

MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

February 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance: Dewayne Hay, Carrie Whenham, Geoff Plouffe, Blake Hasiuk, Helen Hasiuk, Charlie Ross, Matt Mutucheson, Medie Robinson, Gail Komadoski, Bob Norris**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.
2. **Presentation from Jeff Barrett – Springer Spaniel Pointer Trail Request for Use of Grounds 2021** – Jeff Barrett provided a documented proposal of his desire to create a Manitoba Chapter for trials, and his request to use the MGDA grounds for possible dates. Jeff provided feedback on questions from the executive with regards to insurance, training aids permits etc.

After the executive thanked Jeff for his presentation and documentation, the request was discussed amongst the executive. It was proposed for Matt Mutcheson to connect with Jeff and offer to view the grounds for the purposes of his trials and provide the feedback from the executive with regards to usage and the fees. Dewayn Hay proposed the motion of charging $300.00 per day for the use of the grounds by an upland dog group. Geoff Plouffe seconded the motion. All were not in favour of the fee. The motion was passed.

**Action Item – Matt to connect with Jeff on feedback of request.**

1. **Approve Agenda** – Agenda was approved.
2. **Previous Meeting Minute Approval – January 21, 2021** – Gail motioned to approved the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Charlie, Approved by all.
3. **Presentation – Blake Hasiuk – Orientation to the MGDA six week course –** Blake provided a presentation to the executive for new members or those members who wanted to learn more about the MGDA, the grounds, and the different events you can participate in. Discussion amongst the executive of ways to market the orientation were discussed. Carrie motioned to approve the proposed orientation, Gail seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Action Item – Blake will move ahead with the development of the brochure and connecting with members of the MGDA to be a part of the orientation dates as presenters, and participants for the assigned dates.**

1. **Treasurer Report** - Helen provided an updated report to the executive. Geoff motioned to approve the report, seconded by Carrie, approved by all.
2. **Correspondence/ New Business**

* Charlie provided the NRCC update to the executive. Purina has agreed to sponsor 10K to the national event which would be split between the Amateur in Iron Bridge and the National at the MGDA grounds. If Iron Bridge is cancelled, the question was asked if MGDA would receive the full 10K.

**Action Item – Charlie to inquire regarding the 10K allocation**

Charlie also noted the NRCC requires a budget for the MGDA National we are hosting. Medie reported that she has multiple budgets prepared and she will get in touch. Medie commented that she did not want to have discussions regarding cancellation of the event until at least May.

Suggestion regarding the National Calcutta as well as the silent auction was to perhaps look at doing something online for a more successful outcome.

* Dewayne Hay updated there will be no HRC events for the 2021 year. It may be a possibility for 2023 or 2024.

1. **Membership** – Helen provided a recap of the current membership. Last year the MGDA had 63 members, currently we are sitting with 61 members consisting of 50 paid members and 11 lifetime members.
2. **Website** – Carrie has made updates to the website. The website platform changed and has required multiple updates. All of the MGDA documents are in the process of being reformatted for a common look and feel. Biography updates have been put up along with photos of the executive. A 2021 national page has been created and ready to be populated with updates as received. The events have been posted on the page. All of the awards for 2020 has been populated.
3. **Seminars** –No New updates - Medie will speak with Pat Burns regarding an online zoom opportunity for members.
4. **Social Days/ Informal - Potential dates & Discussion –**

* **Action Item – Medie will work out an informal event.**
* **Action Item – Bob will work out a schedule for work day and fun day – possibly combined.**

1. **Equipment –** Matt has purchased a 209 from Dakota Creek for approximately $360.00 for the upcoming season.
2. **Grounds Development & Maintenance – Update to discussion on the cutting of the grounds for 2021.**  – Medie has spoke to her neighbor who is interested in cutting the grounds. The Land committee will work with the neighbor with the expectations and equipment needs.
3. **Discussion on Grounds Rental Rates for 2021** – The executive is to set the grounds rate for each year during the February meeting. Discussion regarding how many events may be booked at the grounds and the rate that would be charged for the events. The executive agreed that one event during peak time (June – August 30) would be available for groups wanting to book an event for 2021 given the events that are already planned (5 events). Consideration was given towards the members and the opportunity for their training needs. Requests for usage of the grounds during non peak periods would be looked at in a case by case basis. The grounds will NOT be available for booking for September 1 - September 19, unless the National is cancelled.

Dewayne Hay motioned the rate for Retriever clubs to rent the grounds would be $300.00 for a weekend, Geoffe Plouffe seconded the motion. All were not in favour. Motion was passed.

1. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** - Next meeting to be held March 18th at 7pm.
2. **Motion to adjourn the meeting**, seconded by Carrie – all in favour.