



MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

October 18, 2023

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

**Attendance – Larry Lewarton, Crystal Fulton, Peter Dozois, Bob Norris, Ross Peden, Matt Mutcheson, Allan Robertson, Dustin Dola, Dewayne Hay**

**Absent – Blake Hasiuk**

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1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm
  2. **Approve Agenda** – Bob made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Dewayne seconded, all in favour.  
\*\* At this time we welcomed Larry Baker as our guest to speak about the event format the Delta Marsh Retriever Club will use at it's 2024 trial and some reasons why. DMRC will hold an Open & Qual one day and an Open & Jr on the other day. Various reasons were given for this decision and Larry reports that the DMRC members were unanimous in this decision and that he has spoken to many other people who prefer this format to having minor stakes combined. We thanked Larry for his input and time, then he left the call.
  3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** – The minutes from May were previously approved via email.
  4. **Treasurer Report** – Larry does not have a full report for us at this time but reports that the bank balance is \$15,112. We are still waiting on the \$2000 donation from SCI and the Stock the Bar fundraiser revenue to be deposited. The insurance and property taxes have been paid.
  5. **Correspondence** - received club renewal notice from CKC. Our 2024 National judge ballot has been submitted to NRCC.
  6. **Membership Update** – two 2024 memberships were paid for at the Sept FT, otherwise nothing to report at this time.
  7. **Event Discussion** – (a) Orientation – Blake will not be organizing an Orientation in 2024. There was some discussion that a similar session is not the best way to proceed, but perhaps something similar to Saskatoon's where they start with collar conditioning and force fetch and move into regular training sessions. There was also a suggestion to poll club members and see what people are interested in. Bob will also speak to Blake to see what did and didn't work well with the Orientation sessions from this year and last.  
(b) Field Trial format – discussion about not combining minor stakes, how people felt about it as both competitors and judges. No final decision on what to do in 2024. Crystal will speak with the pro trainers who typically support our club and see what they think, as we usually need at least one pro to have enough dogs.  
(c) Judge Selection Committee – historically there was a committee that worked with other clubs to select judges. As per Feb. minutes, Ross and Peter were to speak with other clubs regarding judge selection. At this point, DMRC and WFTC judging panels are either complete or almost complete. Matt has also got nearly a full panel organized for the spring FT.

**8. Buildings/Equipment** – Bob and Colin will be completing the inventory in the next week or so. Bob has met with Dustin to discuss fabrication of a boom for the sprayer. The second Kuntz has now been stored at Geoff's.

**9. (a) Grounds Development** – Dewayne, Matt, Dustin and Larry met at the grounds Oct. 1. Photos of 2-island pond and the west side big water with planned work indicated were shared. Two-island pond will have some points extended, one shore dug out, some mounds built and marsh at either end levelled out. The swail will also be widened and the culvert between the pond and swail will be extended and area over top levelled. The west side will have points groomed and a small area dug out on the extreme east end of the causeway. (Pictures attached). The committee needs to meet again to mark out areas. Dewayne met with Tim Baryliski and he has provided a quote and indicates he can start work in the next couple of weeks. Matt made a motion to go ahead with the proposed work at a cost of \$10-12k, and Dewayne seconded. Allan suggests that we give Larry time to finalize the treasurer's report before we approve. Voting for approval will be done via email in the next few days. \*\* Votes received by email on Oct. 24 in favour, motion carried.\*\*

**(b) Grounds Maintenance** – Dustin and Peter sprayed cattails in the tech pond area in September and further work will take place in the spring.

**10. 2025 National** – the committee is working on the proposal which will be submitted in the new year.

**11. AGM & Awards** – Moni Robertson and Larry Baker have agreed to be auditors again this year. AGM will be followed by the awards and lunch at the grounds again this year. Date chosen was Sunday, Dec. 3 to begin at 11am. Ross and Bob are working to finalize the nominating committee and the proposed executive for 2024. Carrie has agreed to help out with arranging the awards and Crystal is receiving emails regarding titles achieved for 2023. There is likely enough food left from the Sept FT to be used as lunch; Crystal has been in touch with Moni regarding this. Allan also noted that someone named Jim (James?) Johnson dropped off a hat with various National pins at the Sept FT, so we should acknowledge that at the AGM.

**12. New Business – (a) 2024 Judges Clinic** – Ross would like to put on a judges' clinic in April 2024 and will ask Larry Baker if he would assist.

**(b) Recognition of Bob & Mimi Chrystal** – Bob will circulate some ideas for how we can go about this as Bob & Mimi are very deserving of this.

**(c) Birds** – James & Carrie expect to receive some soon and they will be delivered to the club freezers.

**(d) Freezer payments** – Ross made a motion to pay \$150/freezer to the people who have club freezers at their homes, seconded by Bob, all in favour. Matt and Crystal have two freezers and Blake has one.

**(e) Stock the Bar raffle** – financials were circulated to the executive. 720 tickets were sold and \$120 in donations were received. Minus expenses, the revenue from this fundraiser is \$ 2970.11.

**12. Scheduling of next meeting and location** – brief meeting to finalize AGM info scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7pm via Zoom . Adjourned at 9:11pm.

