

Beloit Rifle Club Monthly Board Meeting

MINUTES

May 6, 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: 35 /49

Acceptance of Agenda and Director Reports – BRC President Julie Wagoner

Late additions to the agenda:

1. White projection screen donation by Jason Rowland
2. Gun raffle at Youth Shoot – Lee Thompson
3. Other BRC guns – Lee Thompson

Motion to approve the Agenda and Director Reports

Scott Schoeler so moved

2nd by Lee Thompson

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously

Secretary's Report – April Board Meeting Minutes - BRC Secretary Scott Schoeler

Motion to accept the April 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Schoeler so moved

2nd by Sean Clark

Discussion: None offered

Motion called and carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the April P&L - 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:

Benchrest (BR-50) – Dennis Munn:

Benchrest (Center Fire) – Walt Weber:

Black Powder Lodge – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

The W.M.L.A. Curt VanderVeen Memorial Squirrel Shoot was a success, not a big one but a success! The weather as usual played a big part in that. It was cold and windy on Saturday and on Sunday we had winds reaching up to 25 to 30 miles per hour. We also had lite rain on Sunday with some snow flurries. On Saturday we had 5 shooters show up to shoot and despite the weather on Sunday we had 12 more shooters, giving us a total of 17 shooters for the 2 day shoot. Brad Halfmann a club member from Delavan, Wisconsin was the winner of the main prize, a nice Butt Ham! and Rick Hotz from East Troy, Wisconsin was the winner of the Curt VanderVeen Memorial Squirrel. The 3 shot match was well attended with over 50 targets shot in the 2 days. with 6 different shooters taking home prizes in that match alone. I would like to thank Pete Conway for donating the food and the goodies for this match. He came and dropped off the food and had to leave, because his wife has been ill and he had over 10 inches of water in his basement that he had to attend to. I wish him the best and less put him in our prayers. I had some help for this shoot, but I didn't have one new member or no calls at all from members needing work hours. The work hours are there, but I hope you don't wait to the last chance to get them in. I would like to thank those that did work the shoot. thanks guys and gals! you know who was there ,so I won't mention names, just thank you very much, and the club thanks you for your help.

Financial Information to report:

For the financial part of the shoot we did make some money, I was able to turn into the club \$173.80 after all expenses. I would also like to thank those who donated prizes to this shoot.

Upcoming Event Information:

The next Black Powder shoot is our May monthly shoot .The shoot will be the third Sunday of the month, May 17, 2026. The range opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m. with 25 minute relays. I have 3 members signed up to help with this shoot, but I will need 3 to 4 more helpers or workers just in case one might not show up! If you want to help you can call or text Harley Whitt at (608) 921- 1542 or Charlie J. Brown at (608) 290-2978. Just leave a message and we will get back to you. If you don't call but still want to help, be at the range around 8:00 a.m. to go over the SOP'S . (Standard Operating Procedures) . Coffee and snacks will be available, with a small donation and water will be \$1.00 per- bottle.

Volunteer Opportunities:

I need 3 to 4 more helpers so please consider joining in on the fun, what the heck you just might learn something.

Chief Range Officer – Lee Thompson:

Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) – Greg Davis:

Conservation – Jim Shickles:

Cowboy Action – Tina Saporiti:

Past Event Information

In April – even though Mother Nature was a factor for both our shoots – we still had an average of 20 shooters per match. We turned in \$465 collected from the matches. Our new prop is almost complete. We just need to finish a few touch up projects to make it 100% and ready to be used.

Defense Range – Dean Latka:

Past Event Information

Steel Challenge:

Our first shoot on April 2nd was cancelled due to rain.

The shoot on April 16th has 34 guns.

We managed to sneak some shooting in between the rain on April 29th. We had 11 guns.

Upcoming Event Information:

Steel Challenge will be on Thursday May 7th and Thursday May 21st.

Grounds Keeping – William Snyder:

Volunteer Opportunities:

Groundskeeping is in full swing. If you need hours come out and help Wed and Thur. We start at 8:00am both days. See you here!

