

**January 6, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
McFarland American Legion Post 534**

The 708th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Deese.

President Deese began the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for the passing of long-time member Russ Jenkins.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the November 2024 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the November 2024 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

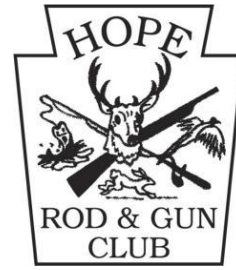
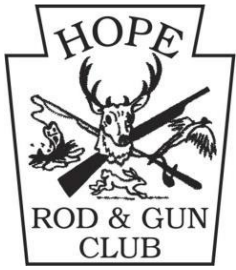
Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer George presented the October, November, and December 2024 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 three monthly 2024 Income and Expense Reports as presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the Income and Expense Reports. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Membership Report:

Secretary Mann read the names of the new members and asked for a motion to accept them into the club. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and 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.

Secretary Mann reported that club membership is at full capacity of 350 members. New membership applications received will be put on the 2025 waiting list.



Fishing / Hunting Report:

Orie McGowan gave the fishing report for the local lakes. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

Building / Grounds:

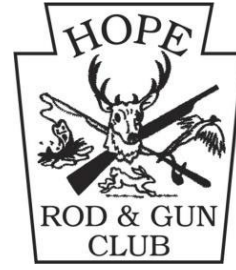
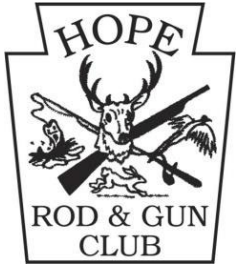
- Lead reclamation from pistol range will be done next spring.
- The property to the east of the club is having more discussions regarding the amount of semi traffic that would be on Siggelkow Road. They are working with the village of McFarland on this issue. No Update.
- We received a quote from Capital 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. No update.

Old Business:

- 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.
- Jay has designed the new trap scoring benches. Reviewing design and associated costs. Kurt volunteered to get pictures and information from the Stoughton Gun Club.
- President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway.

New business:

- Discussed a new award for person(s) that volunteers the most during the year.
- Dave Murray discussed holding a Russ Jenkins chicken shoot and cookout at the club this summer. Further details to be discussed.
- Discussed holding a raffle this year when we receive our non-profit status.
- Discussed getting new lights on the trap field. This will be discussed during the next Board meeting.
- Dave Murray and Don Schneider were voted onto the club Board of Directors.
- Heater in in the pistol range needs replacing.



- Monthly meetings will begin at 6:30pm, beginning with the February meeting.

Archery

- Targets in the walkthrough course have been put away for the winter.

Trap League

- Discussed having the Clay Buster's keep score for the trap leagues. Plan to discuss with the Clay Busters.
- Discussed getting new speakers this year as the other speakers are over five years old.
- Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules. Dave Murray, Rick Kratochvil, Orie McGowan and Jeff Krisher will be added to the Shooting Committee.

Sunday Open Public Shooting

- Closed for the winter.

Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

Good turnout for the Hunter Sight-In. Don Schneider did a good job coordinating the RSOs.

Calendar Updates

- 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

Officer Elections in January 2025

- Jay Dollar will serve another term as 1st Vice-President and Nick Goerge will server another term as Treasurer.

50/50 Raffle: Tim Gill won the meeting raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.