

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes
(Including minutes from the General Meeting)
12/15/09

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Board Members Present: Randy Setzer, Jeff Squire, David French, Julie Kirkland, Pat Dillon, Scott Benowitz; Al Gadoury, Peter Bakun, Greg Johnson

Guests present: Joe Braverman, Steve Fink, Mike Heard, Ben Deeble representing MWF

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 10/20/09 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2,879.95; Savings \$13,471.85. A detailed report was given to all board members with the breakdown of the costs and revenue for the month. The bank statements were presented to the board for review. Steve Fink reviewed the bank statements and found that all was in order.

Pointers: No report

Spaniels: No report

Retrievers: No report

Unfinished Business: Randy has reviewed a draft of the 2010 FWP Special Use Permit for the Training Grounds and Blackbird. Randy responded to FWP with comments on the draft permit. Most of the items identified by the Board at the March 16, 2009 Special Board Meeting have addressed. These include creating a safety zone, individual training permits, off-leash language, training evaluations, and discharge of firearms. Randy will report back to the Board when he receives a copy of the final draft for signature.

Randy will send out a FWP permit application for the use of game birds for dog training to each club member as an attachment to the next newsletter. Julie suggested we also send one out as an attachment to the annual dues renewal notice. Randy will provide FWP with a 2010 club event calendar.

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting is Saturday February 13th 2010 at King Tool. We are still looking for donations for a raffle to underwrite the cost of the meal. Contacts will be Jeff, Peter and Mike Heard. Al Gadoury will run the raffle if we have one. If we don't come up with sufficient donations, we will have to charge \$10 per meal as approved by the Board last spring.

Nominating Committee: Jeff Squire submitted this list of nominees to the Board, and Randy presented this list to the General Meeting: Greg Johnson, President; David French, V.P.; Jack Weiss, Secretary; Steve Fink, Treasurer; Mike Heard and Al Gadoury, Retrievers; Peter Bakun, Pointers; Jeff Squire and Cheryl Johnson, Spaniels. No other nominations were presented from the General Meeting. We still need another pointer representative.

Jeff Squire will order more business cards from Kinkos.

Ben Deeble made a presentation at the General Meeting about the Montana Wildlife Federation, and inquired whether MHGDC would be interested in becoming an affiliate member. MWF would be an avenue for lobbying the Legislature on hunting dog issues. The Board will decide whether or not to join MWF as an affiliate member. The cost would be \$3 per MHGDC member, with the first year of membership waived.

Mike Heard presented a slide show of the Club's activities at the General Meeting. If you want a DVD, please contact him, or check the club's web site.

New Business:

The Board approved a motion to provide each dog group \$150 for annual awards to be presented at the annual banquet in February.

We need to either repair or replace the electronic transmitter and two receivers used for the club's wingers. Joe offered to find out what price he can get to purchase new Tritronics units. He will report back to Randy. The Board will then decide how to proceed.

Tracey will be stepping down as the newsletter publisher. The Board needs to find a replacement, beginning with the February, 2010 issue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM