

Willow River Rod and Gun Club

October 8, 2026

The October meeting of the Willow River Rod and Gun Club was called to order by president Joe Alexander at 7:00 pm. with 8 members present. Board member Heather Munson was absent.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

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Committee Reports

Membership There are 758 members and 3 more prospects. This is an all time high.

Archery No report

Trap The cost of clays will increase to about 15 ½ cents per clay. We will be looking into increasing a round of trap to about \$5.50. A member was seen setting up a portable thrower on the upper trap range. Another member told them that was not the correct range to be on and to go to the lower trap range.

Rimfire accuracy League The last match of the season will be this Saturday. A lunch will be served after the match. The season went well. There was some discussion of which range should be used for next season.

Rifle Range Lag bolts should be installed to hold the backers. A bunker rebuild day may be scheduled for later this fall.

Pistol Range New backers have been made

Education The hunter education instructors thank the club for the use of the facility. An NRA Range Safety Officer training class will be held at the club on October 17.

Community Relations Public sight in is scheduled. More volunteers may be needed for the last Sunday. We are looking for new material to update our webpage.

Land development Al is looking into the cost of rail road ties and delivery. We are looking into a load of about 200 ties. There was discussion about spraying for invasive species and the status of the state grant. We should have the property sprayed again this fall / winter. Wayne will try to contact Dave Epperly about our forestry plan.

Old Business

We received a thank you from the Friends of St. Croix Wetlands for the donation of shotshells for the veterans goose hunt.

There was an update of the trap house rebuild. Jerry will coordinate with Matt Anderson. We are hoping that the weather stays warm enough so it can be done this fall yet.

There was discussion about the status of the new pistol range. Most discussion was about how to support a “no blue sky” barrier. Wayne will check the travel of the auger on the tractor. We may need to rent a larger diameter auger for the larger sonotubes. We will have a meeting on Saturday morning at 9 am to look at the situation in the daylight.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$4200 for ties. With no discussion the motion was passed.

A motion was made and seconded to spend \$300 for a Bronze Sponsorship to Star Prairie Fish and Game Buck’s Night. With limited discussion the motion was passed.

Dan Cain will be contacted for the spraying of invasive plants.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$800 for a new spotting scope and two new tripods. These are used for the public sight in days and for member use. The motion passed. Joe will order these.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01

Respectfully submitted ,

Lawrence Suennen