



MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

January 10, 2024

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

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

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm
2. **President's Address** – Ross wanted everyone to know that even though he is no longer on the executive of the Brandon Retriever Club he is still helping them with day-to-day operations. He also gave a bit of background information into BRC previous bid for hosting a National and events that led to the letter they sent MGDA regarding our 2025 National bid. Ross would like to see all club business taken care of at the executive level.
3. **Approve Agenda** – approved.
4. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** – Dewayne asked what had happened with the negative comments that are on the MGDA Google Maps page. Crystal had previously spoken to Carrie about it and will follow-up. Allan will also ask Moni. Blake made a motion to accept the November minutes, Dewayne seconded, all in favour.
5. **Treasurer Report** – Larry sent a report of the bank transactions from Nov. – Dec. 31, 2023 and let us know there have been a few transactions since then including some membership fees coming in. He has also completed the paperwork with the companies office. The current bank balance is \$19,647.65. Bob made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Dewayne, all in favour.
6. **Correspondence** - the CKC, NRCC and CNMRC fees have been paid and the executive committee members have been updated.
7. **Membership Update** – renewals are coming in. We currently have 7 lifetime members, 20 regular, 4 spousal and 2 associate.
8. **Event Discussion** – (a) **Judges Clinic** – Ross has asked Larry Baker to assist with hosting a judges clinic. The focus will be on field trials and will take place in late April/early May.
(b) **Fall trial** – Ross may be willing to act as chair but wants to know who all the judges are for other trials. He has also asked Moni to act as secretary. Which stakes will be held will be decided later.
(c) **Horsetooth Retriever Seminar** – the seminar will focus on All Age dogs and will take place July 5-7. Matt has confirmed that what Kenny and Marcy will be charging the club is relatively inexpensive so we will be able to keep fees low. Ross will draft an email for Crystal to send to the membership.
9. **Buildings/Equipment** – Just a reminder that some equipment will need to be replaced prior to the trial/test season starting. The roof on the trial equipment trailer will need to be repaired in the spring, likely with roll roofing. Colin would also like to have some shelves built and organize the trophy area of the clubhouse.

10. **(a) Grounds Development** – Tim B. was not able to start the work when originally planned and now that frost is +18 inches deep, he suggests waiting until April as he'll be able to do a better job then.
(b) Grounds Maintenance – Dewayne and Geoff cut a lot of cattails in the tech pond and on the points north of the causeway. Ross would like to see more cut in the south end of the tech pond at some point. Ross brought up the fact that we will need people to donate the use of quads for grass cutting again this year. There was also a discussion regarding reimbursing those who cut for 3+hours for their gas to get to the grounds, but nothing has been agreed upon at this time.
11. **2025 National** – The committee met on Jan. 9 and will be ready to submit the proposal to NRCC by Jan. 29. Ross and Larry L. have reviewed other host club's financials and see some costs that we may not have.
12. **New Business – (a) Recap of NRCC AMM** – Ross and Crystal provided a recap of the NRCC AMM including the voting and results of the 4 motions in the agenda. The main point of concern was the motion to remove the \$5 All Age running fees. It seems that there was some misunderstanding or lack of clarity regarding the NRCC's financial position and after some discussion the vote on this motion was put on hold for 30 days. It seems likely that Pine Ridge (after discussion with Stampede City) will rescind the motion.
13. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** – next meeting will be Feb. 13 at 7pm via Zoom. Dewayne made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by Colin, all in favour.