

March 4, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes Hope Rod & Gun Club

The 699th 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 February 2024 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the February 2024 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

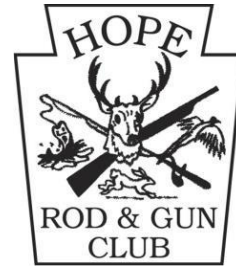
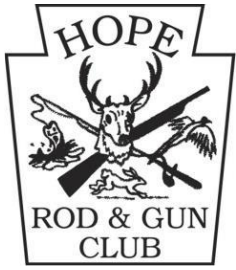
Treasurer George presented the February 2024 Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked if there were any questions on the presented Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

One large purchase was for trap targets and shells for the 2024 trap leagues and Sunday open trap shooting.

Treasurer George presented an annual 2023 Income and Expenses report as requested. Received positive feedback on the information presented along with the Percentages of Income by Activity and Percentages of Expenses by Activity.

Membership Report:

President Deese 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 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.



Membership Director Mann stated that we have 89 members who have not paid their 2024 annual dues. These members are no longer active members and will need to apply as new members. Their emails will be removed from the club email list. New membership applicants on the waiting list will be notified that we have membership openings.

Gate Code Change

Gate code will be changed on Tuesday March 19th. Reminder emails will be sent out to current members prior to changing the gate code.

Bank Lock Box Access

President Deese will take over the lock box access from Tom Downs. They will meet at the bank to remove Tom and add President Deese.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

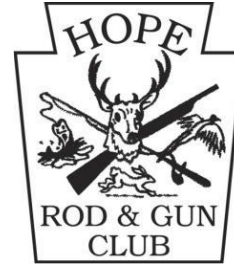
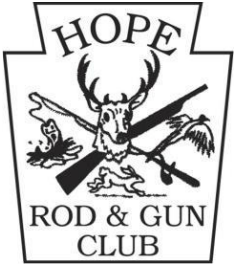
Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. No other Updates.

Shooting Committee

Shooting Committee will be meeting in March to discuss various topics. If you have a topic that you would like the committee to discuss, please send it to the club email at hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com

Building / Grounds:

- Spring cleanup dates are scheduled for Saturday, April 13th from 9am – 3 pm. Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th. If you are available, please volunteer to help with Spring Cleanup.
- Mark and Michael met with the owners of the property to the South and East of the club. Work on property to the east will begin this year and we will be receiving the topsoil from them. Need to determine where we want the topsoil to go. We determined we need to hire a surveyor to mark the south four acres. We also will need to find an attorney.
- Discussed putting concrete rather than blacktop up to the dumpsters so that we can continue to get the dumpsters emptied during wet weather. Drivers will not go into the grass area to lift the dumpster when the ground is wet. Mark will contact Casey asking for a quote.
- Discussed looking into installing key cards at the club. We will be looking at the Stoughton and Portage gun clubs as they used key cards. No Update



- Continued discussing fencing in the entire gun club for safety reasons. More discussions are needed.

Old Business:

- Continued looking into creating a section of the Website for selling firearms and other sporting equipment.
- Cash raffle is cancelled for 2024 due to not having a non-profit status. Treasurer George is working on the paperwork, and we should reestablish our non-profit status next year.
- Continued looking into new trap scoring tables to be built.
- Post membership roster in the rifle, pistol ranges and in the clubhouse. No update.
- 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.

New business:

- No new business.

Archery

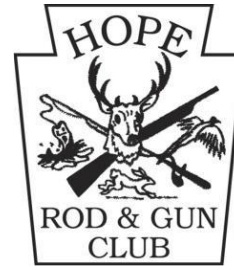
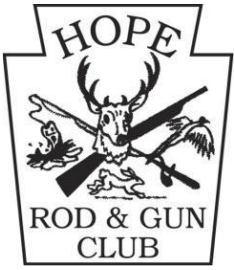
Nothing to report.

Trap League

- Secretary Mann is collecting trap team information. Please use the online form on the club website which is located under the "Leagues" link, then select the "Trap" link, scroll to the bottom to see the League Signup Form. Fill out the form and select the Sign-Up button to submit the form.
- Discussed replacing speakers on the trap fields. New microphones run about \$2,800 a set. We may have a sponsor for one new set of speakers. No decision was made.
- Discussed purchasing two Apple iPads for keeping score during trap league. A motion was made and seconded to authorize up to \$2,000 for the new iPads. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Calendar Updates

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



50/50 Raffle: No winner on the 50/50 Raffle. Money donated to McFarland Claybusters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.