

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Board Meeting

MINUTES

March 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: 38 /48

Acceptance of Agenda – BRC President Julie Wagoner

Motion to accept the agenda for the March BRC BOD business meeting:

Larry Abbott so moved

2nd by Jim Shickles

Discussion: Having passed the budget earlier in the evening, Tim Kienbaum would like to get approval to begin the project as presented at the budget meeting. Also, Tina Saporiti would like to get approval to begin the project on the Cowboy Action range as presented at the budget meeting.

Motion called with amendments to the agenda and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the Feb 2026 BRC BOD Business meeting

Scott Schoeler So Moved

2nd by Kyle Schliem

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the February 2026 Treasurer's Report

Charlie E Brown so moved

2nd by Chuck Sauber

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports for March:

Archery – Ben Remer:

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Walt Weber:

Upcoming Event Information:

For the 2026 season, we're trying a couple of new things. First and foremost, we're moving our matches to the fourth Sunday morning of each month, April thru September. We hope to avoid conflicts with Saturday "work" obligations, whether job related or club related. The dates are published on the website calendar. Secondly, we're hoping to bring a "theme" to each month. Since braggin' rights is, for the present at least, the only reward, and since we're not reporting scores to any national organization, the intention is for these themes to be for fun. Additionally, for those members interested in qualifying for their 500m Red Badge, these Sunday morning shoots will provide a convenient opportunity. Bring a rifle, bring some bullets and join us!

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

The 15th of February we held our monthly shoot and we finally had some decent weather. The day started out cold but the sun came out and some of the heavy coats came off. By mid afternoon the temperature was in the 50's and the people and shooters kept coming. By the end of the day we ended up with 21 shooters and quite a few on lookers, the parking lot was full of cars. The shuttle service we provide by hauling the shooters gear from their vehicles to the range by cart worked great. We started out with ice on the range and that turned to mud on the range and the service saved the shooters a few trips to and from their vehicles. Gives them more time to shoot, one shooter said. It sure turned out to be a great shoot. I would like to thank the members who volunteered and came out to get their work hours in early. They did a great job! I would also like to thank Pete Conway a club member for running the range and giving me a chance to shoot and everyone in the lodge for keeping the scores and registration up to date and making the shoot run smoothly. Great Job Everyone! I also owe Pete Conways wife a big thank you for providing the hot turkey sandwiches and snacks. Those sandwiches sure hit the spot. Thanks a bunch. Many of the shooters went home with meat prizes and the big winner or best shot of the day was taken by Ron Machajewski a club member who lives in Janesville, WI. He took home a nice Smith & Wesson Knife. A great range to shoot on, a great day to shoot and a great time had by all. Now that's promoting Black Powder shooting and The Beloit Rifle Club Inc.

Financial Information to report:

The February monthly shoot had 21 shooters and after all the expenses were paid, those 21 shooters brought into the club \$245.85 . Not alot of money but a profit .

Upcoming Event Information:

The next Black Powder shoot will be March 15th,2026 . Range opens at 9:00 a.m. and will close around 2:00 p.m. or until the last re-lay is finished . Re-lays are 25 minutes long. The shoot is open to anyone who wants to shoot their muzzleloaders or anyone who wants to learn how to shoot a muzzleloader. The Black Powder range is open to the public but only on this day and only to shoot black powder guns. "Come Join Us "

Volunteer Opportunities:

For the March 15, 2026 Black Powder shoot I will need 4-6 members needing work hours to help put this shoot on , some on the inside selling and scoring targets and some on the out side to help run the range . You will be given a copy of our SOP'S (Standard Operating Procedures) to read prior to opening the range. If you would like to help with this shoot you can text or call Harley J. Whitt at (608) 921-1542 or call or text my assistant Charlie J. Brown at cell number (608) 290- 2978 . and leave a message that you would like to help . Or be at the far west range by 8:00 a.m. and I will assign you a job ! Please come and spend a day with us ! We need your help!.

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson:

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis:

Conservation – Jim Shickles:

N/R

Cowboy Action – Tina Saporiti:

Past Event Information

Since the weather has been fairly nice out we started completing some projects from last year.

