

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Board Meeting

Minutes

April 1, 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: 36 /49

Acceptance of Agenda and Director Reports – BRC President Julie Wagoner

Motion to accept the agenda and director reports.

Larry Abbott so moved

2nd by George Vacek

Discussion: added to agenda: We want to open a Certificate of Deposit to our accounts. George Brunson, additional pistol match in June. Announce the membership raffle winner. Jeff Good adding a budget item under New Business.

Motion called and carried unanimously

Secretary's Report – March Budget Meeting Minutes – March Monthly Board Meeting Minutes -

BRC Secretary Scott Schoeler

Motion to accept Budget Meeting Minutes

Scott Schoeler so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: None

Motion called and carried unanimously.

Motion to accept Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Schoeler so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: None

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept Treasurers Report

Charlie E Brown so moved

2nd by Tim Kienbaum

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously

Board Member Reports for March:

Archery – Ben Remer:

N/R

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Walt Weber:

Upcoming Event Information:

Centerfire Benchrest's first match of the season will be Sunday 26 April at 0900 on the back 100-yard range. The plan this month is to conclusively prove or disprove Uncle Jed Clampett's claim of being able to shoot the wings off a fly at a hundred yards. The target is a sub-moa fly, so a scoped rifle is probably a really (really!) good idea for this month's shoot.

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

A Black Powder shoot was held Sunday March 15, 2026 . It was a monthly shoot and also a wet one! It was raining on the way to the shoot . It rained up until about 8:30 a.m. We set up 2 rain canopies while the rain let up. We had 2 shooters then and more were coming into the parking lot. When the range opened at 9:00 a.m. we had 7 shooters then about 11:00 a.m. the closer showed up. Most of the guys on the firing line were saying, well it's over with now. They were talking about Steve Brown a farmer from Milton, Wisconsin. He always shoots good and is a fine rifle shot, Flintlock or Percussion rifle. And yes he did close out the main prize match, winning the Easter Ham. We had to hold up shooting for a couple re-lays because it was raining to hard and it was getting colder. By the end of the shoot it was rain and snow mixed. That night is when Beloit got about 8 to 10 inches of snow. We had a total of 8 shooters who shot in the rain for this match, just about all of the shooters went home with a prize thanks to Steve Brown for donating several dozen of eggs as prizes. Thank You Steve! I would also like to thank those who came out and worked to help put this shoot on. Too many to mention. I would like to thank Bob Lockwood a club member for donating several prizes for future shoots. Thanks Bob!

Financial Information to report:

I turned into the club, \$62.94 from this shoot. That \$62.94 bought a lot of memories and helped in promoting the Beloit Rifle

Club Inc.

Upcoming Event Information:

Our next Black Powder shoot will be a two day shoot. It will be a W.M.L.A. sanctioned Squirrel Shoot. The shoot will be Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th. 2026. It is the Curt VanderVeen "Squirrel Shoot" a Program "B" shoot and a Wisconsin Muzzleloading Association sanctioned shoot. Range opens at 9:00a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m. both days. Rain or Shine!

Volunteer Opportunities:

I will need 6-8 members needing work hours to help put this shoot on. This is a good chance for new members to get their work hours in and learn about Black Powder shooting at the same time. I will need workers in the lodge and on the range help running the firing line. No help is turned away; I will find something for you to do. If you need work hours you can call or text Charlie J. Brown at (608) 290 – 2978 or Harley J. Whitt at (608) 921 – 1542 and leave a message that you want to help with the Black Powder shoot. Coffee and snacks will be available for a small donation and bottled water is \$1.00 per -bottle. If you don't want to call , but still want to help be at the range around 8:00 a.m. YOUR club needs your help!

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson:

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis:

Conservation – Jim Shickles:

N/R

Cowboy Action – Tina Saporiti:

Past Event Information

We purchased several of our supplies for the new prop outback. We plan on beginning construction on the deck within the next few weeks. We noticed an animal got inside the outhouse by the West Defensive Range and want members to remember to make sure the door is closed and latch locked back into place when done. Through walking the range after winter we have noticed that individuals are still shooting the rifle and pistol targets with their shotguns. This knocks them over and whoever is doing it is not bothering to pick them back up. If this continues we may need to start putting the targets away on all but a few of the stages so we may preserve our equipment. There are designated shotgun targets on each stage and if a member is not aware of which ones they are all they need to do is either contact myself or Bruce Nygren.

