**January 9, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Hope Rod & Gun Club**

The 686th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Mann.

**Secretary’s Report:** President Mann asked for a motion to accept the November 2022 minutes. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the November 2022 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurers Report**: Treasurer George presented the December 2022 Income and Expense Report.  A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the December 2022 Income and Expense Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Membership Report**: We have 354 members which is over our capacity of 350 members. We have 18 people on the waiting list. As a reminder, dues are due no later than the March 6, 2023, monthly club meeting. Anyone not paid annual dues by then will no longer be members and must re-apply for membership.

**Fishing / Hunting Report**: Russ gave the fishing / hunting report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.

**Building / Grounds:**

* Tom Downs reported that we have 50% propane remaining in the tank.
* Currently seeking volunteers to lead and participate on the Building and Grounds committee. Please email the club if you are interested.

**Old Business:**

* Purchase handicap porta potty next spring.

**Election Results**

* John Basco volunteered to fill the position of 2nd Vice President. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve John Basco for the 2nd Vice President position for the 2023-2025 Term. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
* Mark Deese volunteered to take over as President for the remaining term ending in 2024. Michael Mann has decided to resign as President. He will remain as the Secretary and Membership Director (non-Executive position). A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve Mark Deese for the President position for the remainder of the 2022-2024 Term. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
* Nick George volunteered to continue as Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve Nick George for the Treasurer position for the 2023-2025 Term. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**New business:**

* John Basco volunteered to take over as Bar Manager as Joe Malkasian has resigned. We thanked Joe for being Bar Manager for the last several years. Mark Deese will work with John to coordinate Bar Manager responsibilities.
* Discussed the need to replace the heaters in the pistol and rifle ranges as they have been experiencing issues with lighting. A volunteer will look at replacing the ignitors on these heaters. If unable to replace ignitors, club will purchase two new heaters.
* Stanley Nickels is now a life member of the club.

**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, 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:**  Club member Rick Ellis won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by President Mann.