

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Board Meeting

MINUTES

April 2, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Call to Order by the President – Kyle Schliem

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Roll Call of Board Members – Quorum: 33/51

Acceptance of Agenda – BRC President Kyle Schliem

Motion by Scott Schoeler

Lee Thompson 2nd

Discussion: None

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – March Meeting Minutes – BRC Secretary Scott Schoeler

Motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes.

Scott Schoeler so moved

Alex Keinbaum 2nd

Discussion: None

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – March P & E – BRC Treasurer Charlie E. Brown

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Charlie E Brown so moved

Ben Reemer 2nd

Discussion: None

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Director Reports for April – BRC Secretary Scott Schoeler

Board Member Reports:

Archery – Ben Remer:

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Paul Schuler:

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

The Black Powder Lodge had a great time at our March 16th monthly shoot, we had 12 shooters show up to shoot. We had snow the night before the shoot and the day of the shoot. By the time we opened the range at 9:00 the snow had stopped, but it got cold and windy. The cold chilled you to the bone, but there was some fierce competition for the Easter Ham the Lodge was giving away as the main prize. The top shooter for the Ham was Paul Sorentino a BRC club member. Many other meat prizes were won during the shoot. You can check out the BRC face book or web page. I would like to thank Deb Dunlap for posting the photo's of the shoot on there for me. Thanks Deb ! I asked prior to the shoot for 4 to 6 members needing work hours to help with the shoot and I had 5 show up; three were new members just coming into the club getting their work hours in and out of the way. Many of the shooters that won meat prizes went away happy and wanted to know when the next shoot was and I had to remind them that the next shoot would be the fourth Sunday in April because the third Sunday in April is Easter Sunday!

Financial Information to report:

For the financial part of the shoot with the 12 shooters we had, we did make some money even with the \$20.00 ham we gave away we still turned into the club \$149.01. We promoted a lot of Black Powder shooting and made a lot of memories. The main thing is we promoted the Beloit Rifle Club Inc.

Upcoming Event Information:

The next shoot for The Black Powder Lodge will be held Sunday April 27th, 2025. That is the fourth Sunday of the month and not the third Sunday we normally shoot on. The third Sunday this year is Easter Sunday. No Shoot! Our next shoot will be a W. M.L.A. sanctioned Curt VanderVeen Squirrel Shoot! It will be a program "B" shoot! The date is Sunday April 27, 2025. The range will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close around 2:00 p.m. The shoot is named in honor of Curt Vanderveen who came to a lot of our sanctioned shoots and shot only the Squirrel Target. He once shot 17 different Squirrel targets in a match. That's a lot of loading and shooting at a 5 shot target. Yes after 17 targets he did win the

match and was a W.M.L.A. State Champion at one time. In Loving Memory of Curtis G. VanderVeen, August 20, 1953 — April 5, 2023.

Volunteer Opportunities:

For the Curt VanderVeen W.M.L.A. Squirrel shoot April 27, 2025 I will need 4-6 members needing work hours to help put this shoot on. If you want to help, contact me Harley Whitt (608) 921-1542 or Charlie J. Brown at (608) 290-2978 Leave a message, your name and number and need work hours. You can call or text. If you want to help, the workers should be at the range by 8:00 a.m. and plan on working until 3:00 to 3:30 by the time we get everything put away. If you want more than snacks to eat you may bring a lunch. Coffee will be provided and bottled water will be \$1.00 per-bottle. Dress for the weather because I don't know if you will be working inside or out. Come on out and help your club!

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson:

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis:

Conservation – Jim Shickles:

Cowboy Action – Tina Saporiti:

All lumber is bought for the building of the Livery. Headers and base plates have been built – weather permitting we are going to begin working on the deck structure. We are having a work party on April 12th to continue the up-keep on the Cowboy range. We currently have 65 shooters signed up and we have collected \$7,750.00. Our first shoot of the season is just around the corner (April 5) and if anyone needs work hours we sure can find something for you to do.

