

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes **8/19/09**

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Board Members Present: Al Gadoury, Randy Setzer, Jeff Squire, David French, Julie Kirkland , Pat Dillon, Peter Bakun, Greg Johnson; Members present: Kerri Payne (Kerri took the minutes at this meeting).

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 6/16/09 meeting were approved, with date correction.

Treasurer's Report: At the start of the meeting the club was down approximately \$2200.00 - however approximately \$1500.00 was just given to Julie at the meeting for birds purchased, evaluation days fees and the Snake breaking fees. A detailed report was given to all board members with the breakdown of the costs and revenue to date. The bank statements were presented to the board for review and Julie suggested that at each board meeting a board member should be selected to review the bank statements. A motion was made that Jeff Squire review the bank statements for the August meeting – Pat Dillon seconded the motion and motion passed. Jeff Squire reviewed the bank statements and found that all was in order.

Pointers: Peter passed out several reports: one for each evaluation day, and one for the Snake Breaking event. All the evaluation days have had very good participation. The Snake Breaking event was also very well received. After expenses from the Snake Breaking the club received a net gain of \$440.00. There should be very few birds left over from this year and any birds that are left over from training – there is someone who is interested in purchasing those birds. Birds have already been ordered for next year.

Spaniels: Greg will turn in a report for the Spaniel evaluation day for July. Jack Weiss is trying to make up for the evaluation day that was missed due to the grounds being closed on the 8th of August. The new date is August 29th. The Spaniel hunt test is August 22nd and 23rd and the entries are very light. There will most likely be birds left over after the event. The group will look into ways of selling any left over birds. At the end of the year the Spaniel group will review what the birds are being sold for – as to make sure the costs are being covered.

Retrievers: The HRC event was held in July – 84 dogs turned out to run the event. Revenue from the event was \$4844.00. Event expenses \$ 4,365.75. Net gain of \$478.25. Ticket sales for the Raffle were 818.00 and the expenses were \$56.96, for a net gain of 761.05. Several of the raffle prizes were donated and funds were raised to help purchase prizes. It was noted that 28 dogs did enter the day of the events. Bill Tottens grounds are up for sale – so while the grounds that were used this year may still be available – it is not something that can be counted on – so we should start looking for some alternative grounds.

Unfinished Business: The training grounds permit for 2010. The FWP and members of the MHGDC board will start meeting with FWP in November to work out the details for next year. As many board members that can should be at the meetings with the FWP. Annual Meeting - The date for the annual meeting has been set for February 13th 2010. King Tool has been sold – Julie has been looking into the Elks Lodge as a possible place. The Elks does have some requirements that need to be met. Julie will check into the Elks further.

New Business: Nominating Committee: This year several of the board members are going to be stepping down. Randy Setzer, Greg Johnson, Julie Kirkland, Scott Benowitz, and Pat Dillon will all be stepping down. This leaves all the officers positions open as well as a board position open. So it is very important to have an active Nominating Committee. The committee is made up of 3 members and 2 alternates: Only one member of the Committee can be a board member. Jeff Squire volunteered to be on the Committee and to chair the Committee: Pat Dillon nominated Kyle Barner to the nominating committee.

Peter Bakun, Jeff Squire, David French and Al Gadoury all said that they would be willing to stay on the board.

Jeff Squire asked if there were any more business cards available. Randy will check into this.

Greg Johnson brought to the board's attention that there are several new young members; these youth members have been training very hard, but have found it difficult to afford the cost of birds. Greg asked if there were any ideas or suggestion from the board that would help defray the cost of the birds to these young members.

Some of the idea's that were presented - donations at events or having these young members work at some of the club events and they would earn credits toward the purchase of birds, or possibly pmt for an entry fee into a event. All board members agreed that this was important and that the board needed to work on this as it is important to keep these young members involved. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM