

September 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes Hope Rod & Gun Club

The 694th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Deese.

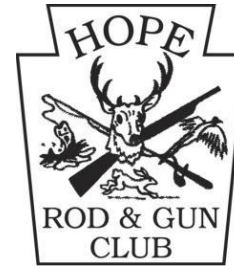
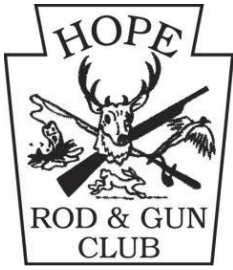
Secretary's Report: President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the August 2023 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the August 2023 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the August 2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer George presented the August 2023 Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked if there were any questions on the August 2023 Income and Expense Report. President Deese asked for a motion to accept the August 2023 Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the August 2023 Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Membership Report: Membership Director Mann 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 paid Jan 1 each year. Gate combination was shared as well as the rule that the gate must remain open when someone is using facilities.

Membership Director Mann stated that we have 348 members and 28 Life members.

Fishing / Hunting Report: Russ gave the fishing / hunting report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Current contests: \$5 for pheasant (longest tail), \$10 for buck bowhunting (based on weight) and \$10 for largest buck.



Building / Grounds:

- Currently seeking volunteers to participate on the Building and Grounds committee.
Please email the club if you are interested.
- Roof over targets will be completed on the upper deck.
- Put timers on inside lights for the rifle and pistol ranges.
- Install green/red lights outside pistol and rifle ranges indicating ranges are hot or cold.
- President Deese will follow-up with road crew to discuss the washboard on new road.

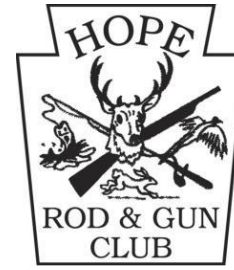
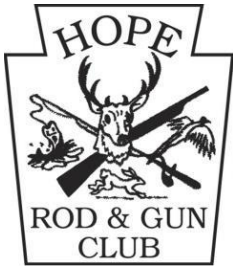
Discussed filling in the sections of grass/rock between the trap shooting lanes. It will be easier for shooters that need assistance to move from station to station. Casey Curtain thought it would cost around \$3,000. President Deese made a motion to allocate spending up to \$4,000 for this project, a member seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

- Annual estimated income and expense report. The Board will discuss this at the next Board meeting.
- Discuss putting a five stand on the trap field.
- Continued looking into replacements for the scoring benches on the trap field.
- Post membership roster in the rifle, pistol ranges and in the clubhouse.
- Plan to hold a raffle next year with either merchandise we purchase, a cash raffle or a combination of both.
- Beer coolers will be replaced this winter.
- Porta Potty installed by the pistol range.
- Need update on scheduling a hunter safety course at clubhouse.

New business:

- Hunter sight-in will be open to the public from 9-4 on the following dates:
Saturday / Sunday, November 4th and 5th
Saturday / Sunday, November 11th and 12th.
- Put a note club calendar that pistol ranges will be closed during hunter sight-in.
- Discussed putting a stone in the trap field in memory of George Manning who passed away recently.



- The November through April Monthly meetings will be held at the McFarland Legion Hall.
- Discuss snow removal. Two options: find a volunteer or hire it out.
- Secretary Mann will schedule a shooting committee meeting to review shoot rules for trap league. Include Miles Bible, Dave Murray and Jeff Krisher.

Archery

- Nothing to report.

Trap League

- In the middle of a nine-week trap / skeet league.

Calendar Updates

- 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.
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Clubhouse is closed for a private event from 10am – 4 pm.

Picnic

The picnic was a success with over 100 people attending. The pig and sweet corn were great as usual. Thanks for all that volunteered to help run the events.

If you are interested in booking a private event, email the club at hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com

50/50 Raffle: Not sure who won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.