October 5, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
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The 728th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:
President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the September 2026 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer George presented the September 2026 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions to the Report as presented. Hearing none, President Deese asked for a motion to accept the Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote

Membership Report:
No New Members.

Secretary Mann presented a change in the new membership dues during the remaining four months of the year. After brief discussion, Secretary Mann made a motion to adopt a $25 flat fee for new members joining within the last four months of the year. We will continue requiring new members to pay the following year's annual dues and initiation fee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Online voting had 30 responses. 28 voted in favor of the change with two disapproved the change.

Club Membership – 94% (328 members)

Fishing / Hunting Report:
Billy Winner gave the fishing report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

Pheasant ($5) and Gun Deer ($10) contests are open.

Building / Grounds:

- (No Update) Tom N. and Casey C. have separated all the brass casings. Dave M. will take the brass for recycling.
- (No Update) President Deese obtained an estimated cost at $15 per square for the fencing around the club. He talked to the contractor that installed the fence around the solar panel field. More discussions to follow.
- (No Update) Lead reclamation in pistol range will commence in the Spring. Put together a list of volunteers and scheduled several days to complete led reclamation. Looking for someone to lead this project. Tom Nelson is available to help.

Old Business:

- (Updated) Non-profit status is almost completed. 1st VP Weir and Treasurer George will file the remaining paperwork the week of October 5th.
- (No Update) President Deese stated that lanyards will be used next year for identifying current members. Members will be required to wear their lanyard when at the club. Members must attend a meeting to receive your lanyards. More information to follow.
- (No Update) – South property - Waiting for a response to our request for more detailed and finalized development plans so we can determine impact to our south easement.
- (No Update) Shirts and Apparel - Shannon M. has taken over ordering apparel for the club. More information to follow.
- (No Update) President Deese mentioned that the driveway will be extended to the pistol / rifle gate this summer. He is working with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (No Update) Tim Babcock is designing the award.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.

New business:

- (New) Signed new contract with Pellitteri Waste Management for trash and recycle services. Containers will be delivered on Friday, October 8th.
- (No Update) President Deese reached out the DNR inquiring if a south district grant can include extending the driveway with concrete, porta potty costs, and fencing around club land.
- (No Update) – Stop the Bleed Certification. A member is a certified trainer in Stop the Bleed training. He would like to schedule time later this year to conduct this training for all members

that are interested. It might be important for several RSOs to take this training. More information to follow.

December Member Get-together

Annual December members get-together will be held on Monday, December 7th at the McFarland American Legion starting at 6pm. More information to follow.

Trap Leagues

- (Updated) Fall wobbles and doubles Tuesday trap league has a few weeks remaining.
- (No Update) Trap/Skeet equipment - A team is being put together to service this equipment.

Calendar Updates

- Sunday, October 4th - Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm
- Monday, October 12th – Black Light Shoot – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, November 7th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 8th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Wednesday, November 11th - Hunter Sight-In from 10am – 3pm
- Saturday, November 14th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 15th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, December 5th – Clubhouse closed for private party from 10am – 4pm.
- Monday, December 7th – Annual member get-together at the American Legion beginning at 6pm

50/50 Raffle: 50/50 raffle won by Nathan Wier.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.