MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

April 29, 2026

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

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Approve Agenda:** added Camping Fees, Lawn Mower, Grounds Clean Up Day, MGDA Policies & Awards Review, and Summer Meetings Schedule. Motion by Kyle, seconded by Larry. CARRIED
3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:** motion by Allan, seconded by Medie. CARRIED
4. **New Business**
    a. **Foxtail Update/Discussion**: The group discussed strategies for addressing foxtail on the grounds, with James explaining they need to determine affordable options before proceeding with soil testing. Scott offered to share his experience with soil testing and mentioned that Terraco in Teulon would analyze his samples. Medie shared information about a pre-emergent spray effective in the southern United States, though noted it may not be available in Canada due to regulations. The group agreed that cutting the affected areas early and bagging the vegetation was the most practical interim solution while they research long-term options. The group discussed strategies for managing weeds, with a focus on finding an effective product and developing a comprehensive plan that includes seeding and fertilizing. Allan agreed to obtain the name of a potential weed control product from Moni and investigate its availability and licensing requirements. Allan proposed bringing in an agronomist to create a proper strategy, with James assigned to lead this initiative. The group also noted that a similar U of M study had been conducted 15 years ago but never implemented. Linda offered to reach out to MB Ag staff for guidance.
    b. **Mower Need/Purchase**: The executive touched on the need for a mower, with Medie recommending a reliable zero-turn model, while James expressed

concerns about the high cost of the recommended new option. The group acknowledged the importance of balancing effectiveness with budget constraints when considering equipment purchases.The executive agreed to hold off on a mower decision until a solid foxtail eradication plan was in place.

c. **PRTA Land Grant Application**: the group discussed two funding opportunities. Allan agreed to investigate the PRTA Land Grant Application requirements and report back at the next meeting, noting they had received funding in 2012 and 2005. James provided an update on watershed funding, explaining that West Interlake Watershed was reviewing whether non-profit clubs qualify for their funding, with a decision expected soon. James plans to follow up and provide an update at the next meeting.

d. **New Member Orientation**: The group addressed new member orientation needs, with Allan suggesting the creation of a combined policy document to guide new members, as current resources are scattered across different documents. Allan will review the documents and Linda will create a “Welcome Package” to be shared with new members.

e. **Camping Fees**: Discussion focused on establishing camping fees at the club grounds. The group agreed to charge $10 per night for non-member campers, with free camping for non-members working as judges or committee members during trials effective May 1st. Payment would be through the honor system. Motioned by James, seconded by Scott. CARRIED

f. **Grounds Clean Up Day**: scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, with plans to assign specific tasks in advance.

g. **MGDA Policies and Awards Review**: Allan volunteered to consolidate and review existing policies and awards documentation, including simplifying criteria for various awards and potentially reviving old trophies. Also suggested idea of less serious/fun award (“Lame Duck, Worst Thrower” etc).

h. **Summer Meeting Scheduling**: agreed to keep the same schedule of the last Wednesday of each month via Zoom, but condensing the meeting to under an hour

5. **Treasurer Report:** current reserve fund of $6,000 and total bank balance of $31,800. The group decided to create a wish list of potential purchases and improvements to prioritize spending, aiming to maintain approximately $20,000 in reserves while being mindful of future income variability from events. Larry presented revenue and expense data showing a projected net income of $11,000, with plans to allocate funds toward building equipment, development, and maintenance. The team agreed to develop individual budgets for different areas, with Larry having historical

data to reference, and decided that spending within approved budgets would not require additional executive approval. Scott emphasized the importance of building a larger reserve fund and suggested spreading expenses over several years, as the grounds are currently in good shape.

6. **Correspondence**: New member Jon Piasecki was looking for guidance on rules and policies of using the grounds. HIghlights the need for an orientation welcome package for future new members. Linda to create once polices and guidelines are updated.
7. **Membership Update:** 10 family, 22 individual and 3 associate memberships for just shy of $7,000 in membership fees. Kelly Francey is touring some potential new members around the grounds before they decided to commit to a membership.
8. **Communications**
    a. **Fill the Tank/Fridge Fundraiser**: The group discussed organizing a raffle with 800 tickets at $5 each, offering 10 prizes of $100 Red River Co-op gift cards. The estimated net profit would be around $2,500 after expenses of $1,164. They also discussed a new Red River Co-op membership with number 545455 that could be used for purchases to support the club. Matt Mutcheson has agreed to administer the raffle. Linda will communicate details to membership once tickets are printed.
9. **Event Discussion**
    a. **Spring FT - Update**
        i. **June 13-14, 2026** Allan and Moni dropped off the pop leftover at the clubhouse from the National for use at the trial. Dustin unable to judge on the 14th, Medie to replace.
    b. **Fall HT – Update**
        i. **August 1-3, 2026:** The budget for the fall hunt test was reviewed, with MGDA sharing that it projected a net profit of $1,497.50, which was lower than the previous year's combined events.
    c. **Fall FT – Update**
        i. **August 29-30, 2026:** The group discussed challenges with organizing the fall field trial, particularly finding qualified judges willing to travel such a long distance. Medie expressed concerns about the logistics and costs involved, noting that potential judges might not come due to the distance and high fuel prices. She also expressed concern about the limited local judging pool and the need to plan judge assignments a year in advance, currently having only one confirmed judge for next spring's trial.

10. **Buildings/Equipment:** Bob Norris and Colin McMichael confirmed on committee. The group decided to use existing white gunner jackets from national inventory rather than purchasing new ones, with 13 jackets available in various sizes. Kyle to create a budget for the year with desire to add lighting around the clubhouse, outhouse and storage sheds.
11. **Grounds Development:** Scott shared that Geoff Ploufe and Charlie Ross confirmed on committee. Matt Mutcheson expressed interest in joining the committee, though Scott indicated he should contact him directly if serious about participating. Scott to coordinate with Geoff about fixing the sign at Rd 3 & 88. Will create budget to present to executive for next meeting.
12. **Grounds Maintenance**: James shared that Nate Pollard and Dustin Dola confirmed on committee. Will compile list of tasks for clean up day and create budget to present to executive next meeting.
13. **Scheduling of next meeting and location**: Wednesday May 27th via Zoom
14. **Meeting Adjourned**: motion by Linda at 8:55pm to close the meeting.