Defense Range – Dean Latka:

Upcoming Event Information:

Steel Challenge will start in April. Typically the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Be sure to check the Calendar. See complete list on the Steel Challenge Shooting Discipline page.

Grounds Keeping – William Snyder:

N/R

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino:

Historian – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

My report for this month is as follows : The year was 1999 , the president was Gary Larson and Clif Elliott, Sue Hanson and Bill Ray were just a few of the people on hand to collect membership dues during the Spaghetti Dinner. Also on duty and working at the Spaghetti Dinner were the ladies auxiliary , Peggy Allen, Sheila Shambaugh, Leora Blackwood, Barb Vepraskas, Mindy Belken and Jane Blackwood. Del Draves and Chuck Fenske were on hand selling targets at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Upcoming Event Information:

Starting in 2026 is The Beloit Rifle Club Inc. Home On The Range newsletter. Details will be worked out at the budget meeting March 4,2026 ..

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Tim Elliott:

Membership – Jon Nortemann:

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem:

Past Event Information

PRACTICAL PISTOL 28-Jan total number of participants 14

PRACTICAL PISTOL 11-Feb total number of participants 14

NRL22 14-Feb total number of participants 15

Financial Information to report:

After NRL MATCH FEE \$35.00 total income submitted from Multi-Gun is \$345

Upcoming Event Information:

March 11 2026 @ 6:30 PM practical pistol in the new indoor range.

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

March 14, 2026 @ 9:00 AM NRL22

Registration opens March 6

<https://practiscore.com/brc-nrl22-pro-series-march-2026/register>

March 25, 2026 @ 6:30 PM practical pistol in the new indoor range.

<https://practiscore.com/brc-uspsa-outlaw-march-11-2026-clone/register>

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:

N/R

Pistol George Brunson:

Upcoming Event Information:

Precision Pistol:

We're still having fun punching holes in paper. If this might sound like fun to you then we invite you to join us on the first and third Thursday of each month from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm in the old indoor range located in the Club House. We're having fun, you should too. See you there, George Brunson.

Publicity Director – Wayne Mitchell:
N/R

Range Construction – Brad Mueller:

Past Event Information

On Friday Feb 6th, we fully cleaned (swept and wet mopped) the old Indoor Range and set up about 22 tables for the Swap Meet.

On Friday Feb 20th, we cleaned the lead out of both Indoor Ranges. We had four members help Reggie and I clean the ranges and we cleaned out over 3100 lbs of range lead between the two ranges. The old Indoor Range was last cleaned out on Feb 21, 2025 and the new Indoor Range I believe was cleaned out in August or maybe October 2025 (I am not sure about October date). Kyle hauled the lead to the recycling plant and we got \$1240 for the mined lead.

We also installed several sets of "clean room sticky mats" near the inside doors of both indoor ranges to help keep from tracking so much lead / powder residue dust from the ranges to the classroom areas. I will be peeling off new layers weekly (or more often) to refresh the mats. Please do not peel off old layers as I want to keep track of the mats and how long they will last.

Financial Information to report:

None

Upcoming Event Information:

The next General Work Day is scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2026 from 7:00 am til 3:30 pm.

Volunteer Opportunities:

See Upcoming Event Information section.

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:

Past Event Information

I received confirmation that all monthly matches for the 2026 are NRA registered matches. Scores will be sent to NRA for classification.

Upcoming Event Information:

Planning to host a match for small bore pistol silhouette and small bore lever action silhouette. We have the required targets for this type of event, so no additional purchases are required. The date was set for 05/30/2026. At this time we are testing the interest for this type of matches. For this event the participation will be free. Based on number of participants and the feedback we will receive we will decide if more matches will be organized in the future and we will be establishing a fee structure as well.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:

Trap – Jeff Goode:

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:

Past Event Information

We are finishing up a successful pellet gun shoot. Many thanks to Larry Abbott for running a great meet.

Upcoming Event Information:

We will be shooting pistol silhouette at 50 feet during March.

Woman's Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:

Past Event Information

Classes are going well. Ten ladies have joined the advanced group being taught by Tim K, Seth, Dean & Alex. They are looking forward to the new challenges. I'd like to thank them for adding to their already busy schedules to do this!

