**April 3, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Hope Rod & Gun Club**

The 689th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Deese.

**Secretary’s Report:** President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the March 2023 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the March 2023 minutes. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the March 2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurers Report**: Treasurer George presented the March 2023 Income and Expense Report. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the March 2023 Income and Expense Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Membership Report**: Membership Director 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 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 paid Jan 1 each year.

Gate combination was shared as well as the rule that the gate must remain open while

someone is using facilities.

Membership Director Mann stated that we have 98 members that have not paid their 2023 membership dues, 254 members have paid their membership dues for 2023 and we have 28 Life members. We have 11 people on the waiting list. A list of members that have not paid their 2023 dues will be sent to the Board for termination. When this happens, members terminated must re-apply for membership.

A membership roster will be posted in the rifle and pistol ranges. One will be posted in the clubhouse.

**Fishing / Hunting Report**: Russ gave the fishing / hunting report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. No entries in the deer archery, deer gun and fall turkey contests.

**Building / Grounds:**

* Currently seeking volunteers to participate on the Building and Grounds committee. Please email the club if you are interested.

**Old Business:**

* Purchase handicap porta potty next spring.
* Hope Rod and Gun Club sign on Siggelkow Road will be installed by May 1st.
* Continue looking into replacements for the scoring benches on the trap field.

**New business:**

* Club will be open to the public starting April 16th.
* Discuss the possibility of needing additional fencing around property. Building and Ground Committee with continue this discussion.

**Archery**

* Archery league will begin Wednesday, July 12th. League will have three divisions and will run for 10 weeks.
* Cost is $25 for one division and $5 for each additional division.
* Joe Malkasian stated the McFarland High School has classes for introduction to archery. Contact the High School for more information and class schedules.

**Trap League**

* Secretary Mann stated that the trap league will begin the first week of May. He will be sending out schedules in a few weeks.
* The 16-yard scores will be used individual high gun. The top 10 high gun shooters will form two teams for shooting at the Muscoda Fall Team Shoot. Entrance fees will be paid for by the Hope Rod and Gun Club.
* Total team scores will be used for team classification. Trophy’s will be given to each top team in class A, B and C and one trophy for overall high gun.

President Deese attended the McFarland Planning Committee Meeting. During this meeting the planning committee mentioned that the gun club will be protected. Much of the meeting was discussing the widening of Siggelkow Road to four lanes from AB to the existing four lane road.

**Calendar Updates**

* Sunday, April 22, 2023 – Club house, black powder range, Rifle range and pistol range are closed from 9am – 3 pm for Wisconsin Muzzleloader Association private event.
* Saturday, May 6th – Clubhouse is closed for a private party from 10 am – 1pm.
* Saturday, June 3, 2023 – Skeet range will be used for a black powder skeet tournament from 9am – 3 pm. The black powder, rifle and pistol ranges will be closed during this event.
* Sunday, October 8, 2023 – One trap field will be closed for a black powder trap tournament. The other trap will remain open from 9am – 1 pm.

If you are interested in booking a private event, email the club at [hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com)

**50/50 Raffle:**  A new member was the winner of the Club Member 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.