A reminder that our annual “Reckoning on the Rock” is June 6-7-8, sign-up sheets are posted in the Club House for those interested in working any of those days.

Defense Range – Dean Latka:

Upcoming Event Information:

Steel Challenge starts April 3rd.

Grounds Keeping – William Snyder:

Volunteer Opportunities:

Grounds keeping will start the spring cleanup on Wednesday 4/2/2025 starting at eight o'clock until???

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino:

Historian – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

My report for this month is a bit of history This was taken from the News Letter (Home On The Range) year 1991. Club Assessment Fees for new members: Initiation Fee – \$50.00. Yearly Dues: \$35.00 State Tax: \$4.25 Total Money Due : \$89.25 – Send No Money Now. One Sponsor Needed. NRA membership is a Requirement of the club. It is also YOUR responsibility to maintain that membership.

Upcoming Event Information:

For the upcoming event is our 100 year Anniversary Dinner at the Holiday Inn Express Get Your tickets now! You will be making history when you come! So don't miss it Contact: Norm Larson Or Deb Dunlap for more info. Their numbers are on your club membership card.

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Tim Elliott:

Membership – Jon Nortemann:

Dues collection is nearing the end for 2025. At this point in time, we have collected 1031 Memberships, including 71 of the 77 new members that applied for membership. With last year's membership and the new applications for this year, we have a potential of 1215 members. Doing the math, there are 184 members left to pay their dues. We have one more collection date and that is April 2, at the club house, actually, the new indoor range. I thought, by moving to the new range, we would see if it would lessen the confusion with the air rifle people and the set-up for the monthly meeting. There will also be the mail-in memberships to add to the total. I usually run that through the end of April.

My usual prediction of lost members, annually, is about 10%, in this case about 120 people. Again, doing the math, we are at about 15%. Hopefully we will make a last-minute surge and go below the 10% figure.

Multi-gun – John Bronson:

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:

Financial Information to report:

An invoice for \$118.69 will be submitted at the board meeting. This is for printed flyers. Receipts totaling \$558.89 will be submitted at the board meeting. This is for safety glasses, pocket constitutions, and NRA Youth Day shirts.

Upcoming Event Information:

NRA Youth Day – Saturday, May 10, 2025 Youth Sports Fest: The event is operated entirely by volunteers, please remind new and current BRC members of the volunteer opportunity. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the

clubhouse. A few have signed up, but there is still availability. All partners (e.g., Izzak Walton, Pine Tree, RCRC, etc.) and volunteer coordinators/disciplines have committed. We will be advertising the event during the week of April 14 thru April 18, 2025. The event information is posted on the BRC website, BRC Facebook page, and through the NRA Youth Shoot website. Flyers have been printed and are being distributed. A few minor things left to do, but we are looking at another successful event.

Training course: Illinois CCW will be held on April 12 and 13. Training will be through Raven Creek Training. There is more information on the BRC calendar and at the BRC Facebook page.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteer sign up sheet for the Youth Shoot has been posted in the clubhouse. There are few that are signed up, but plenty of volunteer opportunities are left.

Pistol George Brunson:

N/R

Publicity – Norm Larson:

Past Event Information

How great it was to see so many new members joining one of the greatest gun clubs in the U.S. "WELCOME."

Upcoming Event Information:

Membership renewal opportunity April 02 at our new range building.

Required new members orientation April 27 at BRC clubhouse 12:00-4:00.

I am TENTATIVELY trying to put together a GUN SHOW/ SWAP MEET on Saturday May 17 at our clubhouse. It will be open to the public plus gun show vendors. First come, first tables. There will be an admission charge for non-members also a table charge for non-members. I will need the following helpers to sign up by APRIL 15 if you can help:

3 members to clean indoor range and set up tables. Approximately from 3pm-5pm on Friday May 16.

2 door attendants to collect non members admission from 8am-4pm on Saturday May 17.

2 kitchen attendants to prepare food 9am-3pm on Saturday May 17

2 members to remove tables to be placed in storage shed.

