

## January 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes Hope Rod & Gun Club

The 697th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Deese.

**Secretary's Report:** President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the November 2023 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the November 2023 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 November and December 2023 Income and Expense Reports. President Deese asked if there were any questions on the presented Income and Expense Reports. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the 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.

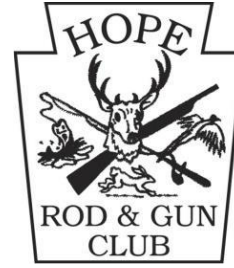
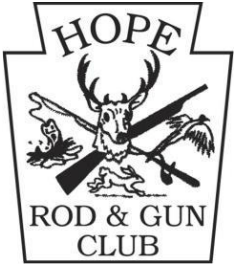
### **Membership Report:**

Membership Director Mann stated that we have reached full capacity of 350. Memberships received will be put on a waiting list.

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

Russ noted that the rifle buck contest was won with a nine-point buck (\$70), no bow hunter winner this year and Billy won the pheasant contest with a very long tail feather (\$10).

Russ stated that he is resigning from the fishing / hunting updates, hunting contests, and running the picnic bingo games. We thank Russ for his dedication and for the many years of running these for the club.



### **Shooting Committee**

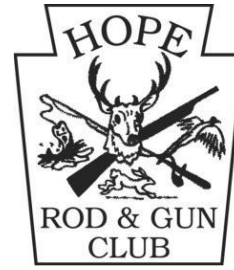
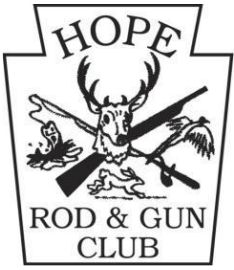
- Decided that clays busters (youth league) will pay ½ the clay birds for shooting.
- Trap League participants will pay the same fees (\$100) per person as last year.
- Decided to change gate code no later than March 18<sup>th</sup>. I will send out reminder emails and new gate code to current members after the March 4<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

### **Building / Grounds:**

- Continued seeking volunteers to participate on the Building and Grounds committee. Please email the club if you are interested.
- Completed tree trimming and removing several dead cherry trees.
- Completed storing archery walk-through course targets for the winter. Upper deck targets will be available for use during the winter months.
- Completed concrete work on the filling sections of grass/rock between the trap shooting lanes and the creation for a new patio. Big thanks to Casey Curtain for donating all the labor.
- Purchased a harrow (driveway drag grader) to keep the driveway smooth.

### **Old Business:**

- Annual estimated income and expense report. The Board will discuss this at the next Board meeting. No update.
- Cash raffle is being discussed for 2024. More information to follow.
- New trap scoring tables to be built using metal and then power coated.
- Post membership roster in the rifle, pistol ranges and in the clubhouse. No update.
- Beer coolers will be replaced this spring. Discussed donating or selling old beer cooler.
- Need update on scheduling a hunter safety course at clubhouse. No update.
- Discussed putting a stone in the trap field in memory of George Manning who passed away recently. No Update.
- Ordered 14 pallets of clay birds and 30 cases of shotgun shells.



### **New business:**

- Discussed Spring cleanup. Please send in items you would like addressed.
- President Deese and Secretary Mann will reach out to developer for eastside of property for an update.
- NRA RSO training is scheduled for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am – 6pm. Club members will receive ½ off the cost if the course. If you volunteer as an RSO for 16 hours (4 four-hour shifts), the club will reimburse you for the entire cost of the course. If interested, please contact Mark P. at [twistedfitness1@gmail.com](mailto:twistedfitness1@gmail.com).
- Discuss creating a section of the Website for selling firearms and other sporting equipment.

### **Archery**

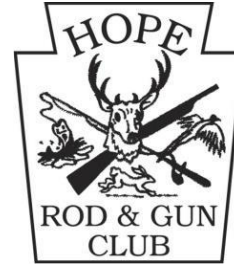
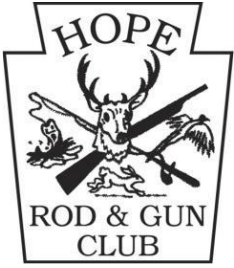
- Nothing to report.

### **Trap League**

- Nothing to report.

### **Calendar Updates**

- Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – black powder skeet tournament from 9 am – 4 pm.  
(Rifle, Skeet and Black powder ranges closed for this event)
- Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9 am - 4 pm



### **Election Results (terms 2024 – 2026)**

#### **- President**

Mark Deese volunteered to continue being the President. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the nomination. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

John Basco volunteered for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the nomination. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Secretary**

- Secretary Mann volunteered to continue being the secretary. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the nomination. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Current Officers: (terms 2023 – 2024)**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
Open position
- Treasurer  
Nick George holds this position.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$15 went to the winner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.