



**July 13th, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Hope Rod & Gun Club
Hope Rod and Gun Club Clubhouse**

The 725th 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 April, May and June 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 June 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 – 93% (325 members)

Fishing / Hunting Report:

Billy Winner gave the fishing report. Call 608-244-3474 for up-to-date fishing information. Fishing contest is still ongoing.



Building / Grounds:

- (No Update) President Deese obtained an estimated cost at \$15 per square for the fencing around the club. He talked to the contractor that installed the fence around the solar panel field. 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.

Old Business:

- (Updated) President Deese stated that lanyards will be used next year for identifying current members.
- (Updated) – Hunter Safety Course – we agree not to host a hunter safety course this year as several local clubs have numerous classes already scheduled for this year.
- (Updated) Shirts and Apparel - Shannon M. has taken over ordering apparel for the club. However, she was not in attendance to give an update. She partnered with Badger Sporting Goods for apparel. More information to follow.
- (updated) New Bat Houses - A Member of the Clay Busters completed and installed five bat houses around the club. This project was part of his Eagle Scout requirements.
- (Updated) – Damaged Rifle Range Camera – the camera has been replaced.
- (No Update) - Dave Murray presented hosting a prime rib dinner for our annual fund-raising event this year. Along with the dinner we would hold various raffles. Thought is to hold the dinner in September after league shooting is over. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.
- (No Update) President Deese mentioned that the driveway will be extended to the pistol / rifle gate this summer. He is working with Casey on finishing the driveway.
- (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) Black Light Shooting Event - Discussed having a black-light trap shooting event. These have become more popular with clubs in the area. More information to follow.



New business:

- (New) RSO Training – RSO training has been postponed until Saturday, September 19th due to participants schedules.
- (New) – Meeting with Skaalen Retirement Services (owners of the land south of the club) - Several Board members met with the president/CEO of Skaalen Retirement Services regarding the plans for building retirement facilities on the land behind the club. Skaalen gave the Board members a very high-level plan for development which includes part of our four acres behind the berm. Based on this high-level plan, Skaalen would either need an easement or purchase the four acres.

Regardless of the final plan, the Board will be hiring an attorney to represent the club.

The Board requested that an approved plan with signoff from the village be given to the Board. Once we have the final proposed plan, the Board will share this information with the membership. **Any changes will need to be voted on by the full membership.**

(New) – Pine / Cherry wood lying on the ground is free for the taking.

(New) – Club Picnic – Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 30th. More information to follow.

Trap League

- (Updated) – Birds were delivered on Wednesday, July 8th
- (Updated) Trap/Skeet equipment - A team is being put together to service this equipment.

Calendar Updates

- Sunday, August 30th – Club Picnic
- Sunday, October 4th - Black powder trap tournament on Trap II from 9am – 3pm

50/50 Raffle: 50/50 raffle won by Frank W.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mann.