

MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

February 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

**Attendance – Carrie Whenham, Blake Hasiuk, Charlie Ross,**

**Matt Mutcheson, Geoff Plouffe, Medie Robinson, Peter Dozois, Crystal Fulton**

**Absent - Dewayne Hay, Dustin Dola**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. **Approve Agenda** – Carrie motioned to approve the agenda, Geoff seconded it, all in favour.
3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** –

**Action Items**: **a)** The Cambrian Credit Union account has not been closed yet, but Carrie has been informed she can do this without another executive member as the account requires only one signature.

 **b)**  A tab for the Executive has been added to the website, as well as a page for the National (under “More” tab). There is a list of land committee members in the Members Only page.

 **c)** The change in board/directors forms, along with member fees, have been sent to both NRCC and CNMRC.

 **d)** Matt and Blake are working on sourcing Hunt Test ribbons; this item can be removed from the agenda.

 **e)** Carrie did not say she was confirming status of pistols (Equipment Update).

 **e)** Crystal has been reimbursed for her CKC membership.

Carrie motioned to approve the January 6, 2022 meeting minutes, Geoff seconded it, all in favour.

1. **Treasurer Report** - Carrie had forwarded the treasurer’s report for all to review. The only question was to confirm that “taxes” referred to land taxes. There was discussion regarding whether depreciation for the clubhouse should be investigated to possibly decrease taxes, but given the cost of materials in case of replacement, this should not be pursued. Geoff motioned to approve the report as presented, Charlie seconded it, all in favour.
2. **Correspondence/ New Business –** Crystal asked if everyone received the email from CKC regarding the rule changes for the National (2023) and will forward the email just in case someone did not. Carrie has received copies of the letters Margaret Benjaminson sent last summer regarding the neighbours dogs she encountered on the grounds last year.
3. **Membership Update** –Carrie forwarded the list of members who have paid so far for 2022 and has added to the form to include what interests members have indicated on their forms. Some payments were made prior to Carrie taking over this role, so she will follow up with Helen to clarify. Geoff and Medie indicated they were willing to assist answering new member questions regarding hunt tests and trials. Someone from Quebec has inquired as to whether he can become a member and stay (at least part of) the summer at our grounds. He has already agreed to a judging assignment for a MGDA event. Carrie will follow up to see if he intends to be on our grounds all summer and if he will only have his own dogs or, if he has others then he should have to follow the same rules as a pro. Also discussion about a member who will not be renewing membership and why.
4. **Event Discussion** –
* **2022 Events Discussion** –
* Fall HT – just clarifying that Dewayne will be chair and Blake secretary so that event date application can be submitted to CKC.
* Judges – Crystal asked the people organizing judges to provide her with the assignments so the submissions can be made to CKC.
* **Lab clubs request for grounds 2022** – the clubs have indicated they will hold a WC on Sept. 10 & 11. Everyone is ok with this date.
* **Kevin Cheff Seminar –** Matt reported that there was not enough interest to make the seminar work.
* **Orientation to MGDA –** Blake provided an update on the planning for the sessions. Most of the sessions and volunteers are already organized. There are 4 new members as well as 3 from last year.
1. **Equipment Update** – Crystal will check with Colin on the status of the pistols. Blake reported that Dakota Creek Retrievers now has pistols in stock as they have been backordered for some time. Peter motioned that the club should purchase 2 new pistols if needed, Charlie seconded, all are in favour. Matt will take care of the purchases if necessary.
2. **Grounds Development & Maintenance –** defer to next meeting as Dewayne is not available for update.
3. **Other New Business – a)** Discussion as to whether those who earn a NMH and/or GMH should receive a more substantial award at awards ceremony and should there be some other way to award members who are successful in hunt tests, e.g. finishing percentage. This will be discussed further at the next meeting with Dewayne is present.

 **b)** 2022 Fundraiser **–** all agree that the Liquor Mart gift card fundraiser should be run again for 2022.

 **c)** Charlie provided an update from the NRCC re: 2023 National. A proposal from Brandon Retriever Club was submitted, however it was unanimously decided to award the National to Vancouver Island. It was mentioned at the meeting that MGDA has decided to bid for the 2025 National to co-incide with our 90th anniversary. There will be new guidelines posted for future National submissions.

 **d)** Information had been shared with some FT secretaries regarding CKC working with Canuck Dogs for event calendars, premiums, etc., however this had not been approved by NRCC and they will discuss at their upcoming meeting.

1. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** – Next meeting Mar. 16 @ 7pm over Zoom. Crystal motioned to adjourn at 8:23pm, Carrie seconded, all in favour.