MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

May 27, 2026
7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendance: Allan Robertson, Medie Robinson, Linda Horner, Larry Lewarton, Scott Anderson, James Oake **Regrets:** Kyle Cooke

1. **Call to Order:** Allan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. **Approve Agenda**: -**motion by Medie, Seconded by Larry. All in favor. CARRIED**
3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**: updated with clarification that camping fees are free for non-members participating in an event for the Friday and Saturday nights. – **motion by Scott, seconded by Medie. All in favor. CARRIED**
4. **New Business**
   a. **Policy Documents Update**: Allan presented simplified policies that consolidated duplicated content and clarified firearms handling requirements, with the group agreeing to add specific camping terms allowing free access for non-members on the Friday and Saturday of an event with $10 per night thereafter. **-motin by Allan to approve the Policy Doc Updates as circulated with the amended camping terms. Seconded by Medie. All in favour. CARRIED**
   b. **Key Holders**: discussed rekeying all locks on containers and the clubhouse due to multiple unknown key holders. Identified that Geoff may need access as he is located closest to the grounds. The current executive committee members don't have keys. Rekeying would fall under Kyle's Buildings & Equipment Committee. **Motion by Medie to rekey all locks, second by James. All in favour. CARRIED.**
   c. **Trail Camera Management**: confirming there are likely 4 cameras total with keys stored in the clubhouse, and assigned the trail camera maintenance to Kyle's committee.
   d. **Pro Trainer Ground Use Request** (Chuck Dygos) Linda shared a request from Chuck Dygos to use the club grounds next week(preceeding the MGDA trial), which requires a certificate of insurance (COI) per club policy. Allan confirmed that while the club has proper insurance coverage, obtaining COIs from users helps prevent liability issues. The board agreed to modify their policy to require associate memberships rather than COIs for pro trainers, with Chuck becoming an associate member. The board also agreed that to revisit the policy for outside clubs' use and associated fees.
5. **Treasurer Report**: Larry reported that the club had $31,865 in the bank, including two new membership fees of $200 each and $410 in field trial entries, while also clarifying that Delta FT

Club pays a flat $200 fee to use the grounds and typically makes additional donations afterward. There was discussion on establishing a new reserve fund policy. Allan proposed setting a $6,000 annual reserve fund for three years ($18,000 total), which would cover essential expenses including property taxes, insurance, website maintenance, and general contingencies. Some concern about whether the club could realistically maintain such a high reserve given past budget fluctuations. Agreed to formally set at $18,000 but potentially adjusting to $12,000-$14,000 if needed - **Motion by Allan to set the reserve at $18,000, seconded by Larry. All in favor. CARRIED**

Larry agreed to research higher-interest investment options for the reserve funds and look into GST refund opportunities for the nonprofit organization.

6. **Correspondence**: Linda presented an email from NRCC seeking input and interest in hosting Nationals. The board agreed to respond to the NRCC by July 31st expressing interest in hosting the 2029 National Field Trial, while also considering trading their Master National hosting opportunity with Saskatoon. Allan/Linda will draft a response letter to the NRCC, seeking input from members on how to better support clubs hosting national events.
7. **Membership Update:**
    a. **New Member Request – Spaniel:** Linda discussed membership updates, including two new members from Kelly Francey's training group and a potential new member with a spaniel. Allan suggested giving the potential new member a month trial period to connect with Kelly before full membership. Linda to follow up with spaniel owner.
8. **Communications**
    a. **Fill the Tank/Fridge Fundraiser:** The board reviewed the Fill the Tank Fridge fundraiser, with Carrie and Larry taking over leadership from Matt and Crystal. They decided to hold the draw on August 30th at noon at the grounds, using 800 tickets priced at $5 each with 10 prizes of $100.
    b. **Camping Fees:** Just clarification for communications to members that camping is free, while non-members is set at $10/day with complimentary camping on Friday & Saturday of events.
9. **Event Discussion**
    a. **Spring FT – Update (June 13-14):** update included 8 registered dogs so far, approved judge change from Dustin Dola to Medie due to work conflict, and marshals assigned for Saturday, with more marshals still needed for Sunday as well as gunners for both days.
    b. **Fall HT – Update (Aug 1-3)** No update
    c. **Fall FT – Update (Aug 29-30):** discussed the potential cancellation of the fall trial due to difficulties in finding qualified judges and concerns about low attendance. Medie reported that most potential judges are already booked for other trials, and the group agreed to gather more information over the weekend at the WFTC trial before making a final decision at the next meeting.
10. **Buildings/Equipment**
    a. **Budget Proposal**: No update due to Kyle's absence.

11. **Grounds Development**
    a. **Budget & Plan Proposal**: Scott circulated a proposal for grounds improvements, but James clarified that providing detailed cost breakdowns would not be realistic due to the nature of the work and equipment costs. Allan requested detailed budget documentation before supporting a $7,000 expense for grounds development, but Scott refused to complete the budget form, stating he had already provided sufficient planning information. Scott left the meeting at 9:02pm
12. **Grounds Maintenance**
    a. **Budget & Plan Proposal**: James circulated his incomplete budget, with Larry agreeing to help both James and Scott put together the budgets and proposals for their committees in a format that can be standardized moving forward. The board discussed purchasing a new mower, with Allan expressing support for buying the best quality unit they can afford, though James needed to provide more detailed information before a decision could be made.
13. **Scheduling of next meeting and location:** June 24 at 7pm via Zoom.
14. **Adjournment**: Motion by Medie to adjourn at 9:18pm.