

## November 6, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes Hope Rod & Gun Club

The 696th 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 September or October 2023 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the September and October 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 October 2023 Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked if there were any questions on the October 2023 Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the 2023 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.

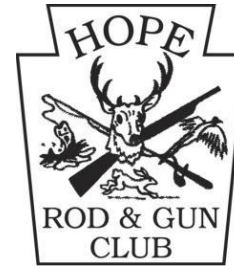
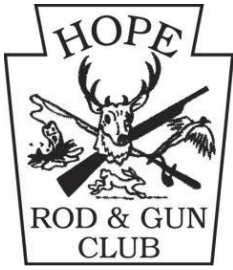
**Membership Report:** President Deese read the names of new members. He asked for a motion to accept them into the club. A motion was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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.

### **Building / Grounds:**

- Continued seeking volunteers to participate on the Building and Grounds committee. Please email the club if you are interested.
- Tree trimming and removing several dead cherry trees will be done. Free firewood for anyone interested.
- Need to store archery walk through course targets for the winter.



- Completed filling in the sections of grass/rock between the trap shooting lanes with cement.

### **Old Business:**

- Annual estimated income and expense report. The Board will discuss this at the next Board meeting. No update.
- Continued looking into replacements for the scoring benches on the trap field. No update.
- Post membership roster in the rifle, pistol ranges and in the clubhouse. No update.
- Beer coolers will be replaced this winter. 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.

### **New business:**

- Discussed a cash raffle next year for a fund raiser. \$100 per ticket with a maximum of 200 tickets sold was mentioned. This will be finalized next year.
- Discussed ordering 14 pallets of clay birds and 30 cases of shotgun shells.

### **Pass It on! Presentation**

- Quinn, the program manager for Pass It On! which is an outdoor mentoring program, made a brief presentation. He stated that this is a program to introduce hunting to kids. You can become a mentor for taking a kid hunting with you. Kids gain the experience of hunting with an experienced hunter. Please visit their website for more information:

<https://outdoormentors.org/>

### **Archery**

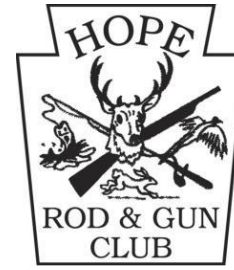
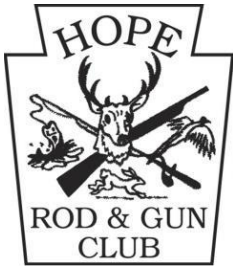
- Nothing to report.

### **Trap League**

- Fall nine-week trap and skeet league finished.

### **Calendar Updates**

- Rifle sight-in open to the public from 9am – 5pm on Saturday / Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Pistol range will be closed during rifle sight-in.
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Clubhouse is closed for a private event from 10am – 4 pm.



### **Holiday Get Together**

Since we are replacing the beer cooler this winter, we have decided to hold a holiday get together to reduce our beer inventory. The holiday get together will be at the clubhouse on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm. More information will be emailed to all members.

**50/50 Raffle:** proceeds of the raffle were split with the winner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.