

MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

January 19, 2023

7:00 PM

Zoom Video Call

**Attendance – Blake Hasiuk, Larry Lewarton, Bob Norris,**

**Matt Mutcheson, Crystal Fulton, Allan Robertson, Ross Peden**

**Absent - Dewayne Hay, Peter Dozois, Dustin Dola**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm
2. **Approve Agenda** – Bob motioned to approve the agenda, Allan seconded it, all in favour.
3. **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** –

a. Bird bands have arrived and some distributed. Will be kept at Matt & Crystal’s.

**b**.SCI letter – as Peter was not in attendance, this will be deferred to the next meeting.

**c**.Bird house dryer – as Dewayne was not in attendance, this will be deferred to the next meeting.

Allan motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Matt seconded, all in favour.

1. **Treasurer Report** - Larry reported that he now has signing authority for the BMO bank account as well as access to the online banking and the MGDA gmail account. Larry presented a list of bank transactions from Oct. 31/22 – Jan. 18/23 and noted that we currently have approx. $27,000 in our account.

Note that Blake has not yet received his payment for the freezer at his house; Blake and Larry to resolve.

1. **Correspondence/ New Business –** CKC, CNMRC, NRCC club renewal fees have all been paid and executive/contact information updated with all.
2. **Membership Update** –at this point 18 members have paid their 2023 fees (16 regular, 2 spousal).
3. **Event Discussion** – a. Orientation – will run for 6 weeks on Thursday evenings (May 11 – June 15). This year the focus will be more on field work and will be limited to 10 people with new members given priority. We can perhaps have something separate to help people from last year’s orientation transition.

b. Field Trials & Hunt Tests– event date applications submitted and June event judging panels to be submitted soon. Aug FT judges complete and HT being worked on. Committees are also being finalized and premium lists to be completed afterwards.

1. **Equipment Update** – the two new pistols have been added to the inventory. There was some missing information when Bob and Colin did the inventory in the fall, but it is now complete.
2. **Grounds Development & Maintenance – a.** Snow plowing – Ross would like the executive to consider having the roads plowed so that the grounds can be accessed. He has a contact who may be able to do the work and will provide a price. Blake mentioned that he plowed from the main gate to 2-island pond.

b. South-west Water – Ross mentioned that this area needs to be cleaned up/worked on. The cattails will be dealt with as soon as possible. Unfortunately due to last year’s weather conditions, this area was not able to be maintained.

1. **New Business – a.** Grants **–** in November, Carrie had mentioned a couple of grants that the club could consider applying for. Crystal presented a brief overview of three grants – 1) Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund - Small Capital Grants and Special Initiatives Program (Province of Manitoba), 2) Sport, Culture and Heritage - Event Hosting Grant (Province of Manitoba), and 3) PRTA grant. Ross mentioned that Brandon Retriever Club has applied for one of these grants, so he will provide any feedback they receive. Larry may be able to help with applications for the Province of Manitoba grants.

**b.** Hosting 2025 National - there is consensus that MGDA should be applying for the 2025 National. There are new guidelines for the application on NRCC website; Crystal will check to see what is required at this time. Crystal also to contact Peter to see if he is interested in chairing the event as some people felt he may be interested. Ross also mentioned he would be willing to chair/co-chair. Larry is willing to help with financials.

**c.** Distribution of minutes/Posting to website - in an effort to have the minutes posted sooner, Crystal will distribute to the executive for approval by email prior to the next meeting and ask Carrie to post to the website ASAP.

**d**. New Insurance Provider **–** Bob is filling out an application for club insurance from the provider that CKC supports.

**e**. Grounds Use by River City Lab Club – The River City Labrador Enthusiasts club holds two days of conformation specialty shows every year in conjunction with the Manitoba Canine Association All-Breed show in August.  This year we are hosting the Labrador Retriever Club of Canada National Specialties in place of our two specialty shows.  As part of hosting their conformation shows, they also request we hold an Obedience Trial and Working Certificate Test.  Our club is authorized by CKC to hold all the events. RCLE is asking MGDA if we can use their grounds on August 16th to hold a WC and Larry will provide the executive with a written request prior to the next meeting.

1. **Scheduling of next meeting and location** – Next full meeting date will be Feb. 16 @ 7pm via Zoom. Crystal motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm, Matt seconded, all in favour.