

**October 6, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
Hope Rod And Gun Clubhouse**

The 717th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the September 2025 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the September 2025 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 2025 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions on the presented Report. Hearing none, President Deese asked for a motion to accept the September 2025 Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Income and Expense Reports. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

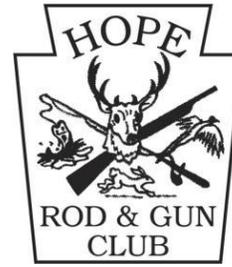
Membership Report:

President Deese read the names of the new members. President Deese asked for a motion to accept them into the club. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new members. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. President Deese welcomed the new members to the Hope Rod & Gun Club and briefly reviewed some of the club's safety rules. Dues are due Jan 1 of each year. Gate combination was shared with the new members as well as the rule that the gate must remain open when someone is using facilities.

Club Membership – No Update.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Orié reminded members that the bow and gun deer contest and the pheasant contest are open for members to sign-up.

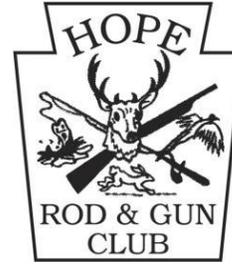
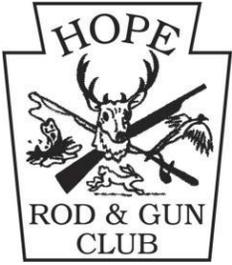


Building / Grounds:

- (New) – Tree removal needed in front of the shotgun pattern board. Tom Nelson will bring his tractor down to help with removal.
- (Updated) As requested, we received a second bid for replacing the furnace. Board will select vendor.
- (Updated) New lights for trap fields will be installed week of October 6th.
- (No Update) Lead reclamation in pistol range will commence when cooler weather arrives. Looking for someone to lead this project. We need to put together a team of volunteers to keep this project going. Tom Nelson is available to help.
- (No Update) We received a quote from Capital Security for installing and maintaining key cards. The quote was around \$20k. We will be contacting additional vendors.
- (No Update) Continued discussing fencing in the entire gun club for safety reasons. More discussions will follow.
- (No Update) Looking into a DNR grant for installing a fence around the club. President Deese will be looking into the annual hours we are open to the public.

Old Business:

- (Updated) Billy Winner will take over mowing and snow removal for the club.
- (No Update) Shooting Committee needs to meet before end of year.
- (No Update) Need a new source for cardboard for pistol and rifle range target stands.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.
- (No Update) Discussed researching a five stand for trap range. Will ask for volunteers when we are ready to discuss further.
- (No Update) President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (No Update) Discussed a new award for person(s) that volunteers the most during the year.
- (No Update) Discussed holding a raffle this year if we receive our non-profit status.



New business:

- (New) Wall safe, like the one in the pistol range, is needed for rifle range. President Deese will research new wall safe.
- (New) A dead shell container needed in the rifle range. President Deese will take this action item.
- (New) A member presented a high-powered air rifle that he has for sale.
- (New) A new member volunteered to investigate getting the club's Facebook pages up to date. He will contact Secretary Mann for more information.

Archery

- (New) Tony Bickel volunteered to be point of contact for brush and weed removal on the walkthrough archery course.

Trap League

- (New) Shooting committee will address the possibility of expanding Clay Busters role to include loading the trap houses on trap league nights.
- (Updated) Looking for a lead person(s) to oversee the trap field, machines, birds and trap league scoring. Please let us know if you are interested.
- (No Update) Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, November 8th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 9th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Wednesday, November 12th – Hunter Sight-In from 10am – 3pm
- Saturday, November 15th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 16th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, December 6th – clubhouse closed for private party from 10am – 4pm.

50/50 Raffle: Tony Bickel won and donated the money back to the club.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.