Please notify me by APRIL 15 if you can help. I need your name and phone or email to contact you if I do not receive enough support and I will scrap the idea.

Range Construction – Brad Mueller:

Past Event Information:

First I would like to express my condolences on the recent death of my Assistant Range Construction Director, Rodney Johnson. Rodney has been my right hand man for about four years. He had a wealth of knowledge and capabilities. His passing will be a real loss for the Club.

I held two Range Lead buying days this last month to give Club Members the opportunity to purchase range lead from our two indoor ranges. Only one member showed up to purchase lead. From now on, all recycled range lead will be sold directly to the Recycling Center.

Financial Information to report:

\$45.00 of recycled range lead was sold and turned over to the Treasurer

Upcoming Event Information:

The first General Work Day for 2025 is scheduled for April 5th. Planned work includes replacing target boards on the Main Range, installing additional clear vinyl sound curtains on the west end on the Main Range, picking up trash on Philhower Rd, reinstalling wash stations in the Porta-Potties on the Front Range, general range cleanup and other miscellaneous projects.

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:

Upcoming Event Information:

We are planning an "Intro to Metallic Silhouettes" event.

This event will be open to members and guests and will include rifle sight-in, discipline presentation, one on one time with coaches / experienced shooters and will conclude with one 40 rounds match.

Tentative date is May 31st. Final schedule and date to be determined within a week or two.

Volunteer Opportunities:

First outdoor match of the season will take place Apr 19 starting at 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM (approximately). We can use the help of 2 – 4 volunteers to help setting targets between relays. Volunteers will need to walk distances between 45 and 110 yards from firing line to target stands.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:

N/R

Trap – Jeff Goode:

N/R

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:
Woman’s Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:
Youth Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Motion to accept the Directors Reports\
Scott Schoeler so moves
Tim Keibaum 2nd.
Discussion / corrections: None
Motion called & carried unanimously.

Committee Updates

- BRC Centennial Committee – Publicity - Norm Larson/Deb Dunlap
We have 67 people signed up & paid. The deadline for signing up is April 30th.
- New Range Sound Abatement – Kyle Schliem
We’ve reached out to 5 different companies & received different options. We would like a group of people to get together & review the different information and come up with recommendations to present to the board. Two people volunteered to meet with Kyle as the 3rd person.

Unfinished Business

- GoCart track development – Tim Kienbaum
At last month’s meeting an update was presented, there were comments, discussion and requests for updated photos. Tonight Tim presented photos on screen, showing current state of work, berms in progress, parking area, 14’ gate to be installed, & projections of the completion. They are done with the material being dumped as of today. All materials that are included in the budget are delivered. Some clean-up and smoothing out wheel ruts remains to be finished. There are no “fixed targets” on the space. Targets will be placed on this range when there is a match and removed after the match. At a prior meeting, there was a discussion regarding purchasing the adjacent triangle shaped land to this area. The question came up regarding the status of this; Tim has approached the owner and the owner hasn’t responded yet. The floor discussion encouraged the issue be pursued if we are going to be shooting in that area. We will be conducting a match in this area this Saturday and will coordinate with other events. Floor discussion regarding direction of fire, specifically if it is shooting from East to West due to potentially have fire falling outside of our property. The issue was discussed and addressed by Kyle Schliem and Tim Kienbaum. Floor discussion regarding making this a designated range because that hasn’t been done yet. Tim responded that this began and was approved months ago, it has always been about being able to use this unused portion of property for NRL matches AND to make a berm to be able to use it without shutting down the long distance range. Presentation ended with no additional floor discussion and no motion made.

New Business

- Need Board Approval to allow the campers at our annual 3 day shoot (after all shooting is done and guns are put away) to have an alcoholic beverage at their campsite. Tina Saporiti
Motion so moved by Tina Saporiti
Charles Mongan 2nd
Discussion: No discussion was presented.
Motion called and carried unanimously.

Close of Meeting

No other business. Meeting ended.