

Beloit Rifle Club Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

MINUTES

January 7, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Call to Order by the President – Kyle Schliem

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Roll Call of Board Members – Quorum: 43 /50

Acceptance of Agenda – BRC President Kyle Schliem

Motion to accept the agenda

Larry Abbott So moved

2nd by Jim Shickles

Discussion: None presented

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report

Scott Schoeler so moved.

2nd by Don Miller

Discussion: None presented

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

Charlie E Brown so moved

2nd by Sean Clark

Discussion: None presented

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports for January:

Archery – Ben Remer:

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Paul Schuler:

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

Just before Christmas we finished up with the Frost On The Lodge shoot. The last shoot of the year that you could up your scores in the sanction matches. The weather was a little rough on Friday with 8 degree temperature and windy, we had 5 shooters that day, on Saturday it was cold in the morning and sunny in the afternoon, we gained 10 more shooters that day and by the end of the 3 day shoot we had a total of 20 shooters. The Christmas Ham was won by Jim Mieli from Madison, Wisconsin. He also won a nice compass to guide him through his journey and trails of life. We had plenty of meat and shoot related prizes to win. Everyone seemed to have a good time spite the wind and cold.! I would like to thank everyone that helped in any way to make the shoot a success. I also would like to thank Pete Conway for running the range all three days giving me a chance to shoot, and also for donating the Compass that Jim Mieli won. We had Chili to eat on Friday that was donated by Pete Blasage and on Saturday we had chicken soup donated by my wife, and on Sunday we finished the 3 day shoot with Cheese and Sausage! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year .

Financial Information to report:

I do not have the paper work done yet for the shoot because of the holidays and out of town company. As soon as all the receipts are in I will give you a better financial report. Remember: Family First.

Upcoming Event Information:

Our next Black Powder Shoot will be on January 17th and 18th, 2026. It will be a W.M.L.A. sanctioned Winter Shoot, put on by the Beloit Black Powder Lodge and the Rock River Buckskinners club from Milton, Wisconsin. It will be a 2 day shoot. It will be the start of the sanctioned shoot programs for 2026. the range will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. with 25 minute re-lays .

Volunteer Opportunities:

For the Winter Shoot January 17, 18, 2026 I will need at least 4 to 6 workers needing work hours. These hours will count for

the year 2025 or for 2026 depending on the year you need work hours for. If you want to help put this shoot on you can call Charlie J. Brown at (608) 290-2978 or Harley Whitt at (608) 921-1542 , leave a message and we will get back to you. Call Or Text . If you would like to help you could just show up around 8:00 a.m. either day and I will put you to work. Jim Schrieber from the Milton club is going to make the chili for this shoot. we will also have snack food for this shoot plus water and lots of coffee. Please try to attend , I need your help.!

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson:
Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis:
Conservation – Jim Shickles:
N/R

Cowboy Action – Tina Saporiti:
N/R

Defense Range – Dean Latka:
N/R

Grounds Keeping – William Snyder:
N/R

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino:
Historian – Harley Whitt:
Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Tim Elliott:
Membership – Jon Nortemann:
Past Event Information

Membership applications have risen to 80 for the 2026 membership group. There are still a few days to go before the deadline of 12-31-2025.

Remember to throw away all of your membership applications and download copies of the new ones with the "PLEDGE" option on the back of the new application. New potential members need to be informed, regarding this option.

Multi-gun – John Bronson:
NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:
Pistol George Brunson:
N/R

Publicity – Norm Larson:
Range Construction – Brad Mueller:
N/R

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:
Upcoming Event Information:

Indoor shooting will start January 5th. We will shoot every Monday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the old indoor range. We will use paper targets and we can shoot rifle and/or pistol. Indoor season will last January to April.

Monthly club matches dates for 2026: April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, August 22 (State match), September 19 and October 24.

These will be 80 (4x20) rounds matches for each Standard and Hunter class. Matches will be open to everyone.