High Power Rifle – Dave Fatino:

Historian – Harley Whitt:

Past Event Information

This months report is taken from the Home On The Range newsletter from 2005 Billy Ray, our past president, left us for the Great Range on August 11, 2005. Bill served two terms as president and was a life member of the club. He was instrumental in purchasing the land on the north end of the club. Bill boldly fought cancer for eight years. Unlike many of us, Billy was not afraid to die. He embraced his death. Bill believed in the Indian traditions and was active in the Indian culture. A few years ago Billy brought me the following. I think it describes how Billy lived his life. I was proud to call Bill Ray my friend. Gary Larsen This is the beginning of a new day. The Great Spirit has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it — or use it for good. But what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone Forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it. Harley Whitt: Historian

Hunter Ed / Firearm Safety – Tim Elliott:

Membership – Jon Nortemann:

Past Event Information

As of this date we have 1,168 members in the Beloit Rifle Club. We have 21 Life members. This represents a gain of approximately 17 members. If the loss of 11 members through death/moving is considered, we gained 28. We had 94 members that renewed by mail.

Multi-gun – Kyle Schliem:

Past Event Information

25-Mar PRACTICAL PISTOL had 30 participants. 8-Apr PRACTICAL PISTOL had 25 participants. 11-Apr NRL22 had 7 participants.

Financial Information to report:

After expenses \$345 turned in to treasure. Payment request made of \$999.60 to reimburse Kirk Patterson for expenses incurred building props and target purchases.

Upcoming Event Information:

NRL22 May 9 registration opens May 01 <https://practicore.com/brc-nrl22-pro-series-may-2026/register>

BRC USPSA outlaw May 13 2026, Registration opens May 06 <https://practicore.com/brc-uspsa-outlaw-may-13-2026/register>

BRC USPSA outlaw May 27 2026, registration opens May 20 <https://practicore.com/brc-uspsa-outlaw-may-27-2026/register>

NRA Instruction / Youth – Robby Personette:

N/R

Pistol George Brunson:

Upcoming Event Information:

Our Winter League will end with the Handicap match on May 7th. The Banquet is being held at the amazing Stagecoach Inn on May 14th. The summer league will begin on Thursday June 4th. We had a great turnout for the Winter League with many excellent shooters and great conversations. We even had an entire family competing, father, mother and son. How great is that? I invite everyone to join us this summer on the first and third Thursday of the month on the Outdoor Pistol Range. Bring your family and enjoy the fun times in the great outdoors with us!

Publicity Director – Wayne Mitchell:

Past Event Information

The winner of the renewal raffle was Craig Scheidegger. Craig was extremely generous with his winnings and donated it to the upcoming Youth Shoot. If you see Craig, please congratulate him as well as thank him for his generosity!

Upcoming Event Information:

We have a large amount of merchandise (tee – shirts and 100 year anniversary glasses) to sell.

Range Construction – Brad Mueller:

Past Event Information

The April 4th General Work Day was a real success. We had 21 members come out and get their work hours in. Jobs completed included picking up trash on Phillhower Rd, building shelves in the back mechanical room of the new indoor range, building 10 target frames for the Defense Range, East Bay Range and the 500M Range, installing wash stations in the outhouses on the Front Range, picking up brush and fixing snow plow damage on the Front Range, rehangng rain gutters on the Main Range, cleaning lead out of the new Indoor Range, replacing all target boards on the Black Powder Range, updated target boards on the Main Range, replacing target boards on the 500 M Range, cleaned rain gutters and other general range cleanup.

Upcoming Event Information:

The next General Work Day is scheduled for May 2nd from 7:00 am til 3:30 pm. Work projects have not yet been determined, but will be posted on Facebook and the website closer to the event.

Volunteer Opportunities:

See upcoming events section.

Silhouette – Gabriel Zaha:

Past Event Information

First match of the season took place on April 18th. The weather was extremely cold for this time of year, we had strong storms the night before the match, only 5 shooters showed for the match. We shot only standard class. Match winner was Dennis Loertscher with a total of 31 out of 80.

Upcoming Event Information:

Next match is scheduled for May 23rd. Since this is the Memorial Day week-end, veterans and active members of armed forces will shoot for free.

