

May 4, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
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The 723rd meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

The April 2026 monthly meeting minutes will be presented during the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

President Deese gave a few highlights of April expenditures. A full report will be made when Treasurer George returns.

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. Dues are due January 1st 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.

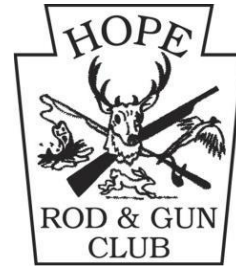
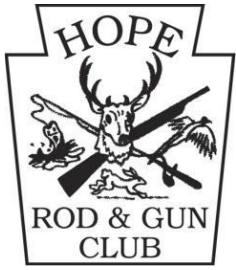
Club Membership – 87% (306 members)

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Billy Winner gave the fishing report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

Hunter Safety Course

President Deese stated that we will schedule a hunter safety course later this summer. We have four members that are NRA certified to run this course. However, they do not have the equipment needed for the course.



Building / Grounds:

- (New) Rick S. has taken over the lawn mowing at the club.
- (New) Reinstalled the gong on the rifle range.
- (Updated) Active Gun Range / No Trespassing signs have been placed. This was done during the spring cleanup.
- (Updated) 2026 Spring cleanup – we had a great turnout at the spring cleaning! We had 26 members / volunteers participate including several McFarland Clay Busters members participated. All scheduled tasks plus a few more were completed. Thanks to all that participated!!!
- (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:

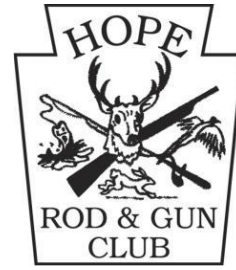
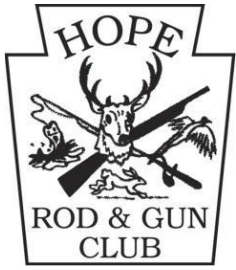
- (Updated) President Deese mentioned that the driveway will be extended to the pistol / rifle gate this summer. He is working with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (No Updated) Tim Babcock is working on designing the award.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.
- (No Update) Discussed holding a raffle this year if we receive our non-profit status.
- (No Update) Reviewing the need to install a camera on the upper archery deck.

New business:

- No new business.

Trap League

- (Updated) Looking for a lead person(s) to oversee the trap field, machines, and ordering birds. Please let us know if you are interested.



Calendar Updates

- Saturday, June 6th - Black powder skeet tournament from 9am – 3pm.
- Saturday, June 6th - Pistol / rifle ranges closed from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 6th – Private party from 3:30pm – 10pm.
- Sunday, June 7th - Private party from 2pm – 6pm.
- Sunday, October 4th - Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm

50/50 Raffle: N/A

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.