Upcoming Event Information:

Our first shoot of the season is April 4th. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Defense Range – Dean Latka:

Upcoming Event Information:

Steel Challenge starts on April 2nd.

Sign up at 5:30. Shooting at 6.

Next time on April 16th.

Grounds Keeping – William Snyder:

N/R

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino:

Historian – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

At the last Board meeting Wednesday March 4, 2026 the budgets were approved and we voted and approved a new position on the board which was for an Assistant Historian. Deb Dunlap will fill that position for the remainder of 2026. With her help we hope to resurrect and carry on with " The Home On The Range " newsletter which we haven't had the last couple of years. We hope to have one out soon! My report for this month is from the newsletter "Home On The Range" Spring of 2022: Silhouette Director Steve Schmalz: Our annual winter " FROSTY IRON CHALLENGE " was held on January 22, 2022. The weather was sunny, but it was cold and breezy. The windchill was 2 degrees below zero . We had a small turnout, only seven people participated . Craig Stevens was the Match Winner in Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 27 out of 40 animals . Dennis Loertscher was the Match Winner in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 17 out of 40 animals. Congratulations to Craig and Dennis . They shot great scores with cold finger tips. I need to say thank you to everyone that participated and to those that came to help.

Financial Information to report:

Cost of the next newsletter? Report will be at the conclusion of the newsletter.

Upcoming Event Information:

Newsletter coming soon!

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Tim Elliott:

Membership – Jon Nortemann:

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem:

Past Event Information

PRACTICAL PISTOL Feb 26 total number of participants 21

PRACTICAL PISTOL March 11 total number of participants 20

NRL22 March 14 total number of participants 12

Financial Information to report:

After NRL MATCH FEE \$35.00 total income submitted from Multi-Gun is \$410

Upcoming Event Information:

April 8 2026 @ 6:30 PM practical pistol in the new indoor range.

<https://practiscore.com/brc-uspsa-outlaw-april-8-2026/register>

April 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM NRL22

Registration opens March 6

<https://practicore.com/brc-nrl22-pro-series-april-2026/register>
April 22, 2026 @ 6:30 PM practical pistol in the new indoor range.
<https://practicore.com/brc-uspsa-outlaw-april-22-2026/register>

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:

Upcoming Event Information:

Website for event and sign up has been updated. Event has been reported to the NRA. Have received several registrations so far.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Sign up sheet posted in clubhouse.

Pistol George Brunson:

Past Event Information

If you haven't tried Precision Pistol yet, you are missing out on one of the most fun offerings of your club. We have two nights left in our Indoor Pistol matches left this winter. Our next match will be on April 2nd at 3:00pm until 6:00pm. We'll be there, the rest is up to you.

Publicity Director – Wayne Mitchell:

N/R

Range Construction – Brad Mueller:

Upcoming Event Information:

The first General Work Day of 2026 is scheduled for Saturday April 4th from 7:00 am til 3:30 pm. Planned work includes, but is not limited to:

General clean up of the entire Range, fixing rain gutters on the Main Range near the Range Shed, cleaning lead out of the New Indoor Range, building shelves in the mechanical room at the east end of the New Indoor Range, repairing and replacing target frames on all ranges as needed, building new target frames for the Defense and East Bay Ranges, picking up trash on Philhower Road, etc. Other small jobs will be added closer to the date. Look for updates on the BRC Members page on Facebook the week before the Work Day.

Lunch will be provided for members who work the whole day.

Contact Brad Mueller with any questions. 815-218-2944

Volunteer Opportunities:

See upcoming event information above.

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:

Upcoming Event Information:

First monthly match of 2026 outdoor season is scheduled for April 18th. 80 Rounds smallbore standard rifle & 80 rounds smallbore hunter rifle. Sight in starts at 8:30, match starts at 10:00 AM.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:

Trap – Jeff Goode:

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:

Upcoming Event Information:

Weather permitting we will be shooting trap.

Woman's Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:

Past Event Information

Just wanted to give a shot out to Larry Abbott for helping me with the ammo so the ladies can shoot AR-15's! Thank you!

Youth/Junior Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Committee Updates

- Rules Committee – Larry Abbott:
 - [No report](#)
- Membership Committee – Jon Nortemann
 - Update on Membership Renewals & New Members
 - [An extra effort was made this year with mailing postcards to late paying members with good results. New membership and Renewal membership is mostly complete with approximately 1,150 memberships. This is nearly even with last year.](#)

Unfinished Business

- Orientation Dates: At Old Range Clubhouse
 - April 12 -Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - May 17 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - June 14 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - [Discussion: Suggestion made to adjust the times to 11:45 - 4:00pm](#)
 - [When we send out email we will make note of the importance of being present early so the meeting can start on-time.](#)
 - [Put these dates and times on the calendar.](#)

- Old Range Cleaning – Julie Wagoner
 - Update following meeting with Wayne Mitchell, Executive Directors Recommendations to the Board of Directors when we're doing regular maintenance cleaning of both indoor ranges:
 1. If we are cleaning/replacing disposable filters, in either range, they to be wrapped in heavy plastic bag(s), taped closed and marked "Hazardous", take to approved waste facility and they deal with them appropriately with fee paid.
 2. When cleaning either range, PPE is to be provided and recommended, including goggles, appropriate breathing equipment, disposable coveralls with boots & hood.
 3. When vacuums are used they are to be HEPA filter vac's. Can be regular shop-vacs with HEPA filters. We recommend the purchase of two (2) shop vac's with HEPA filters, dedicating one to each indoor range.
 4. When wiping down surfaces, use a cleaner that coagulates the lead. We're trying out some cleaners to recommend.
 5. Set up a cleaning routine using these practices and cleaners (provided our research into the cleaners are effective).
 6. Add De-Lead hand cleaner to each bathroom in the indoor facilities.
 - If extensive, or contract cleaning is done by an external company, retained by BRC, they must be certified to clean this type of facility and properly dispose of the waste.
 - A quote was obtained from Dura-Clean to extensively clean the old indoor range. This quote does not include the clubhouse portion of the building.
 - The quote includes cleaning attic, removing the insulation etc., from the firing line to the backstop (does not include cleaning the backstop) and the area from the firing line back to and including the back wall. The total for all is \$50,014.00. The cleaning can be broken into different segments with separate quotes and a contract rate can be quoted if done at regular intervals during a specific period.
 - Additional costs are expected following cleaning to replace insulation & existing foamboards on walls, potential painting and sealing, etc.
 - Our research is still in progress regarding extensive cleaning of the old indoor range and includes issues such as:
 - doing the extensive cleaning ourselves,
 - long-term planning for the building use.
 - Consider these 6 recommendations and other issues presented and we will be voting on them at our next regular meeting.

New Business

- I would like to ask to do a Cub Scout BB and Archery rangemaster class at the club on May 26 2026 Kirt Byerley.

Motion to permit Cub Scout class use of the indoor classroom of the club house on Tuesday May 26, 2026 between 5:00pm to 10:00pm, to train volunteers to become range masters for the BB and Archery during Cub Scout events.

Ben Remer so moved.

2nd by Don Miller

Discussion: There will be board member present for this event. This will be added to the calendar.

Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Kim Bilda from Oscar Mike is requesting to use the main range as they have in the past. The 2026 dates being requested for the Oscar Mike clinics are:
 - May 12, 19; June 9, 23; July 14, 28; August 18. All dates are Tuesdays and the time is from 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Motion to permit Oscar Mike to use the main range on the dates and times requested for 2026.

Lee Thompson so moved

2nd by Larry Abbott

- Discussion: Lee Thompson will be the board member present for the events. These dates and times need to get on our calendar.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- What are our long-range plans for the "scrap" pile in the back. The new stuff that was placed there has made it impossible to get to the targets needed for the youth shoot. - Tina Saporiti

Motion: This will be handled by volunteers to be cleaned up and taken care of. No motion was necessary or needed.

- In the past few years we have not had a board meeting in July due to the 4th. This year our meeting will be on Wednesday July 1st and the 4th is on Saturday. Our meeting wouldn't really interfere with the holiday. How do we want to proceed this year? - Julie Wagoner

Motion to skip\cancel the July BRC BOD meeting as a summer break.

Kyle Shilem so moved

2nd by Chuck Sauber

Discussion:

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Marine Corp League and Combat Veterans Association request to have a morning shoot on Saturday, May 30, 2026. They would like to use the main range from 8:00a to 12:00p. Robby Personette

Motion to permit the Marine Corp League & Combat Veterans Association to use the main range on the requested date and time.

Robby Personette so moved.

