

**November 3, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
American Legion Post 534**

The 718th meeting of the Hope Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Deese.

Secretary's Report:

President Deese asked if there were any corrections or questions to the October 2025 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 October 2025 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 Reports. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

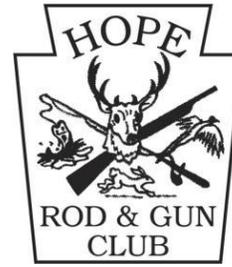
Membership Report:

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 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 – 345 members.

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Orié reminded members that the bow and gun deer contest (\$10 each) and the pheasant (\$5) contests are open for members to sign up.



Hunter Sight-In for Deer Season

Hunter Sight-In is scheduled for November. See calendar updates below for dates and times. Cost is \$10.

Building / Grounds:

- (New) Porta potty has been winterized. No need to winterize the clubhouse since we leave the heat on all winter.
- (New) White Pine wood is available for free. Wood is in front of the shotgun pattern board.
- (New) Added a broadhead target on the upper archery range.
- (New) Targets on the walkthrough and upper archery field will be replaced next spring.
- (New) Membership voted on a vendor to replace the furnace. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to award the furnace replacement to Air Temperature Systems, Inc. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- (New) One additional light might be needed on the trap and skeet range. President Deese will follow-up.
- (Updated) 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) Boundaries on the property east of the club continue to change. We expected to receive topsoil from them to further build up the east and south berms. Discussed putting Active Gun Range signs on south and west sides of property. No decision made on the signs. More discussions will follow.
- (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) 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:

- (Updated) Mowing / Plowing - Club hired Alexandria Landscaping for grass cutting and winter plowing. Plowing will be done when it snows more than three inches or as requested.
- (Updated) Shooting Committee meeting will be scheduled in January / February.
- (Updated) Wall safe, like the one in pistol range, has been installed in the rifle range.
- (Updated) Dead shell container added in the rifle range.
- (No Update) A new member volunteered to investigate getting the club's Facebook pages up to date. He will contact Secretary Mann for more information.



- (No Update) Need a new source for cardboard for pistol and rifle range target stands.
- (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:

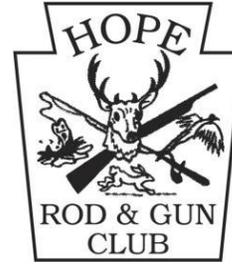
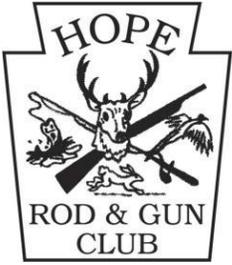
- (New) Schedule 2026 Spring cleanup. Put a plan together of all Spring cleanup tasks.
- (New) Plan and schedule a December membership get together for December 1st. Send out emails to all members.
- (New) Send out reminders that the annual dues are due by the January monthly meeting. Include the increase in late fees for annual dues received after the January and the February monthly meetings from \$10 to \$25.

Trap League

- (New) Shooting committee will address the possibility of expanding Clay Busters role to include loading the trap houses on trap league nights.
- (Updated) 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.

Calendar Updates

- Saturday, November 8th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Sunday, November 9th – Hunter Sight-In from 8am – 3pm
- Wednesday, November 12th – Hunter Sight-In from 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.



Officer Elections in January 2026

The following three Officer positions will be elected during the annual meeting in January 2026

President

Duties include running monthly meetings, running Board of Directors quarterly meetings, and is considered a member of all committees. Also, performs such duties as helping with promoting programs and projects that benefit club members and the club.

1st Vice-President

Duties include performing duties of the President in case of their absence or at their request. Also, performs such duties as helping with promoting programs and projects that benefit club members as well as the club.

Secretary

Duties include taking minutes of monthly meetings, minutes of Board of Directors quarterly meetings, emailing monthly meeting minutes to membership prior to the next scheduled monthly meeting, emailing Board of Directors minutes to the Board of Directors within 30 days of the last meeting. Also, maintaining the club calendar, maintaining email contacts, and emailing announcements, notices and other information as requested.

Please contact the Club at hoperodandgunclub@gmail.com if you are interested in one of these positions.

50/50 Raffle: Mark Wilson won the 50/50 raffle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.