

**April 7, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
McFarland American Legion Post 534**

The 711th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

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

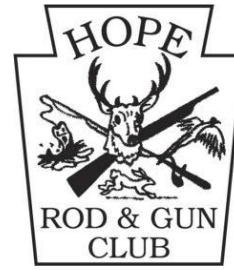
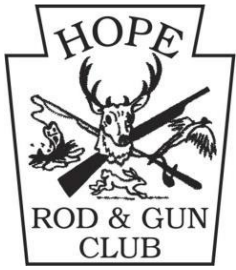
Membership Report:

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. 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.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

- Turkey hunting contest is underway through the end of the season and will be judged by weight, beard and spur.
- Fishing contest is open, please sign up if you are interested.
- 2024 winners: Stan Nichols (Northern), Billy Winner (Perch) and Billy Winner (Crappie)



Building / Grounds:

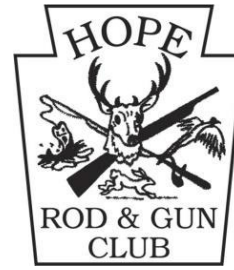
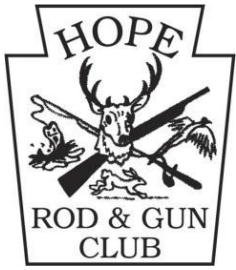
- (No Update) Spring cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 9am – 3pm. Rain date will be May 3rd from 9am – 3pm.
- (Updated) Discussed expanding the Board members since we expect some turnover in the next few years. Dave Murray and Don Schneider have been added to the Board as of the March 12th Board meeting.
- (No Update) Discussed lead reclamation from pistol range will be done in April. We will reach out to Tom N. as he built the machine. It was mentioned that we may move the old sand out and put new sand in.
- (No Update) The property to the east of the club is having more discussions regarding the amount of semi traffic that would be on Siggelkow Road. They are working with the village of McFarland on this issue.
- (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) Dave Murray mentioned holding the Russ Jenkins chicken shoot and cookout in July. He will provide more information.
- (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 when we receive our non-profit status.

New business:

- Bar Manager position has been filled by Scott Yohr. President Deese and Secretary Mann will assist as needed.
- Discussed replacing the current cordless trap throwing system. The estimated costs will be around \$4500-\$5000. Shooting Committee will review and make a recommendation.



- Shotgun pattern board was damaged by the wind and will need to be fixed.
- Discussed the request by the Clay Busters to fund \$1,800 for sweatshirts and shooting shirts with Clay Busters logo, gun club sponsor / logo and their names. A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding of \$1,800 to the Clay Busters for the items identified. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- We are considering an open 410 trap league. A notice will be sent by email. Anyone interested in participating should respond.
- Hunter Safety courses are run by Logan Winner. Contact Billy Winner for Logan's contact information. Billy can be reached at dewwy123@att.net.

Archery

- No Update.

Trap League

- (New) Trap League will begin the week of April 28th.
- Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules. No Update.

Sunday Open Public Shooting / Monday Skeet Shooting

- Sunday, April 13th will be the first day of open public shooting. Open from 9am – 1pm
- Monday, April 14th will be the first day of sheet shooting. Open from 3pm – dusk.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, April 26th – Spring Cleanup from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, May 3rd – Rain date for Spring Cleanup from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 7th – black powder skeet tournament from 9 am – 4 pm.
(Rifle, Skeet and Black powder ranges closed for this event)
- Sunday, October 5th – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9 am - 4 pm

50/50 Raffle: Dustin Struckmeyer won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.