



MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

February 13, 2024

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

Attendance – Ross Peden, Bob Norris, Colin McMichael, Larry Lewarton, Crystal Fulton, Matt Mutcherson, Allan Robertson, Dewayne Hay, Geoff Plouffe

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm
2. **Approve Agenda** – Dewayne motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Bob, all in favour.
3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** – Dewayne made a motion to accept the January minutes, Allan seconded, all in favour.
4. **Treasurer Report** – Larry had previously sent out a report on the January bank transactions as well as a Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Revenue & Expenses for Nov. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024. Larry made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bob, all in favour.
5. **Correspondence** - the event dates for the June FT and HT have been approved. Reminder from CKC that all executive members must be CKC members.
6. **Membership Update** – renewals are coming in. We currently have 7 lifetime members, 28 regular, 6 spousal and 2 associate. Crystal will send one last final reminder to renew before the late fee of \$25 is added after Mar. 1. Those who have not renewed by this time will be taken off email list. Both the gate code and website Members Only password will be changed at this time.
7. **Event Discussion** – (a) **Horsetooth Retriever Seminar** – Matt reports that 6 handler spots have been secured with a deposit of \$150 and that 4 or 5 people have expressed interest in an observer spot. Crystal will send a reminder with a Mar. 1 deadline, after which the ad will be forwarded to other clubs with a May 1 deadline.
(b) **Field trials** – Ross reports that he is short on judges for the fall trial and at this time only has enough for an open and a qual. Matt reports that the spring trial judges have been submitted and the premium list will be posted soon.
(c) **Hunt tests** – the judges for both June and August are almost complete and once they are, Dewayne will forward to Crystal for submission to CKC.
(d) **Other** – the lab clubs would like to host a WC in Sept. but still need to find judges, Larry will keep us posted. Ross will finalize a date (likely May 4 or 5) for a judges clinic and an email will be sent to the membership.
(e) **Transitional Training Group** – information from Kelly Francey was forwarded to the executive regarding how she would like to structure a group and who she intends this group to be for. After some discussion, it was agreed that Blake would reach out to the people who took the Orientation session the past 2 years and Kelly will take over organizing the group. Reminder that anyone who will take part must be a club member.

8. **Buildings/Equipment** – nothing new to report, just a reminder of the work planned on the trailer roof and shelves for the trophy area. Crystal mentioned that someone had a question about the AED and 1st aid kit and if they would be accessible to all in the summer, i.e. in the BBQ area of the clubhouse. This is TBD, but sparked discussion regarding the interest in hosting a CPR/AED/1st aid training course. Crystal will email the membership asking for interest and if there is enough, we'll work on a date for May or June.
9. **(a) Grounds Development** – Dewayne confirmed Tim's plan to start work in April. Ross will determine a Grounds Development Committee member who will be responsible for updating the executive. Also discussed the possibility of hydroseeding the areas where work is done.
(b) Grounds Maintenance – Ross wants to spray cattails in the SW side of the water by boat in the spring and will start contacting people with quads regarding doing some grass cutting. Dewayne and Geoff reminded us about all the cattails they had cut in early Jan. with the Kuntz and that these areas will need to be maintained with spraying/cutting. Matt asked about the status of a boom attachment for the new sprayer. This will need to be ready May 1 and should be a 12ft boom and mounted on the ATV trailer. Bob has a contact that may be able to do this. Geoff also mentioned that the water tank that goes on the trailer needs to be cleaned in the spring, but Murry is currently working on fixing the spout.
10. **2025 National** – the proposal has been submitted to NRCC and they have met since, but there has been no word back. Ross will follow up with Doug Sheperd, James & Charlie.
11. **New Business – (a) Stock the Bar raffle** – Matt and Crystal want to know if this is the fundraiser we will do again this year and if so, will start the process. As this typically makes approx. \$3000 for the club, all agree to proceed.
(b) Drought considerations – considering the little amount of snow we have received and the possibility of drought conditions, Ross has started looking into the cost of drilling a well at the grounds. Without getting into much detail, the base costs he was given was \$5000-13,000 for a 50-100ft well. Geoff mentioned that based on his experience at his house, the depth/cost would be higher. Ross will continue looking into.
13. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** – next meeting will be Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 7pm via Zoom. Dewayne made a motion to adjourn at 8:29pm, seconded by Blake, all in favour.