

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Board Meeting

MINUTES

February 4, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Call to Order by the President – Julie Wagoner

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Roll Call of Board Members – Quorum: 32 /48

Acceptance of Agenda – BRC President Julie Wagoner

Motion to accept the Feb.4 2026 Agenda.

Tim Kienbaum so moved

2nd by Jim Shickles

Discussion: There are three matters added to the agenda:

The Publicity Director:

Add a New Raffle as a New Business item.

Dates coming up

The Membership Director:

New Member Orientation.

Membership renewals collection location change.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Scott Schoeler so moved

2nd by Kyle Schliem

Discussion: Question from the floor: Can we get the meeting minutes earlier than the Monday before the meeting. This will be considered. A response to follow.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the January P & E Treasurer's Report

Charlie E Brown so moved

2nd by Larry Abbott

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports for January:

Archery – Ben Remer:

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Walt Weber:

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

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:

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

New Membership Application collection is over. The current number of applicants is 87. I have mailed letters to the applicants describing the next two processes they will need to become members of the Beloit Rifle Club. Rather than describe the processes, I have attached a pdf of the letter sent to them.

Upcoming Event Information:

I am attaching a pdf copy of the Winter 2026 Membership Newsletter that I have placed in two places in the clubhouse. Please be aware of the dates, time and fee structure for current members who pay in person or by mail. Unfortunately, there has been some confusion regarding the dues and the dates. Hopefully, this will clear up the confusion. I will also have copies of the latest BRC membership application for any director who wants one. There are changes and hopefully, with a copy of the new application for each director, my phone line can cool down a bit.

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem:

Past Event Information

NRL22/Pro Series 01-10-26 cancelled due to weather

Practical Pistol 01-14-26 had 17 shooters with 3 stages of 64 target engagements with a total of 1088+ rounds sent down range. Total fees collected: \$110

Upcoming Event Information:

NRL22/Pro Series

Schedule: February 14, 2026 (Saturday)

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Summary: Monthly NRL22/PRO Series match with 5 stages. 9:00 AM registration and sight-in, starts at 10:00 AM. Preregister at <https://practiscore.com/brc-nrl22-pro-series-february-2026/register> (registration opens Feb 6, closes Feb 13). Follow BRC Precision Rimfire on Facebook for updates.

Practical Pistol

Schedule: February 11 and 25, 2026 (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Summary: USPSA-style matches for defensive firearm use. Suggest 150 rounds, multiple magazines; holsters not required. Setup at 6:30 PM, shooting starts around 7:00 PM.

Preregister at

<https://practiscore.com/brc-uspsa-feb-11-2026/register>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Looking for someone to build some wall sections. These will be made out of 2"X2" and snow fence.

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:

Pistol George Brunson:

The Border Pistol League is halfway through its season with 46 people competing on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the old indoor range. There are several new shooters this year and some young folks as well. Some shoot only .22 Rimfire while most shoot in both .22 Rimfire and Centerfire divisions. There is still time and room for anyone who wants to try their hand at Precision Pistol.

Publicity – Wayne Mitchell:

Past Event Information

New director for Publicity. We have inventory the lockers and made count of each item in the locker as well as changed the locks.

Financial Information to report:

None to report besides other inventory was order by past president and we are waiting for its arrival to go into inventory.

Upcoming Event Information:

We expect to sale products at renewal.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Assistance will be valued to sale at the renewal and future events. Please feel free to reachout to me.

Range Construction – Brad Mueller:

Upcoming Event Information:

On Friday Feb 20th, 2026, we are planning on cleaning the lead out of the old Indoor Range and the new Indoor Range. We will start at 9:00 am in the old Indoor Range and will clean the new Indoor Range second. We should be done by 1:00 pm at the latest. We could use 6-8 people to help. We have PPE available if you want to wear it for lead dust protection. Contact Brad Mueller for more information or to sign up.

General Work Days for 2026 are schedule for the following Saturday's from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm.

April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, Aug 1st, Sept 12th and Oct 3rd.

Additional Special Work Days are scheduled as follows:

Youth Shoot Setup – Friday May 8th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Sight-In Days Setup – Friday Nov 6th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Volunteer Opportunities:

See Upcoming Event Information above.

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:

Past Event Information

Frosty Iron match took place on January 17th. We had 10 participants, 5 club members and 5 guests, including 3 first time shooters. Having white painted targets placed in front of snow-covered berms proved to be a challenge, and this showed on the overall scores being lower than usual.

Indoor practice started January 5th. So far, we had 4-5 shooters showing every week.

Financial Information to report:

\$120.00 dollars collected in match fees.

Upcoming Event Information:

We continue indoor practice until end of April. Scheduled time is 5:00 PM on Mondays in the old indoor range. We shoot paper targets, rifle and/or pistol. Everyone is welcome.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:

Trap – Jeff Goode:

N/R

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:

Woman's Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:

N/R

Youth/Junior Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Motion to accept the Directors Reports

Kyle Schiem so moved

2nd by Larry Abbott

Discussion: Comments and a question from the floor, answered.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Committee Updates

- Rules Committee – Larry Abbott: Rule III-O Update:

The Rules Committee met and would like to add to the New Members section of the General Club Rules. We would like to insert a new rule after I-C-3 making the following rule 1-C-4 and the subsequent rules number sequentially after this rule. The proposed added rule is:

1-C-4

Former Members of the Beloit Rifle Club who wish to renew their membership are subject to the following:

- a) For former members, out only one (1) year, a new member application must be filled out, with the following exception, no Sponsor signatures are required on the application.
- b) For former members, out two (2) years, a new member application must be filled out, with the following exception, one (1) Sponsor signature will be required on the application.
- c) For former members, out three (3) or more years, a new member application must be filled out with the required number of Sponsor signatures, two (2), on the application and the membership will return to a Probationary Status (Green Badge) and a return of any existing badges.
- d) In all cases, full membership dues and the Initiation Fees will be paid, new member Orientation Requirements are also required.

