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# MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending October 31, 2022



Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
Agenda – December 3, 2022

1. President's Address:
2. Approval of the AGM agenda:
3. Review and Approve minutes of 2021 AGM:
4. Business arising from minutes:
5. Report of the Grounds Committee:
6. Report of the Treasurer:
7. Report of the Nominating Committee:
8. Election of Officers and Nominations from the Floor:
9. New Business:
10. Adjournment:

## Message from the President/2022 Year in Review

Dear friends/fellow MGDA members,

2021 was yet another challenging year to say the least. Last year we all expected 2022 to be a drought year and well as you all know that was far from reality as it was the wettest on record that I can remember.

Against all odds we were able to have a very successful year with all our events run in 2022. These events would not be able to happen without the hard work of many volunteers, so I want to send a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to be on committees, judge, throw, and/or help in any other way.

All things considered with the extremely wet year and with a lot of hard work by our members on the grounds this year worked out good in the end. Thanks goes out to all members for taking time out of their personal lives to assist with the grounds cutting etc. Special thanks go out to Trent Sproule who on his own decided to continue training late into the fall as long as weather permitted and cut the entire property with his ATV and the club pull behind cutter. This type of personal time donation and hard work is what will keep our club going for years to come. The grounds do look great Trent!

2023 will again be a busy year for MGDA - improvements to our ponds etc. will continue and we will have a full slate of events. I look forward to seeing you all at one or more of these events.

Thanks again to all our great volunteers and executive members – our club cannot function without all the hard work and time that you all put into it. Also, thanks to our members for selling nearly all our raffle tickets which nets a great profit for the club.

Thank you to everyone for coming out to the AGM today.

Sincerely,

Dewayne Hay



Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc.  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Balmoral Grounds Clubhouse -  
December 4, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

Carrie Whenham, Glynnis Erichson, Murry Milne, Blake Hasiuk, Helen Hasiuk, Dewayne Hay, James Oake, Geoff Plouffe, Colin McMichael, Charlie Ross, Peter Dozois, Kale, Larry Baker, Brian Dwyer, Nancy Norris, Medie Robinson, Crystal Fulton, Linda Horner, Ian Horner, Scott Anderson, Marilyn Bayrack, Andressa Wiebe, Cole, Moni, Allan, Judy Andrews, Ross Peden, Pam Peden, Percy Ruddock

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1. Welcome/Address from our 2021 President Matt Mutcheson – Matt was unable to attend and the meeting was called to order by Dewayne Hay at 1:07pm with a written address from the AGM package from Matt Mutcheson.
2. Shaun Booth, Kevin Howarth & Gail Komadoski Tribute – A moment of silence was held to recognize our MGDA members whom we lost this year.
3. Approval of the proposed AGM Agenda – Murry motioned to accept the agenda, it was seconded by Marilyn, all in favour.
4. Review and Approve minutes of the 2020 AGM – Colin motioned to accept the previous year's meeting minutes, Charlie seconded the motion, all in favour.
5. Business arising from minutes – there was no business arising from the minutes.
6. Report of the Grounds Committee – the grounds committee provided a written report that was included in the AGM package for all attendees to review.
7. Report of the Treasurer – Helen provided a recap from her treasurer report in the AGM package. It was noted that we have secured a new insurance provider that provides the same coverage at a lesser rate. Ross questioned if the policy has the same firearm coverage, it was confirmed that it does. The Audit review recommended 2 changes, one of which is to close the current Cambrian Credit Union account in order to have one banking institution, as there are currently two set up. One was for the National and one was our regular account. In the new year, the elected treasurer will close the Cambrian Account and combine all with

