

**February 2nd 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
American Legion Post 534**

The 720th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the January 2026 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer George presented the January 2026 Income and Expense Report. He asked if there were any questions to the Report as presented. Hearing none, President Deese asked for a motion to accept the Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Income and Expense Report. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

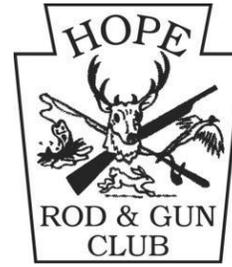
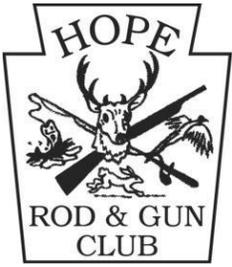
Membership Report:

Secretary 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 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 January 1st 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.

Club Membership – 20 % have not renewed.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information.



Building / Grounds:

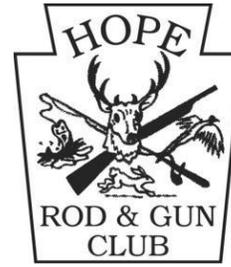
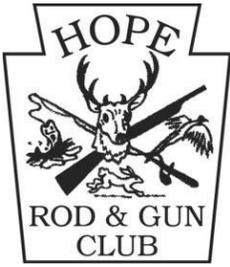
- (New) Gate code will be changed Monday, February 16th. Two emails will be sent prior to the gate code being changed.
- (New) – New door installed on pistol range.
- (New) Discussed putting Active Gun Range signs on south and west sides of property. President Deese will order signs.
- (No Update) President Deese mentioned that it might be less expensive to install a 6ft fence with wooden posts around the club. More discussions to follow.
- (No Update) Lead reclamation in pistol range will commence in the Spring. Put together a list of volunteers and scheduled several days to complete lead reclamation. Looking for someone to lead this project. Tom Nelson is available to help.
- (Updated) Schedule 2026 Spring cleanup. Put a plan together of all Spring cleanup tasks. Clay Busters are not available to help on the weekend of April 11th/12th.

Old Business:

- (Updated) Club's Facebook Account – We have a new Facebook account called "Hope Rod and Gun Club WI" Secretary Mann will follow-up.
- (Updated) Tim Babcock is working on designing the award.
- (Updated) Schedule a Shooting Committee and Board meeting in February.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.
- (No Update) President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (No Update) Discussed holding a raffle this year if we receive our non-profit status.
- (No Update) Upgrade targets next spring on archery range.
- (No Update) Update targets for broadheads and cross bows.

New business:

- (New) Hunter Safety Course – Any members will to become certified to teach a Hunter Safety Course? If so, contact Secretary Mann at hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com. Tim said he will check for Hunter Safety Courses/ instructors close to us.



Trap League

- (New) Need to rotate birds in trap house before Sunday open trap starts.
- (No Update) Shooting committee will address the possibility of expanding Clay Busters role to include loading the trap houses on trap league nights.
- (No Update) Looking for a lead person(s) to oversee the trap field, machines, birds and trap league scoring. Please let us know if you are interested.
- (No Update) Discussed reviewing the trap league shooting rules.

Clay Busters

- Clay Buster will begin this season with 25+ shooters.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, June 6th – Black powder skeet tournament from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 6th – Pistol / rifle ranges closed from 9am – 3pm
- Sunday, October 4th – Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm

50/50 Raffle: Brandon Yohr won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.