

**March 2, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
American Legion Post 534**

The 721st meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the February 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 is on vacation. President Deese gave a few highlights of February expenditures. A full report will be made when Treasurer George returns.

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.

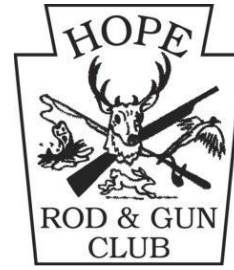
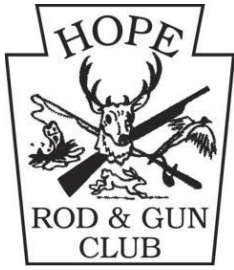
Club Membership – 80% (290 members)

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Billy Winner gave the fishing report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Turkey – spring contest is open (\$10.00).

Hunter Safety Course

We discussed holding a hunter safety course later this summer. We have four members that are NRA certified to run this course. However, they do not have the equipment needed for the course.



They will research whether any hunter safety courses are offered this year close to Madison. More information to follow.

Public Open Shooting

- Public trap, rifle, pistol, archery shooting will begin on Sunday, April 12th from 9am – 1pm and run through Sunday, October 11th.
- Public Skeet shooting will begin on Monday, April 13th from 3:30pm – dusk and will run through Monday, October 12th.

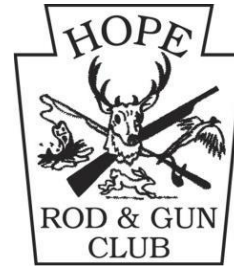
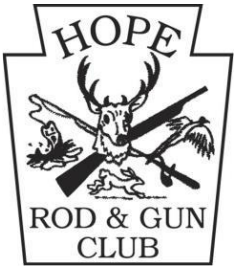
Volunteers will receive \$10 off next year's member for every 4 hours they volunteer. Costs for shooting trap or skeet will be \$5 (members) and \$7 (non-members).

Building / Grounds:

- (Updated) Active Gun Range / No Trespassing are being order.
- (Updated) 2026 Spring cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 9am – noon. Rain date is Saturday, April 25th from 9am – noon. Putting together a cleanup plan.
- (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 led reclamation. Looking for someone to lead this project. Tom Nelson is available to help.

Old Business:

- (Updated) The shooting Committee and Board met February 18th. Minutes from both meetings will be sent to current club members.
- (Updated) Club's Facebook Account – We are current working on providing useful information on the new Facebook account.
- (No Updated) Tim Babcock is working on designing the award.
- (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:

- We had a situation that occurred on the upper archery range. President Deese handled this situation. Sign will be installed on the upper deck with the rules for shooting archery. We are looking to install a camera on the upper archery deck.

Trap League

- (New) Code on the trap speaker box has been changed to be the same as the gate code.
- (Updated) We have two volunteers to take over the trap scoring responsibilities. Looking for a lead person(s) to oversee the trap field, machines, and ordering birds. Please let us know if you are interested.
- (No Update) 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.

Clay Busters

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

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, April 18th - Spring Cleanup from 9am – noon.
- Saturday, April 25th - Rain date for spring cleanup from 9am – noon.
- Saturday, June 6th - Black powder skeet tournament from 9am – 3pm.
- Saturday, June 6th - Pistol / rifle ranges closed from 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 6th – Private party from 3:30pm – 10pm.
- Sunday, June 7th - Private party from 2pm – 6pm.
- Sunday, June 14th – Private party from 1pm – 6pm.
- Sunday, October 4th - Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm

50/50 Raffle: Orië M. won the 50/50 raffle. Donated to the Clay Busters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.