the Bank of Montreal. Dewayne made the motion to accept the Treasurer report, seconded by James Oake, all in favor.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee (Past President) - Bob Norris was unable to attend. Dewayne Hay presented the recommended slate of 2022 MGDA Executive.
9. Elections of Officers and Nominations from the floor – There were no votes from the floor. All in favor to the recommended slate.
10. New Business
  - a. Letter of Intent submitted for the 2023 Field Trial Retriever Championship – there was discussion with the membership of what has transpired with regards to the MGDA potentially securing the 2023 event, as well as what is required from the membership to ensure a successful event. Further discussion with regards to 2025 as well if 2023 is not successful as it will be the clubs 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. James Oake made a motion to submit a formal proposal for 2023, it was seconded by Peter Dozois, Ross Peden was not in favor, the majority was in favor.
  - b. Change in order of field trial events for August 2022 – the order of events will change this year due to the Delta Trial being held at the MGDA grounds and one weekend gap between Delta and Brandon. This will allow for those visiting the MGDA grounds for the Delta to stay and train on our grounds prior to the MGDA fall trial. The Delta will also follow the MGDA Hunt Test. Currently plans are underway to try and secure a three day fall trial for MGDA with 3 opens and 2 minor stake events. Volunteers will be required to have a successful event.
  - c. Call for volunteers for the 2022 events (formal & informal) – discussion regarding volunteering with the club.
  - d. Change in membership fees. Dues would be \$100.00 if paid before March 1st and \$125.00 thereafter – Discussion regarding current fees for the club. Motion was made to change the fee deadline to March 1, with a late fee penalty of \$25.00 after March 1 for regular members. Ross motioned to approve the change, it was seconded by Larry, all in favor.
  - e. Proposed By Law Changes – discussion regarding the proposed changes as outlined in the AGM package. Motion to accept the changes was made by Medie, seconded by James Oake, all in favor.
11. New Business from the Floor – In late October there was a fun training day held at the grounds for all members to attend. The executive shared that they are looking at doing more of those events based on weather and health restrictions in the future with the members.

- Blake Hasiuk relayed the introduction/orientation sessions that were to be offered in 2021 are still being planned for 2022 if permitted due to pandemic restrictions
- Grass cutting – James Oake raised discussion on the grass cutting for 2022. He requested there are some areas that are left long in order to train through heavier cover that a dog would see at other grounds in Canada. He explained how it would be beneficial to teach dogs drag back and punch through. He asked the grounds committee to consider the recommendation. There was discussion from the members on the pros and cons of this recommendation. The grounds committee will discuss further.
- Grass cutting for 2022 has not yet been determined who will be awarded a contract to do it.
- Dewayne Hay gave a special thanks and intro to Linda Horner and Andressa Wiebe as new members at the AGM.

12. Adjournment: Carrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:58pm, seconded by Moni, all in favor.

## Report of the Grounds Committee

2022 grounds maintenance got off to another slow start this year due to several factors: too wet, flooded grounds, then too hot to cut & burn etc.

But a lot of work still got accomplished.

In June we had a work party to cut and burn foxtail on the west side, as well as cleanup around clubhouse, clean and disinfect outhouses and put out picnic tables.

Work was also done around the north east pond to open it up. Removed some trees by the road and also removed the mound on the south west side. We still need to level the ground where the mound was as it is dangerous for dogs to run across it.

Cutting and burning was done on the two island pond area. Spraying was also completed and some small running mounds were completed.

Gravel was laid down on the main road and on some of the worst spots on the west side road.

In August we completed a full grass cut thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time and equipment.

For next year, we need to complete the things noted above and as a suggested project open up "Fred's corner" and the long running mound on the far south west corner.

All in all given the conditions, a good year.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has communicated with the following MDGA members and has received their approval for interest in the following positions on the 2023 MGDA Executive Committee:

President	Blake Hasiuk
1st Vice President	Medie Robinson
2nd Vice President	Ross Peden
Secretary	Crystal Fulton
Treasurer	Larry Lewarton
Director 2 Years	Matt Mutcheson
Director 2 Years	TBD

Note: Directors Dustin Dola and Peter Dozois will also serve on the 2023 Executive to complete the final year of their term.