2nd by Dennis Loertscher

Discussion: Board members Robby Personette and George Vacek will be present for the event.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Request authorization to use the \$7,000 to purchase supplies and equipment for sound abatement in the new indoor range as approved at the March 2026 Budget Meeting – Robert Sobucki

Motion to authorize the use of the funds to purchase supplies and equipment for sound abatement in the indoor range, not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Robert Sobucki so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: From the floor: Can we sell the unused ventilation equipment that was found not suitable for the new indoor range and is being stored in our building and use that money to pay for the sound abatement. The answer was that it would be better to hold onto that equipment for a while until we're certain our new ventilation system is functioning as specified.

A determination of the results of the sound abatement is to be established to confirm the functioning of the materials and system installed. Decibel readings will be taken in the classroom before and after the sound abatement materials installation.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Request authorization to purchase equipment & begin fitting out the new indoor range for Precision Pistol matches as approved at the March 2026 Budget Meeting. - George Brunson

Motion to authorize the purchase of the equipment and begin fitting-out the new indoor range target holders for turning targets, Match Call desk, shooting bench modifications and bench seating, not to exceed \$4,300.00

George Brunson so moved

2nd by Jon Nortemann

Discussion: From the floor; The bench extensions need to be designed to not extend too far back so the partitions will protect the shooter. Last year a motion was brought to the

floor for rifle rests to be fabricated for the new indoor range benches. The decision was that the club would not purchase them but that others who shoot rifles can buy and use them as they are portable. The shooting bench extensions are for all users, pistol or rifle and will stay on the benches though they are removable. The target turners are removable and will be used for Precision Pistol matches and other groups learning the sport.

Motion Called and carried unanimously.

- Replacing the front door of the clubhouse. The old door frame is warped and the door does not always close and lock properly. The door is rusted out on bottom edge. Previous repairs have provided temporary improvement only. We have a quote to replace the entrance door with a new frame and door. The quote is for \$2,810.00 compatible with the existing locks. Brad Mueller

Motion to approve the replacement of the door & frame per the quote.

Brad Mueller so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: Did we get a 2nd quote? We did not receive a 2nd quote.

Following a floor discussion, the motion was amended to approve the door replacement if, after receiving a comparable 2nd quote, the 1st quote is equal or less, we can move forward with replacement at the quoted price of \$2,810.00.

Brad Mueller so amended.

2nd by Larry Abbott.

Discussion: If the old door has been damaged because we use a block at the bottom to keep it open when there are events in the clubhouse where the door is opening and closing, how will a new door prevent the same kind of damage from occurring? Is there a way to keep the door unlocked yet the door can be closed and opened. A way needs to be determined to keep the door unlocked yet closed and opened for events.

Motion called and carried by majority vote with one opposing vote.

- I would like approval to use the approved \$5,000 to purchase a shipping storage container for the Event Range as approved at the March Budget Meeting. - Tim Kienbaum

Motion to approve the purchase of a shipping storage container for the event range not to exceed \$5,000 total.

Tim Kienbaum so moved

2nd by Kyle Schliem

Discussion: From the floor, regarding options, delivery, etc.

Motion called and carried unanimously

- As we have done in the past, when we have funds available, we place funds in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) and earn higher interest than in a typical savings account.

As such; a motion was made to use our available funds to open a 7 month CD at 3.71% interest.

Tim Kienbaum so moved

2nd by Kyle Schliem

Discussion: From the floor, could we get a better rate at a different financial institution. The treasurer has requested the CD be at the same bank as our accounts for ease of handling. The difference in interest, if any, is likely to be negligible.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- I would like approval to host the 12th Annual Beloit Spring "Twin 2700's" Bullseye Precision Pistol Matches and EIC's. The match's are on June 13th & 14th a Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9:00am, lasting throughout each day. The matches will be held at the BRC Outdoor Pistol range. This is the 12 consecutive year of this event.

Motion to approve the 12th Annual Beloit Spring "Twin 2700's Pistol Matches on June 13th & 14th 2026.

George Brunson so moved

2nd by Jon Nortemann.

Discussion: Run by a club member, Rob Kovach. There will be an new member orientation on the 14th. This needs to be on the Calendar.

Motion called and carried unanimously.

- I would like to make a motion to purchase Trap targets as approved in the budget.
 - Jeff Good so moved.
 - 2nd by Lee Thompson.
 - Discussion: None offered.
 - Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Announce the membership raffle winner. 115 tickets sold at \$10.00 each. Craig Scheidegger was the winner and will be contacted.

Close of Meeting

7:48pm