For 2026 we plan to continue the "Introduction to Silhouette" class first held in 2025. The date was set for May 16. The purpose of this event is to introduce the participants to the specifics of silhouette shooting into an engaging and no-pressure manner. The event will be open to the public; participation is free.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:
N/R

Trap – Jeff Goode:
N/R

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:
Upcoming Event Information:

We will be shooting rifle silhouette during the month of January

Woman's Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:

Youth Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Committee Updates

- Rules Committee – Lee Thompson: No reports from the Rules Committee.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Request to conduct training for 2026 (see below) Robbie Personnette, BRC

Jeffery Drummond of Raven Creek Training is requesting to use the range to conduct IL CCW new and renewal training, and CORE Pistol training (beginner/intermediate pistol shooting – fundamentals and drawing from the holster). Jeffery is a current member of BRC.

Per agreement for 2025, Training group will pay BRC \$50 for each student that is not a member. Additionally, members of BRC will get a reduced training rate.

<u>Date of Training</u>	<u>Range Requested</u>	<u>Type of Training</u>
02/21/26 - 02/22/26	New indoor and classroom	Illinois CCL (new and renewal)
03/07/26	CORE Pistol	West Defensive Range
05/02/26 – 05/03/26	New indoor and classroom	Illinois CCL (new and renewal)
05/23/26	CORE Pistol	West Defensive Range
07/25/26 – 07/26/25	New indoor and classroom	Illinois CCL (new and renewal)
08/02/26	CORE Pistol	West Defensive Range
10/03/26 – 10/04/26	New indoor and classroom	Illinois CCL (new and renewal)
10/24/26	CORE Pistol	West Defensive Range

Motion to accept/approve the Dates as specified for the training.

Robbie Personnette so moved

2nd by George Vacek

Discussion: From the floor regarding lack of clarity in the range use in the request. New indoor range is more conducive for one-on-one teaching. Ranges closed for the day when actual use is less than a full day. Could use outdoor range weather permitting. Dates must be set to make certain Calendar is accurate.

Motion to amend original motion to accept and reserve the dates but request more clarification as to which range is to be used and the time for the use.

So moved by Brad Mueller

2nd by Tim Rockhold

Call for any further comments or discussion: Additional discussion and comments were brought.

The amended motion was called and carried by majority vote with 8 votes opposed. Additional clarification is requested from Raven Creek Training as to the specific ranges and times to be used.

This concludes all new business.

Prior to the end of this Annual Meeting, we will review the actions and accomplishments of the Beloit Rifle Club, Board Of Directors during the year 2025 for the benefit of all members attending this annual meeting. Presentation by the Secretary, Scott Schoeler.

Beloit Rifle Club

Board of Directors 2025 Year in Review.

- The Annual meeting and Election of the Board of Directors (BOD)
- The 2025 Budget was submitted for each shooting sport discipline and the operation of the club. The 2025 budget passed unanimously.
- With funds available, a motion was made to pay off the loan on the new range early. The vote was called and carried unanimously.
- We celebrated our 100 year (1925 – 2025) anniversary with a Centennial Dinner and our first ever Open House.

- Every year organizations like;

- Oscar Mike
- DAV
- 4-H
- Boy Scouts
- Police & Law Enforcement
- and others,

request permission to use our facilities. The board hears the requests and works to accommodate these organizations as a service to our community.

