

**January 5th 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
American Legion Post 534**

The 719th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the November 2025 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:

Treasurer George presented the November / December 2025 Income and Expense Reports. He asked if there were any questions to the Reports as presented. Hearing none, President Deese asked for a motion to accept the 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.

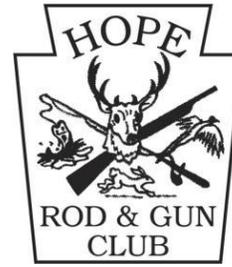
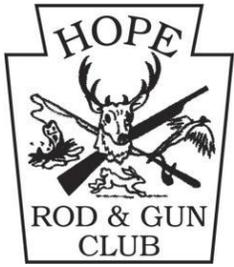
Membership Report:

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.

Club Membership – 20 % have not renewed. The gate code will be changed shortly after the February meeting. Two emails will be sent prior to the gate code being changed.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Gun deer contest was won by Bill Winner (\$90) and Bow deer contest was won by Randy Burns (\$70).



Orie is stepping down as the fishing and hunting report spokesperson. Billy Winner has volunteered to take over as spokesperson and will be running the various contests.

Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

We had a good turnout for the 2025 hunter sight-in. Thanks to Don Schneider for running the hunter sight-in and to all the other volunteers over the two weekends.

Building / Grounds:

- (New) President Deese mentioned that it might be less expensive to install a 6ft fence with wooden posts around the club. More discussions to follow.
- (Updated) The furnace replacement has been completed.
- (No Update) One additional light might be needed on the trap and skeet range. President Deese will follow-up.
- (No Update) Lead reclamation in pistol range will commence in the Spring. Put together a list of volunteers and scheduled several days to complete lead reclamation. Looking for someone to lead this project. Tom Nelson is available to help.
- (No Update) Boundaries on the property east of the club continue to change. We expected to receive topsoil from them to further build up the east and south berms. Discussed putting Active Gun Range signs on south and west sides of property. No decision made on the signs. More discussions will follow.
- (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) 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.
- (No Update) Schedule 2026 Spring cleanup. Put a plan together of all Spring cleanup tasks.

Old Business:

- (Updated) Wall safe has been installed in the rifle range.
- (Updated) Club's Facebook Account - Eduardo Lopez volunteered to create a new Facebook account. He created a new Facebook account and was waiting for Facebook to approve. He then received an email that Facebook denied his request. He is not sure where to go from this point forward.
- (No Update) Shooting Committee meeting will be scheduled in January / February.
- (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:

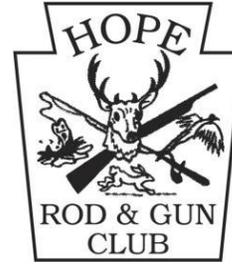
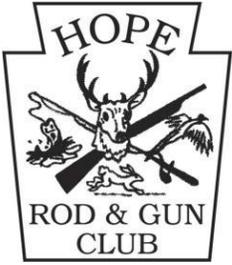
- (New) Upgrade targets next spring on archery range.
- (New) Update targets for broadheads and cross bows.
- (New) Schedule a Board meeting.

Trap League

- (No Update) Shooting committee will address the possibility of expanding Clay Busters role to include loading the trap houses on trap league nights.
- (No Update) 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, June 6th – Black powder skeet tournament from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 6th – Pistol / rifle ranges closed from 9am – 3pm
- Sunday, October 4th – Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm



Officer Elections 2026

The following three Officer positions were elected during the annual meeting in January 2026

President

President Deese volunteered to continue as President and was voted in.

1st Vice-President

Nate Weier volunteered for the 1st Vice President position and was voted in.

Secretary

Secretary Mann volunteered to continue as Secretary for at least one year and was voted in.

50/50 Raffle: Zachery Taylor won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.