



**MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.**

February 20, 2020

7:00 PM

Oasis Originals, 55 Rothwell Road

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance** Bob Norris, Colin McMichael, Dwayne Hay, Carrie Whenham, Gail Komadoski (via conference call), Helen Hasiuk, Blake Hasiuk

Missing – Matt Mutcheson, Geoff Plouffe

1. **Call to Order** – meeting was called to order at 7pm.
2. **Approve Agenda** - approved
3. **Minutes from January 16 meeting** – Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup> were approved as written. A change that was requested after the meeting will be recorded in the February 20, 2020 minutes. Regarding the decision for removal of a member regarding conduct unbecoming of a MGDA member, the vote was changed from unanimous with the exception of one member who has requested to be noted, refrained from voting.
4. **Business arising from the minutes** – Dwayne was advised by Geoff an update on the chemical that is being donated to the club for foxtail. We will require enough for 7-10 acres. Geoff will gather more info on the proper application and guidelines that can be shared with members for safety of dogs and when the sprayed areas can be used after application.
  - Dwayne provided an update on the Cabela Fund proposal. We now have the final estimate from the contractor to incorporate into the proposal that will outline the plans for our club and the plans for the proceeds that are received.
  - Gail will no longer be able to have the pistols worked on down south. She will reach out to Bryan Dwyer to see if there is something he can do with the pistol repairs.
5. **Treasurer Report** – Helen provided a recap of the current balance sheet for the club and recent expenditures. There were no concerns regarding the report from the executive.
6. **Correspondence/ New Business** – Request from a member to send a notice to the membership via the email listing was not approved due to the topic not being club/dog related. Discussion around what to send to the membership. The executive would like to be careful not to flood member email accounts with excessive emails.
7. **Membership** – Helen provided a summary of current paid membership. Review of members who are not yet up to date, as well as new members were highlighted. Membership review included interests any members have provided with their renewal and new application forms. The report will be used to flag to event chairs of members who have expressed interest in helping at various events.
8. **Fund Raising** – Fundraising does not currently have a chairperson. There are three areas that are currently underway, Cabela Fund, as well as a water bottle donation from Blaine Rhymer. Blaine attended a trial last year and really enjoyed it. He has decided to donate 2000 bottles to the club for the main purpose of the national, and to use at our 2020 events. MGDA will donate water to the Manitoba clubs for their events. The bottles will have the MGDA logo.
9. **Review of 2020 Events and Dates** – Dates were reconfirmed. Order of events for spring is now WFTC, MGDA and BRC.
10. **Judge Selection Field Trials - Judge Selection Hunt Tests - Judge Selection Working Certificate** - Judges have been submitted for approval for all MGDA events.

11. **Ribbons and Trophies** – Matt has placed the order for ribbons and was able to ensure the change of dates for events did not affect the ribbon order.
12. **Updated rule books** – Blake raised the new Rule Book has been published and is available online and to order in hard copy. The Rule book is revised every three years for both hunt tests and field trials. Blake proposed to the executive to have a brief review of the rule book to members and potential judges as a refresher at the ground in late April or early May. This would benefit new members for the rules and also refresh mature members of any changes etc. It was also recognized this will also allow for more understanding on decision making by judges at events. The rule book review could be combined with a work party and a light lunch at the grounds for a social gathering with time for training afterwards.
13. **Website** – Carrie reviewed the events for the WC plans for June. Amendments will be made to show the WC event will only be on the Saturday as there is a lack of judges for an entire weekend.
14. **Seminar Update – Kevin Chef** – Matt sent in an update to advise he currently has 4 to 5 interested and will send out a reminder to the members for sign up to determine interest in the event or if it will need to be cancelled.
15. **Equipment** – equipment update will be tabled to next meeting.
16. **Grounds Development & Maintenance** – Colin reported that three contractors came out to provide quotes for the work required at the grounds. Work was awarded to Tim B. There is a concern with the frost. Plan is to stake out areas and to start digging March 10 on the west side and with the east side in the Spring. Quote has come in under budget which will allow for finishing and additional seeding. Dewayne or Colin to follow up with Ryan regarding hydroseed.
  - Colin will be changing the gate code on Saturday. The code on the lock box, as well as trailer locks will be updated. The website code will be updated to match the gate code. The west gate may be delayed in updating as Colin will need to reach the farmer first.
  - A notice will go out to all paid members of the new gate codes etc.
17. **Review of approved changes from AGM for updated documents (constitution)** – Helen and Dewayne will work on wording changes to the constitution and other documents related to the approved changes from the 2019 AGM. Changes to be presented at next meeting for approval if possible. Once approved, documents will be updated on the website for the members.
18. **New Business** – Tabled for next meeting, discussion for next CPR course in April or May. MGDA needs another ten participants to take the course to cover the cost of the AED.
19. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** – Next meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 7pm.
20. Meeting Adjourned 8:31 pm