- A new range was developed, called the “Event Range” located in the Northwest corner. It is currently being used for NRL (National Rimfire League) matches and practice. It can be used for other events when requested and approved by the BOD
- The new indoor range ventilation system (exhausting gun smoke) failed to meet build specifications after months of efforts by the builder. A refund was agreed to and the original system was removed. A new system was purchased and installed in late Nov. and appears to be sufficient. Testing will continue into 2026 to confirm proper ventilation.
- When the new range was in planning, the issue of sound abatement was discussed and decided to be addressed after completion. A committee was formed, discussions regarding expectations and quotations for sound abatement was presented.
 - The matter was tabled until the ventilation system issue was resolved.
- The Membership Director reports that membership was virtually even with last year. We have 1,140 +/- members.
- The Rules Committee meets and brings rule changes/additions & clarifications to the BOD. The latest Rule Book is available on-line for all members.
- Each May BRC hosts a Youth Event which is an open event for youth of all ages to experience shooting sports in a friendly, safe environment. Last May there were 113 kids taking advantage of these great facilities and outstanding volunteers to help them.
- Every fall is BRC’s largest “open to the public” event: The BRC Sight-In Days. This year more than 600 firearms were sighted-in. This took many, many BRC volunteers to provide a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for one and all.
- Each year specific shooting sports events are held at the BRC. These events are always brought to the attention of the BOD where matters of safety, range preparation, event conflicts, repair, as of course – finances are discussed. While there are more, these are a few of the events;
 - Cowboy Action hosts a large regional event called “Reconning On The Rock” as well as other open events and monthly club events.
 - The Black Powder Range hosts several open events, some large and others all through the year. The period attire is always colorful and fun.
 - The outdoor Pistol range hosts open Precision Pistol State Championships, other matches and weekly club matches throughout the summer.
 - The indoor pistol range(s) host league matches throughout the winter.
 - The Silhouette range hosts an open State Championship match and monthly matches as well as weekly practices sessions.
 - The Trap range is active throughout the season with different groups shooting on different days and times.
 - The Ladies in Arms group is a winter group shooting at the indoor ranges.
 - The Event Range hosts NRL matches throughout the spring, summer & fall.
 - The Defense Range shoots “Steel Challenge often throughout the season.

- The Multi-Gun range also is active all season.
- The Grounds Keeping crew are busy from early spring through late fall, keeping the grounds trimmed, clean and looking like a park!
- The Range Construction crew hold general work days beginning in April and continuing late into the fall, where member volunteers act with specific direction to repair, replace, clean, build, paint, and absolutely everything and anything that needs to be done to keep the facilities in tip-top condition.

Close of Business Meeting

Election of Officers

Larry Abbott was introduced and conducted the election procedures.

Larry Abbott introduced Lee Thompson, Chair of the Rules Committee, to announce the Lifetime Membership Awards. These two individuals were nominated and a vote was taken at the December 3rd 2025 meeting, the votes collected and tallied. Both nominees were successfully voted as Lifetime Members. They are: Charlie E Brown and Jim Shickles.

The Ballot Sheet was distributed to each member present at the time they entered and checked in. The ballot sheet was addressed with an explanation and identifying the candidates, new to the position, but running uncontested and are voted as a slate.

Larry Abbott explained that there was one contested seat on the Rules Committee:

Running is Jim Shickles and Wayne Mitchel

Each person running was given the chance to speak to the members and make comments as to their qualifications and the reasons they are running. Both declined to comment.

The election was conducted, the ballots were collected and tabulated.

During the tabulation, Larry Abbott recognized each individual of the Board of Directors to thank them for their service to the Beloit Rifle Club

The results of the election:

The uncontested positions were approved as a slate in its entirety. Newly elected through this process are:

President: Julie Wagoner
 Publicity Director: Wayne Mitchell
 Asst. Publicity Director: Charlie E Brown
 Asst. Civilian Marksmanship Director: Gina Davis
 Multi-Gun Director: Kyle Schliem
 Bench Rest Centerfire Director: Walt Weber
 Asst. Bench Rest Centerfire Director: Robert Sobucki
 Rules Committee: Larry Abbott, Chair
 Jon Nortemann
 Kyle Schliem, Past President
 Jim Shickles – (See Contested election results below)

The contested position was for the Rules Committee: Jim Shickles was elected to the Rules Committee. (Note members of the Rules Committee above.) Votes were: 61 Shickles, 33 Mitchell

A motion was made to accept and approve the actions of the Board of Directors during the year 2025. The motion was called immediately and carried unanimously.

Close of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers