13 targets. Winning team – Rick Kobayashi, Heath Lilze, Bob Elliott, (James Todd, Chad Lilze, & Rick Volkman tied) need to determine who will be 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> team member.

**Financial statements for 2024** were handed out to all members in attendance.

The IRS audit is now behind us. The findings in the audit required some minor changes in the handling of daily memberships, however BTC was not in violation of our 501-c7 tax status. Changes include that there is no longer a daily membership fee for guests of members and there is no difference in target prices. A member can have up to 8 guests at one time. Fill out the form in the office. Darrel Saunders asked how are non-members shooting at the registered shoots? They are required to pay a non-member tournament fee of \$1.00. Bob Reed asked How many times can a person be a “guest”? There was no definitive answer, however there should be a conversation about supporting the club with the shooter. Bob asked why there are two accounts with BoA. Richard advised that the bulk of BTC monies were moved to a savings account to prevent/limit any misuse of club funds.

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When asked about the loss for the year 2024, our inventories of targets, shells and reloading supplies are much greater than a year ago. See financial statements for the exact amounts.

Motion was made to accept the financials as presented by James Todd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spencer Brown. All were in favor.

**2025 Happenings** – Winter League is winding down, 3 weeks left until the finale. Upcoming shoots for 2024 are Winter League finale (March 29<sup>th</sup>), PITA shoot (May 23-25), PITA Grand (July 17-26). We are going to need any/all volunteers to make this another successful shooting year.

Chad is currently working on upgrading the speaker system.

We have a renewed Deschutes Sherriff's lease. Current lease terms are for the next 5 years. Sherriff's department will pay the amount of our property taxes + \$2,500.00 each year in lieu of rent. Bob Reed inquired whether the road maintenance clause remains in the lease or if the county could do the work for a fee. No, the road maintenance clause is not in the current lease agreement, however they did agree to pay ½ of road maintenance their cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Heath gave the target report. Targets thrown in 2024 were over twice the amount thrown in any prior year. BTC threw over 558,000 targets. See the target count sheet in the packet.

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, the club will be back to opening 3 days a week (Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday). This will facilitate the youth programs needing to practice for the upcoming competitions. We currently have 3 active youth memberships.

### **Chad opened the floor for discussion –**

Mike Riggs has 2 traps at Portland Gun Club that he is working on for us. Julie Spindler will follow up on repair progress.

Motion was made by Bob Reed to move Beau Walker, Angelo Licitra, George Barnett, Jim Powell, and Spencer Brown from Probationary General Member to General member. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Todd. Motion was made by the floor to move Steve Dunbar, Kirk Foster, Richard Pasquale, Scott Davis, Tom McLeod, Wayne Hildebrand, and Cory Urell from Associate members to General probationary members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Todd. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Nominations were made for the open board of directors' positions.** Open vacancies are for 5 positions ending in 2028. Nominations for open board positions are:

Richard Shrode

Heath Lilze

Dwain Storm

Jim Powell

Chad Lilze

Angelo Licitra (confirmation of appointed position until 2027)

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Motion to accept nominations by accumulation made by Bob Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Haub. No objections were made.

Welcome aboard to our new directors!

One life membership is up for vote – nominations are Bob Reed, Dwain Storm, Len Stenborg, and Bob Elliott.

Vote tallies were counted by Scott and Julie. Bob Elliott is a life member.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Spencer Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Todd. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 2:40 p.m. by Chad Lilze.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie Spindler

Secretary