

**August 4, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
Hope Rod And Gun Clubhouse**

The 715th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the July 2025 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the July 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 July 2025 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions on the presented Income and Expense Report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the July 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:

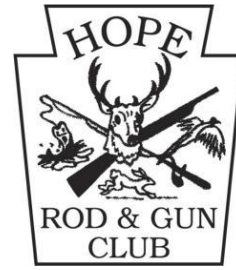
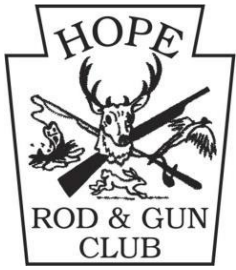
Secretary Mann read the names of the new members. President Deese asked for a motion to accept them into the club. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new members. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. President Deese welcomed the new members to the Hope Rod & Gun Club and briefly reviewed 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.

Club Membership has 340 members out of 350 maximum.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

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

Pheasant and Bow Deer contests are now open. It costs \$5 for the Pheasant and \$10 for the Bow Deer contests. Come to the monthly meeting to sign-up.



Building / Grounds:

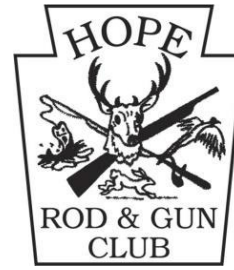
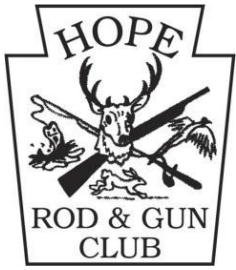
- (New) Need to replace the furnace before winter. We will obtain a quote prior to the next meeting.
- (New) All of the used brass casings have been separated from all casing buckets and will be taken to get recycled. The club usually makes several hundred dollars on used brass. Thanks to the members that helped complete this project.
- (Updated) Jay will run the new lighting project for the Trap / Skeet field. Jim Binger has estimated costs for new lighting. Dave Muray did not have a chance to follow up on the lights. Deerfield has recently installed new lights. Dave will follow up with Deerfield on their lighting project.
- (Updated) Lead reclamation in pistol range project. 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) Jeff, from Interstate Partners, which are developing the land east of the club, canceled coming to the July meeting due to them working with the new village Board. He will let us know when he has more updated information to share.
- (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:

- (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) Trap I was down due to a broken wire which has now been repaired.



- (Updated) RSO training is scheduled for Saturday September 13th. Just a reminder, we expect you to work as an RSO for a few Sundays during the year when we are open to the public.

Archery

- (Updated) We are looking at updating / replacing targets to prepare for bow hunters. We also need to clean up the walkthrough trail. Looking for someone to lead this project.

Trap League

- (Updated) The trap scoring system has been updated and is not the same as the previous version. Request Jeff to investigate the differences.
- (No Update) Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules.

Annual Club Picnic

The annual club picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 24, 2025**. Pork shoulders, BBQ chicken and sweetcorn will be provided by the club. Ice tables will be available for foods that need to stay cool. A bouncy house will be available for the kids.

Clay Busters are invited to the picnic.

Cleaning the clubhouse for annual picnic will be on Saturday, September 23rd from 10am – 12 pm.

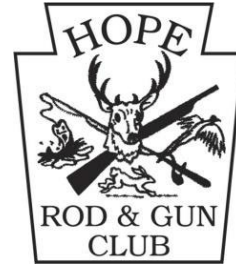
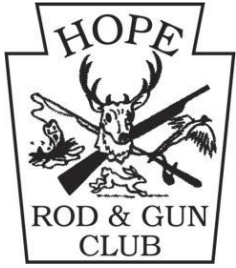
Looking for volunteers to run the trap competition and bingo. Please let me know if you are interested by sending an email at hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com

Rifle, pistol and black powder ranges will be closed the day of the picnic.

Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

Hunter Sight-In is scheduled from 8am – 3pm on the following weekends:

- Saturday/Sunday, November 1st / 2nd
- Saturday/Sunday, November 8th / 9th
- During these dates and times, the rifle /pistol ranges are closed for Sight-In only.
- RSOs are needed to run the rifle sight-in. Each day there will be three slots available from 8am-12pm and from 12pm -3pm. RSO sign-up is available on the club website under the Membership link and selecting the “FIND OUT MORE” button under Volunteer Opportunities.



Calendar Updates

- Sunday, August 24th – annual club picnic
- Sunday, October 5th – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am - 4pm
- Saturday, November 1st – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 2nd – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, November 8th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 9th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, December 6th – clubhouse closed for private party from 10am – 4pm.

50/50 Raffle: President Deese won the 50/50 raffle. Donated back to club.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.