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**Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc. Annual General Meeting
November 30, 2016
National Research Council, 435 Ellice Ave., Winnipeg**

Present: Judy Andrew, Marilyn Bayrak, Fred Benjaminson, Crystal Fulton, Kris Hastie, Mark Hastie, Helen Hasiuk, Gail Komadoski, Randy Lennartz, Tracy Lennartz, Matt Mutcheson, Bob Norris, Ross Peden, Geoff Plouffe, Percy Ruddock, Stan Scoble,

Call to order at 7:08pm

1) Reading of the Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Motion made by Gail Komadoski, seconded by Stan Scoble, that the minutes be accepted as presented. **Carried**

2) Business Arising from the Minutes: nothing.

3) Report of the Executive – Crystal read the email that outgoing President Charlie Ross had previously sent to the membership. Also thanked everyone who helped organize and volunteered at our three field trials, two hunt tests and the working certificate. Thank you to those who helped with the meet and greet, the Cabela’s demo, work parties and everything else. Finally, a congratulations to our club’s National finalists and National Champion Larry Baker.

4) Report of the Treasurer – Marilyn provided a report that included a statement of the club’s financial position as well as a statement of revenue and expense for the year as compared to last year. She gave a verbal explanation of what expenses were included in the equipment purchases, property maintenance, equipment repair, and miscellaneous. There was a request to see a financial statement for each event, as well as more written detail to the categories mentioned above. Bob Norris and Harry Steingart audited the financials this year and Bob noted that they are well organized and a very concise inventory of equipment is available. The auditors recommend that another \$5000 be put into our GIC. **Motion** made by Ross Peden, seconded by Gail Komadoski, that the report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

5) Communication: none

6) President’s Address: Please see above in Report of the Executive.

7) Report of the Nominating Committee – The nominating committee (Matt Mutcheson – chair, Gail Komadoski, Mark Hastie and Crystal Fulton) present the following candidates for the 2017 MGDA Executive:

President	Matt Mutcheson
1 st Vice President	Gail Komadoski
2 nd Vice President	Blake Hasiuk

Secretary	Crystal Fulton
Treasurer	Marilyn Bayrak
Director 2 Years	Mark Hastie
Director 2 Years	Colin McMichael
Director 1 Year	Trish Hay

Note: Director Keith Yetman will serve on the 2017 Executive to complete the 2nd year of his term.

8) Election of Officers and Nominations from the Floor: no nominations from the floor. **Motion** by Bob Norris, seconded by Stan Scoble, that the new executive put forth by the nominating committee be approved. **Carried.**

9) Unfinished Business:

(a) Decision on who to leave MGDA land to should the club dissolve - **Motion** by Fred Benjaminson, seconded by Ross Peden to change the By-Laws to specify that "Should the Association decide to dissolve, the Association's Executive will: (i) transfer the land, clubhouse including the furniture and picnic tables, 2 storage trailers and monies to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, a not for profit Crown corporation with a mandate to conserve, restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in Manitoba.

(ii) dispose of all other assets and consumables by donation to an active retriever club(s) and/or sell these assets in a manner that would yield the highest value and donate the monies realized to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation and/or by destruction."

Some questions were brought up as to what was considered an active retriever club (A: one that participates in CKC events), would there need to be a provision to allow for retriever training, and does the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation even want the land. **Motion** by Stan Scoble, seconded by Percy Ruddock, to ask the executive to form a committee to look into these questions and bring the results back at a future meeting. **Carried.**

(b) Discussion regarding forming a grounds committee that would have a budget. This will be at the discretion of the new executive.

10) New Business:

(a) Membership Drive – there was a question brought forth regarding what the club is doing to attract new members. It was noted that we hosted a Meet & Greet this year for potential new members, as well as participating in the demo at Cabela's. Attracting new members/retaining members has been difficult for many clubs for various reasons, including that the sport is expensive and that only certain breeds (purebred) are recognized to run events by CKC. There were suggestions about organizing training days, including a potluck, as well as focusing on people who have dogs for hunting, not for running in events. Five members indicated they would be willing to help organize training days. It was also noted that the new website will show up in google from a wider search range.

(b) Policies, Procedures and Rules – **Motion** by Fred Benjaminson, seconded by Ross Peden, that all of The Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc.'s policies, procedures and rules be posted on the MGDA website in the public area so that current and potential members can access them. **Carried.**

(c) Website – Tracy Lennartz is working on developing a new, modern website for MGDA. It is not yet live or linked to MGDA, but will be so soon. She is working with Marilyn & Crystal regarding new content as well as Fred for information from previous site.

(d) Annual Dues – **Motion** by Fred Benjaminson, seconded by Percy Ruddock, that membership dues stay the same price. **Carried.**

(e) Transparency – the consensus from the group present at the AGM is that the club membership would like to be kept more informed on what the executive is working on for the club. This will be done in ways such as the “members area” on the website as well and the news bulletin on the website; general emails may also be sent out.

11) **Adjournment:** Motion by Fred Benjaminson, seconded by Bob Norris, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:52pm. **Carried.**