

September 8, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
Hope Rod And Gun Clubhouse

The 716th 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 August 2025 monthly meeting minutes emailed to each member and posted on the club website. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the August 2025 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

President Deese presented the August 2025 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 2025 Income and Expense Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Income and Expense Reports. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

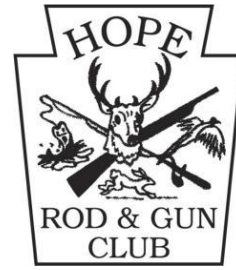
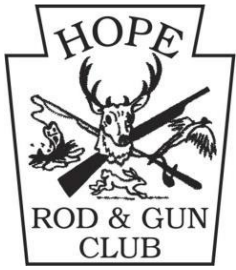
Membership Report:

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 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.

Club Membership – No Update.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

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



Building / Grounds:

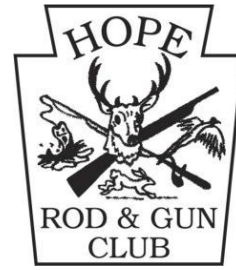
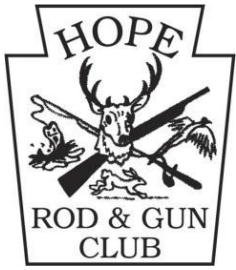
- (Updated) Received bid for replacing the furnace. Members requested that we get another bid.
- (Updated) President Deese thanked Tom Downs and Ray Schara for separating all the brass. Dave Murray took the brass to get recycled, and we received several hundred dollars for the brass.
- (Updated) Received two bids for new lights for the Trap / Skeet field. The current poles and wiring will not need to be replaced to accommodate the new lights. A motion was made to spend up to \$15,000 on new lighting from Forward Electric. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote. President Deese will drop off a signed contract to Forward Electric.
- (Updated) Lead reclamation in pistol range will commence when cooler weather arrives. Looking for someone to lead this project. We need to put together a team of volunteers to keep this project going. Tom Nelson is available to help.
- (No Update) We received a quote from Capital Security for installing and maintaining key cards. The quote was around \$20k. We will be contacting additional vendors.
- (No Update) Continued discussing fencing in the entire gun club for safety reasons. More discussions will follow.
- (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.

Old Business:

- (No Updates) RSO training is scheduled for Saturday September 13th. Just a reminder, we expect you to work as an RSO for a few Sundays during the year when we are open to the public.
- (No Update) Discussed the need for a place to sell outdoor equipment, firearms, and other items online.
- (No Update) Discussed researching a five stand for trap range. Will ask for volunteers when we are ready to discuss further.
- (No Update) President Deese will follow-up with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (No Update) Discussed a new award for person(s) that volunteers the most during the year.
- (No Update) Discussed holding a raffle this year if we receive our non-profit status.

New business:

- (New) White Oak tree fell down near the shotgun patterning board. This needs to be cleaned up this fall.
- (New) Need a new source for cardboard for pistol and rifle range target stands.



- (new) Shooting Committee needs to meet before end of year.
- (New) Denny Haugen is retiring from cutting the grass at the club. Bill Winter has expressed interest. We will request how much we spent on mowing from Treasure George.

Archery

- (Updated) We have installed new broadhead targets. New bag targets are coming soon.
- Received a substantial discount from Rinehart targets when opening an account with them.
- Walkthrough 3D range needs some TLC. Brush and weeds need to be cleared. Looking for someone to be point of contact for this project.

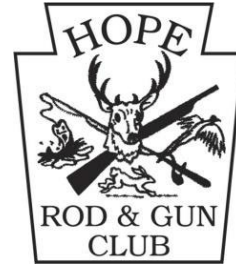
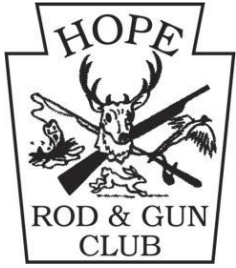
Trap League

- (New) Looking for a new team and lead person 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.

Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

Hunter Sight-In is scheduled for the following dates/times:

- Saturday/Sunday, November 8th / 9th from 8am – 3pm
- Wednesday, November 12th from 10am – 3pm.
- Saturday/Sunday, November 15th / 16th from 8am – 3pm
- During these dates and times, the rifle /pistol ranges are closed for Sight-In only.
- RSOs are needed to run the rifle sight-in during the weekend. Each day there will be three slots available from 8am-12pm and from 12pm -3pm. RSO sign-up is available on the club website under the Membership link and selecting the “FIND OUT MORE” button under Volunteer Opportunities.
- Printed flyers that will be posted at various locations and we put an advertisement in the McFarland paper.



Calendar Updates

- Sunday, October 5th – black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am - 4pm
- Saturday, November 8th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 9th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Wednesday, November 12th – 10am – 3pm
- Saturday, November 15th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 16th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Saturday, December 6th – clubhouse closed for private party from 10am – 4pm.

50/50 Raffle: Donated to the food served at the annual picnic.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.