**March 6, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Hope Rod & Gun Club**

The 688th 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 February 2023 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the February 2023 minutes. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the February 2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurers Report**: President Deese said that Treasurer George was out of town and that the February treasurers report would be presented during the March meeting.

**Membership Report**: Secretary Mann stated we have 356 members which is over our capacity of 350 members. We have 21 people on the waiting list and 101 members that have not paid 2023 membership dues. A list of members that have not paid 2023 dues will be sent to the Board for termination. When this happens, members terminated must re-apply for membership.

**Fishing / Hunting Report**: Russ gave the fishing / hunting report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Fishing entries into Russ by the March 19th. Turkey contest signup will be starting. 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.
* Mark will be heading up the building and grounds committee.
* Spring Clean is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th from 9 am – 2pm. Volunteers are needed. The makeup date will be Saturday, April 29 from 9 am – 2 pm.
* Several trees went down on the archery course. These will be addressed during Spring cleanup

**Old Business:**

* Purchase handicap porta potty next spring.
* Hope Rod and Gun Club sign on Siggelkow Road. President Deese will contact a sign vendor to have a new sign made.
* Discussed the need to replace the white fence by the trap field. This will be done in the spring.
* Discuss the need to replace the scoring benches on the trap field.
* Trap League – Information on the 2023 Trap League will go out with the February monthly meeting minutes.

**New business:**

* Casey Curtain was voted in as a life member.
* Club will be open to the public starting April 16th.

**Archery**

* Planning on running a Fall league. League will have three divisions and will run for 10 weeks. More information to follow.
* 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 send out an email with more information and to requests traps teams interested in shooting league to get the Trap League Team Form in by March 31st.
* Jeff Krisher brought up the idea of only using the 16-yard scores for individual and team rankings rather the 16-year and the handy cap scores being combined. Also, he requested that in lieu of trophies, the top 10 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. A motion was made and seconded, to accept and approve the top 10 shooters will form two teams and shoot the Muscoda Fall Team Shoot. Entrance fee will be paid by the Hope Rod and Gun Club. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Calendar Updates**

* Saturday, April 15th – Spring Clean Up.
* Sunday, April 16th club will be open to the public from 9 am – 1pm. We will be open every Sunday through the Middle of October.
* 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, April, 29th – Backup Spring Clean Up date.
* 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

**50/50 Raffle:**  The winner of the Club Member 50/50 raffle, Jeff Krisher.

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.