This proposal became a motion following the reading.

So moved by the Rules Committee.

2nd by Dennis Loertscher.

A discussion from the floor followed the reading of the proposal. During the discussion it was noted that this proposal was not on the agenda at the time it was distributed to the board members and as the agenda was approved at the beginning of the meeting.

Following additional discussion; the original motion was amended by the Rules Committee to table the matter and to bring it up at the March Meeting.

2nd by Sean Clark.

Amended motion called and carried by unanimous vote.

The next matter addressed by the Rules Committee:

1. GENERAL CLUB RULES

III. BASIC RANGE RULES:

O. **Current Verbiage** No loaded firearms away from the firing line. This is expressly prohibited. All firearms should be unloaded with actions open or chamber indicators in place and pointed in a safe direction, unless holstered, sheathed, cased or boxed until pointed down range at the back stop. Handling loaded firearms away from firing lines is expressly prohibited. All firearms shall be unloaded with actions opened and Magazines removed with chamber indicators in place (if possible).

Recommended update.

O. No handling of firearms away from the firing line. All firearms are to be brought to and taken from the firing line, boxed, or cased, should be unloaded with actions open or chamber indicators in place and pointed in a safe direction, unless holstered, sheathed, cased or boxed

until pointed down range at the back stop. Handling loaded firearms away from firing lines is expressly prohibited. All firearms shall be unloaded with actions opened and Magazines removed with chamber indicators in place (if possible).

Motion to update the rule to the recommended updated verbiage.

So moved by the Rules Committee

2nd by Jim Shickles

Discussion: Comments, questions and answers were made from the floor.

The motion was called and the vote was mixed. A roll-call vote was requested and made.

The vote was: Yes – 18, No – 13. The motion passed by majority vote.

Unfinished Business

- Budget Meeting to be held at March Meeting: 5:30pm March 4th – Business Meeting to follow.
- At the January 2026 Annual Meeting Jeffery Drummond of Raven Creek Training requested use of the range to conduct IL CCW new and renewal training, and CORE Pistol training.
 - The dates were approved but more clarity was requested by the Board of Directors regarding specific days and times that the indoor range would be used for these events.

<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

Discussion: The concern is that the indoor range will be shut-down during the training. There was robust discussion from the floor, Mr. Drummond addressed the questions and clarified the training process and procedures of the classroom and range phases of the training.

A Motion was made to approve the dates of the training as scheduled and that the range used would only be shut down to the extent that is needed for the training, other than that, the range would be open to membership & guest use.

So moved by George Vacek

2nd by Tim Rockhold

Further discussion was called for: No further discussion was offered.

The motion was called and carried unanimously.

New Business

- New Membership Application – Jon Nortemann, Membership Director.
 - A presentation was made regarding the process and recommended follow-up for submission regarding the new membership application for pledge status. No specific actions need by the board.
- I’ve been asked by several people to do a one-day class for pistol safety and fundamentals. I’m looking at March 28th. I haven’t set a price for sure yet, but between \$50 and \$75. Per person. All \$ will go to the club. More details to follow. - Julie Wagoner – Women’s Group Director
 - Motion to approve the class as presented.
 - So moved by Bridget Kirichkow
 - 2nd by Lee Thompson
 - Discussion: Questions from the floor were addressed.
 - The motion was called and carried unanimously.
- Update on new range abatement, cleaning for old indoor range and 2026 reduction in expenses by all disciplines. - Wayne Mitchell, Publicity Director
 - A new Raffle: Proposing a “Renewal Raffle” \$5.00 per ticket, to win a full year membership value

of \$330.00. Must sell 66 tickets to break-even. Starting at 1st renewal date and continuing through all in-person renewal collection dates. Winner to be drawn at the end of the period.

Motion to accept the proposal for the Renewal Raffle as presented.

Wayne Mitchel, Publicity Director so moves

2nd by Kyle Schliem

Discussion: Comments and questions from the floor.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Range sound abatement:

Update, President, Julie Wagoner: We are still getting current quotes and numbers. The information will go out with the budget in the next two weeks.

- 2026 reduction in expenses by all disciplines:

Wayne Mitchell, withdrawn, to be addressed at budget meeting.

- Cleaning for old indoor range:

Presentation on future of the old range cleaning, cleaning procedure and to explore looking into how to best proceed.

Motion to create a committee to investigate what needs to be done to clean the old indoor range and report back to the board by the next meeting.

So moved by Wayne Mitchell

2nd by Bill Snyder.

Discussion: Questions and comments from the floor discussed, answered where possible.

Motion called and carried by majority vote with 2 opposing votes.

- New Member Orientation dates:

- April 12 -Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm

- May 17 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm

- June 14 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm

Motion to accept the new membership orientation dates as proposed.

So moved by Jon Norteman

2nd by George Vacek

Discussion: Few questions, answered. No ranges closed.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Swap meet Saturday.

- Sunday Dues Renewal.

- March 11 2026 - New Membership Initiation; all board members asked to attend.

- Harley Whitt: North/South Skirmish's Competition Dates: July 25-26, Aug 22 & 23

Motion to approve the dates for the event on the Black Powder range.

Harley Whitt so moves

2nd Chuck Sauber

Discussion: None offered.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Move the Sunday Renewals collection to the Boundaries meeting room instead of the BRC Clubhouse, 9:00 – 3:00.

Jon Norteman, Membership Director so moved.

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: Comments and suggestions from the floor.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Close of Meeting