Technical Director – Mike Hevey:

Trap – Jeff Goode:

Past Event Information

Trap Target shipment was received on Wednesday April 22.

Upcoming Event Information: Monday night trap season starts May 4th at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday Morning – Chuck Sauber:

Upcoming Event Information:

We will be shooting trap during May. We start shooting at 9:00 AM

Woman's Shooting Group - Julie Wagoner:

Upcoming Event Information:

Last month before summer break and the end of classes for this season. Will be shooting Steel Challenge Shoots with all groups. Will begin signups again in August for the next group of classes starting in September. If you know anyone interested, please have them fill out this survey to get on the sign up list. <https://www.beloitifleclub.org/shooting-disciplines-overview/womens-shooting-group/womans-shooting-group-survey/>. Thanks for a great season and the support of the Beloit Rifle Club.

Youth/Junior Air Rifle – Larry Abbott:

Committee Updates

- Rules Committee – Larry Abbott:
[No Report](#)

Unfinished Business

- Orientation Dates: At Old Range Clubhouse
 - May 17 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm
 - June 14 – Sunday – Noon – 4:30pm

[The timings remain unchanged.](#)

- NRA Youth Fest: Update – Robbie Personette – Number of registrations, etc.
 - May 9th 8:00am – 4:00pm

[All things are GO with 125 registrations and more expected. Volunteers are in place.](#)

- Old Range Cleaning – Julie Wagoner
 - Review from last month's meeting:
 - *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*

Discussion; no additional discussion.
Motion called and carried unanimously.

New Business

- Camera Systems: Wayne Mitchell is going to take over maintenance of them. This is not a board position, so board approval is not necessary but just letting the board know.
Following a floor discussion; Wayne Mitchell will be taking over maintenance of the cameras under the Technical Director Mike Hevey.
- We will be starting modifications on the trap house and will need board approval. Jeff Goode, Trap Director
Jeff Goode was not in attendance. Chuck Mongan was present and represented the Trap house modifications.
Motion to begin the modifications on the Trap House upgrades as approved by the BOD in the 2026 Budget Capital Expenditures.
Chuck Mongan so moved
2nd by Reggie James.
Discussion; no further discussion offered
Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Merchandise sales at the youth shoot, sight in days, Reckoning on the Rock and other non-member events. - Wayne Mitchell, Publicity Director
Motion to permit BRC Merchandise sales at BRC events to attendees whether they are members or not.
Wayne Mitchell so moved.
2nd by Charlie E Brown
Discussion: The matter of selling BRC merchandise to non-members was last discussed at the November 6, 2024, meeting where board members expressed that it reflects on the club if they are not acting appropriately or if they are doing something that would reflect the club poorly. The matter was discussed again in detail but with more board members favoring the motion.
The motion was called and carried without a vocal dissenting vote.
- Requesting approval to purchase the approved cellular booster for the new indoor range, Michael Hevey, Technical Director.
Motion to purchase the cellular booster as approved by the BOD in the 2026 Budget Capital Expenditures. The amount approved is \$1,500.00.
Michael Hevey so moved.
2nd by Lee Thompson.
Discussion: Brief floor discussion
Motion called and carried unanimously.
- Requesting approval to purchase items and begin Defense Range project as approved in the budget. – Dean Latka
Motion to purchase items for the Defense Range project and begin installation as approved by the BOD in the 2026 Budget Capital Expenditures.
Dean Latka so moved
2nd by Kyle Schliem
Discussion: The items include shot timers, solar lights, sun shade, target stands and hangers. The funding approved was \$2,800.00 and won't be exceeded.
Motion called and carried unanimously.

- Jason Rowland donated a white screen to be installed in the classroom of the new range. It's been delivered and will be installed.
- Lee Thompson: Last year a member donated items to the club
Motion to raffle a Benjamin air rifle at the 2026 Youth Fest.
Lee Thompson so moved
2nd by Wayne Mitchell
Discussion: This was one of the items donated to the club last year.
Motion called and carried unanimously.

Close of Meeting