

September 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes Hope Rod & Gun Club

The 705th 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 August 2024 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the August 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 August 2024 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions on the presented Income and Expense Report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the August 2024 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.

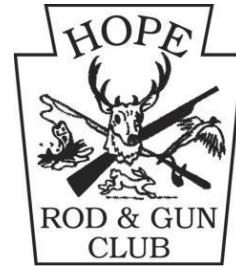
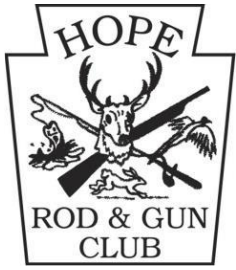
Membership Report:

Secretary Mann read the names of the new members and 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 has reached full capacity of 350 members. New membership applications received will be put on the 2025 waiting list.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Orie McGowan gave the fishing report for the local lakes. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Bow Deer contest is \$10 and Pheasant contest is \$5.



Building / Grounds:

- Determined we can get a full trailer of clay targets into the storage shed. No further discussion will be done looking into getting a metal shipping container to house clay targets.
- The property to the east of the club is having more discussions regarding the amount of semi traffic would be on Siggelkow Road. They are working with the village of McFarland on this issue.
- Received a quote from Capital Security for installing and maintaining key cards. The quote came in around \$20k. We will be contacting additional vendors. No update.
- Continued discussing fencing in the entire gun club for safety reasons. More discussions are needed. No update.
- Looking into a DNR grant for installing a fence around the club. President Deese will be looking into the annual hours we are open to the public. No update.

Old Business:

- Continued looking into creating a section of the Website for selling firearms and other sporting equipment. No update.
- Jay has designed the new trap scoring benches. Reviewing design and associated costs. No update.
- Need update on scheduling a hunter safety course at clubhouse. No update.
- Secretary Mann stated that the Garmin shotgun training device that was approved for purchase has been discontinued. However, we have a member that has donated his Garmin shotgun training device to the club. Scot Your is loading updated software. When the updated software has been installed, we are planning on sending out several dates/times to the membership for signing-up to using the Garmin shotgun training device. It takes about ½ hour to complete one round. No update.

New business:

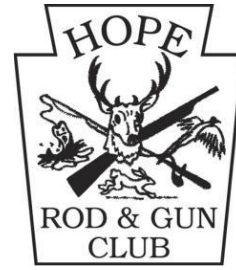
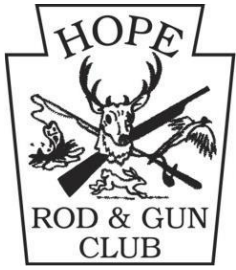
- President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway.

Archery

- No Update

Trap League

- The six-week wobbles/doubles trap league will finish on Tuesday, October 1st.



Annual Picnic

The annual picnic was held on Sunday August 25th at the gun club. Turnout was down this year. Discussed forming a picnic committee next year to coordinate all activities and to discuss ways of improving the turnout. One suggestion was to invite the members of the McFarland Clay Busters to the picnic. We want to thank all the volunteers and the cooking staff for preparing the pork – Great Job!

We want to thank the 10 volunteers for helping on Saturday with cleaning the clubhouse and outside grounds in preparation for the annual picnic.

Sunday Open Public Shooting

- We will remain open for public trap shooting from 9am – 1pm through Sunday, October 27th, weather permitting. The club calendar will be updated.

Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

Hunter Sight-In is scheduled from 9am – 5:pm on the following weekends:

- Saturday/Sunday, November 9th / 10th
- Saturday/Sunday, November 16th / 17th
- During these dates and times, the rifle /pistol ranges are closed for Sight-In only.

Calendar Updates

- Sunday, October 6th – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9 am - 4 pm.
- Saturday, November 9th – Hunter Sight-In from 9am – 5pm
- Sunday, November 10th – Hunter Sight-In from 9am – 5pm
- Saturday, November 16th – Hunter Sight-In from 9am – 5pm
- Sunday, November 17th – Hunter Sight-In from 9am – 5pm
- Saturday, December 7th – clubhouse closed for private event from 10am-4pm.

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Scot and donated back to the club.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.