Financial Information to report:

No report.

Upcoming Event Information:

One day shooting intro for new pistol shooters. Learn firearm safety and shooting fundamentals. Sat. March 28th. 9-3pm. See attached Informational Flyer.

Youth/Junior Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Information

Rattlers are looking for few individuals that have the dedication to build a skill set that will benefit them at many levels throughout their lives. The Mental Management System that we teach will be the basis for any skill you wish to develop. If you know of anyone that meets that criteria 8-18 please contact. Larry Abbott 608-751 5271.

Committee Updates

- **Rules Committee – Larry Abbott:**
 - At the February 2026 BRC BOD Meeting a new rule was introduced by the Rules Committee Chair, Larry Abbott and briefly discussed. This is a rule to be added to the New Members section of the General Club Rules. It would be inserted 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.*

- The proposed added rule was tabled, to be added to the March agenda.

Motion to approve the new rule as submitted

Rules Committee so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously:

Unfinished Business

- Update on Old Range cleaning. – Julie Wagoner, President
[We are continuing to gather more information on this and as this proceeds we hope to have more information next month.](#)
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Membership Dues Renewal: At The Old Range Clubhouse Meeting Room
 - March - 4 - Wednesday - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
 - March - 15 - Sunday - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
 - April - 1 - Wednesday - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
 - DEADLINE: 1 APRIL 2026
 - New Members Initiation & Swearing In: At Boundaries Meeting Room
 - March 11 2026 - All board members asked to attend.
 - Orientation Dates: At Old Range Clubhouse
 - April 12 -Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - May 17 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - June 14 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm

New Business

- Planting Evergreen Trees & Shrubs for Privacy Screening – Julie Wagoner
[Motion to approve planting Evergreen Trees for privacy screening and noise abatement along the Philhower road.](#)
So moved by Jim Shickles
2nd by George Brunson
[Discussion: A floor discussion regarding location/areas where trees could be planted and budget. Jim Schickles will cover this within his approved budget.](#)
[Motion called and carried unanimously.](#)
- I would like to use the main range April 7 & 14 during my class times to introduce the girls to shooting AR15 rifles. - Julie Wagoner, Women's Group.
[Motion to permit the main range use as specified for the Women's Group](#)

Lee Thompson so moved

2nd by Sean Clark

Discussion: Apr. 7th 5:30 – 8:00, Apr 14th 6:30-7:30. Other discussion from floor.

Motion Called and carried unanimously

- Would it be possible to get the minutes from the monthly meeting a week after the meeting. – Tina Saporiti
Motion to get the minutes from the monthly meeting a week after the meeting.
Tina Saporiti so moved
2nd by Reggie James
Discussion: Questions coming from members regarding what was decided at the meeting and getting the minutes quickly would help. It was recommended that any member asking questions should be encouraged to attend the board meetings. The secretary stated that releasing the minutes prior to vetting them through the Executive Committee and the full BOD is not a recommended practice.
The motion was withdrawn.
- I need an assistant to help with the newsletter, Deb Dunlap has volunteered and needs board approval. - Harley Whitt, Historian
Motion to approve an assistant for the Historian position.
Harley Whitt so moved.
2nd by Charley J Brown
Discussion: The discussion from the floor clarified the assistant be a new board position. Deb Dunlap has volunteered to fill the new BOD position.
The motion was called and carried with majority vote, there were two opposing votes.
- Tim Kienbaum would like to get approval to begin the project on the Event Range as presented and approved at the budget meeting. To start with, we would bring in the dozer and get started so the area can be leveled and used.
Motion to authorize using the approved funds of \$5,000 to bring in the dozer and work on the Event Range and work on the road down to the 500m range.
Tim Kienbaum so moved
2nd by Lee Thompson
Discussion: None offered
Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Tina Saporiti would like to get approval to begin the project on the Cowboy Action Range as presented and approved at the budget meeting.
Motion to authorize using the approved funds of \$4,200 to purchase lumber and begin building the “Jail” station on the Cowboy Action Range
Tina Saporiti so moved
2nd by Chuck Sauber
Discussion: A question from the floor was asked and answered.
Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Potential New Members attending and introduced.

Close of Meeting