

**MANITOBA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION INC.**

January 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Oasis Originals, 55 Rothwell Road

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance** Bob Norris, Colin McMichael, Dewayne Hay, Geoff Plouffe, Carrie Whenham, Matt Mutcheson, Gail Komadoski, Helen Hasiuk

Missing – Mark Anderson, Blake Hasiuk

1. **Call to Order –** Meeting was called to order at 7pm. Bob addressed the new executive with a thank you for coming together for another MGDA season and for Dewayne for arranging a premises for us to meet. We will continue with scheduling meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, with the exception of June, July and August.
2. **Approve Agenda –** Agenda was approved by all.
3. **Minutes from AGM and October 30 meetings –** Previous meeting minutes were shared to all executive and approved.
4. **Business arising from the minutes –** There was no business arising from the minutes at this time. Approved changes to the constitution and policies will be made to the documents this year.
5. **Treasurer Report –** Helen reviewed the November and December statements. Grey Cup report was provided with an update on sold and unsold tickets. The current reserve amount is at $7219.45. Helen will set up a reserve account so that this amount is not reflected in what is available in the main account going forward.
6. **Correspondence/ New Business –** Geoff advised he has a contact who can assist with a new chemical to eradicate foxtail. The chemical will need to be applied within 24 hours of rain/snow. The product will be gifted to the MGDA and we will need membership to assist in applying it to the grounds. Geoff may also have a connection for sprayers, Geoff will update at next meeting.
* **Membership review –** The executive reviewed the recent actions of a member who was unbecoming of what the MGDA represents. After discussion and review of member history, a motion was passed to remove the member from the MGDA. The motion was seconded and the executive approved the motion unanimously.
1. **Membership –** Helen reported not all paid memberships for 2020 has yet been received. A reminder note will go out. We will also need to update the membership listing for emails as there is correspondence not reaching all due to changes not being relayed to the Chair. Membership list will be updated to the website. Discussion whether a change in membership fee might be necessary for late payments. Discussion on membership deadline, should it be end of season – October 31. Decision - leave at January 31 for now. Gate code will be changed February 1 and provided to all paid members.
2. **Fund Raising –** Dewayne provided an update on obtaining donation monies from Cabela’s Outdoors Fund. Dewayne and Geoff will work on a proposal including the planned grounds work for the club and the National event in the fall.
* Colin will reach out to Ryan regarding his research he did on wetlands grants and what may be available.
1. **Judge Selection Field Trials - Judge Selection Hunt Tests - Judge Selection Working Certificate** - Gail reported judges for the Field trail is complete. Dewayne reported he is still looking for 1 judge for the Senior Hunt in June and 2 judges for the August Senior Hunt test.
2. **Ribbons and Trophies –** Matt has taken a look into the ribbons required and will do the ordering for the events.
3. **Website –** Carrie will need to complete the updates to the constitution and policy documents for website. Carrie will update the event section with dates for 2020 season. Website members only section code will be updates with gate code. Executive members have been asked to submit a photo and short brief to be included in the “who we are” section.
4. **Seminars – Kevin Chef –** Matt has sent out email to membership regarding the event and registration.
5. **Training Classes – Dewayne -** There will be no training seminars set up by MGDA members this year due to our AGM and needing approval to change the age of membership. Dewayne will look into setting one up for the 2021 season.
6. **Review of 2020 Events and Dates –** Carrie has submitted the three events for the 2020 season. Judges will need to be updated as they were unknown when submissions were sent in late 2019. Dewayne noted that if we cannot get enough judges for the June Hunt Test/WC, we may have to limit the WC portion to one day. Delta has requested the grounds for their fall trial in August. Executive was in favour of this request.
* **Discussion around the MGDA fall trial -**  Discussion whether the MGDA can host a fall trial as well at the National. Historically with having a National, we have not held a fall trial due to volunteers needed for both events and needing the time to ensure the grounds are ready to go. A proposal of hosting a double open was discussed as a bare bones trial which would allow for anyone who has yet to qualify an opportunity. Executive discussed how if there was a trial, it would be nice to offer a Qual and Junior as well to all members. It was noted that the trial would most likely be only local participants due to the upcoming September event. Motion to host fall trial was not approved given that the MGDA will need two weeks of volunteers in September and felt that it would be too much to ask for.
1. **Social/Fun Days –** The year is looking very busy with events and getting the grounds ready for the national, more discussion on possible fun days will be required at next meeting.Membership will need to be involved to make it a success.
2. **Consumables – Fire wood –** due to the storm last summer, we are in good shape for firewood this season.
3. **Equipment –** Due to the trailer break in last fall, we will need to purchase new pistols. Gail will look into having 2 of the older ones repaired. If Gail is not able to have the 2 pistols repaired, motion was passed to purchase 2 in the spring from same company as 2019. Geoff will handle the purchase. Motion to purchase 1 boomer was approved. New bird bins are needed. Executive members to watch for bins to go on sale and purchase.
* **Discussion around care of birds at events.** Game captain will need to be reminded on proper care in order to extend the use at events.
* **A suggestion of needing new or borrowing of tables for the National.** The Hall in Balmoral will be contacted to see if the club can borrow more tables for the September weeks.
1. **Grounds Development & Maintenance –** Colin, Kevin, Gail and Dewayne toured the grounds to provide input on what the next stages should be for grounds development to have it ready for the National event. There is work once the ground is frozen that ideally can be done in the winter. Dewayne will be seeking an entire project quote so he can include in his proposal to the Outdoors Fund, as well as for budget planning for completion. Motion to approve $7000.00 for the next phase of grounds works, all in favour of this motion. Next steps – Dewayne, Kevin and Colin to meet contractor at grounds for quote.
2. **Scheduling of next meeting and location –** Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm – Next meeting February 20 @ 7:00pm.