September 14, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
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The 727th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:
President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the August 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:
President Deese presented the August 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:
Secretary Mann 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.

Club Membership – 93% (327 members)

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

Pheasant, Gun Deer, Archery Deer and Turkey contests are open. Must sign up for Turkey and Archery Deer before September 12th. Costs are $10 each.

Building / Grounds:

- (New) 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.

Club Picnic

Picnic was held on Sunday, August 30th. Good turnout and participation. Discussed needing to be better organized in running the trap shooting event. Also agreed to investigate shooting all trap rounds from the 16-yard line thus eliminating the need to calculate handicapped yardage for second and third rounds.

Old Business:

- (Updated) The prime rib dinner has been canceled due not having a non-profit status.
- (Updated) Non-profit status is 98% completed. 1st VP Weir and Treasurer George will file the remaining paperwork.
- (Updated) 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.
- (Updated) – 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) RSO Training – RSO training is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at the clubhouse. Pistol range will be closed from 12:30pm to 3:30pm that day.
- (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 Updated) Tim Babcock is working on designing the award.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.

- (No Update) Black Light Shooting Event - Discussed having a black-light trap shooting event. These have become more popular with clubs in the area. More information to follow.

New business:

- (New) Two new large animals will be installed on the upper archery course.
- (New) Annual Decembers Members Get Together tentative plans are to hold it on Monday, December 7th at the American Legion. More information to follow.
- (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.

Trap League

- (New) Fall wobbles and doubles trap league starts on Tuesday, September 15th.
- (No Update) Trap/Skeet equipment - A team is being put together to service this equipment.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, September 19th - RSO training all day in clubhouse. Pistol range will be closed from 12:30pm – 3:30pm.
- Sunday, October 4th - Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm
- 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 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, November 14th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 15th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Monday, December 7th – Tentative plans for Annual Dinner at the American Legion (hours: TBD)

50/50 Raffle: 50/50 raffle won by Don S.

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

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.