

## 11 Jan. 2016 BOD Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 17:30 at Korkki Nordic by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mark Helmer. Other board members present were Dick Adams, Craig Berryhill, Shawn Hansen, Joe Tieberg, Troy Groeneveld, Matt Rice, Bryan Sederberg, Rod Niemi, Steve Rannenber and Corey Hietapelto.

The minutes of the Sept. 2015 annual meeting were distributed and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Hansen and approved. Present balances are:

Checking	13,599
Savings	173
Property enhancement fund	43,783
TOTAL	57,555

Grounds and Buildings Committee: no report. Tieberg has stepped down from the committee. A new committee chairperson is needed.

H/T Committee: Chair Gary Larson could not be present. Other members for 2016 are Gail Kuklinski, Secretary, Adams, Niemi and Sederberg. Entry fees for 2016 were not addressed. Dave Jordet attended the GMHTA meeting and provided an excellent report (see below).

F/T Committee: Berryhill (Chair), Tieberg (Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> F/T), Tom Fait, Secretary, Jim Watts, John Nichols and Mark Helmer.

Raffle Committee: Todd Krollman (Chair), Al Markham.

Membership: Adams (Chair). A discussion was held regarding the frustration that the event committees experience because members do not respond to emails and calls asking that they sign up for their volunteer assignments. The following motions were made, seconded and passed:

Resolved: Annual Membership for 2016 will remain \$50 plus 16 hours of volunteer participation. New this year, a separate check for \$160 is required. The \$160 check will be returned uncashed, or voided, when the member completes the 16 hours. For those who do not volunteer, the \$160 will be used by the DRC to hire volunteer workers.

Resolved: Life Membership beginning 2016 will cost \$600. Life Members will have the same benefits and obligations as annual members. Life Members may receive a key to the club house on request.

T3: Rannenber will participate in teaching T3 again as his schedule allows. Additional instructors will be needed.

Signage: Hietapelto will obtain estimates for 3 new signs for the gates at the DRC that would say "PRIVATE PROPERTY, DRC MEMBERS ONLY" and about 6 signs directing members to "STAY ON ESTABLISHED ROADS, DO NOT DRIVE AROUND PUDDLES". Helmer will ask Chris Roningen what type of signage he would like/allow on Roningen property.

Future BOD meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 18:00

Dick Adams, Secretary DRC

## ADDENDUM 1

### GMHTA MEETING

January 10, 2016

The GMHTA meeting convened at 10:00 on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the CMRT clubhouse.

First order of Business was to roll call. Todd Fuchs to provide an attendance sheet.

Agenda for the meeting was approved, sec report and Treasures report read in and minutes from last year read.

Business discussed was;

- 1) The 2015 Minnesota masters held at Hinckley. No first place was awarded because no dog completed the test to the satisfaction of the judges. A second and third place dog was picked. Rules governing the Minnesota Masters were changed so that in case of a tie or situation arising like last year, a winner will be chosen by running another test until one can be identified.
- 2) The dates of Hunt Tests of member clubs were submitted for tests occurring this next season. The consensus of opinion at the GMHTA was that a Master hunt test should cost between 85.00 and 100.00. A senior test should run between 75.00 and 85.00. A junior test should run between 65.00 and 75.00. Scratch fees were not discussed.

**New charges** are expected to be applied this coming year by Entry Express that are above the past year charges. You will see an additional 3.75% applied on credit card charges made to them. Their reasoning is that because Banks are issuing new cards based on rewards. The cost of these cards is higher to pay for the rewards (up to 4%). These fees are passed on to the consumer. Entry Express does not want to pay for the increased cost and is passing the cost on to the clubs.

Clubs do not have to buy EE express catalogs and may elect to do their own catalog and sell advertising space. EE will not allow clubs to put in their own advertising.

- 3) Bird boy costs are handled differently by various clubs. Some charge a membership fee to their club participants from 25.00 to 50.00 and require 2 days of work. Some of these clubs are billing the members if they do not work or ask a person not working to cover the cost a bird boy using a \$160.00 figure cost for two days not worked by the member. Iron range club charges 60.00 membership fee and records if members are working. If they work and it is recorded, the next year fee is reduced to \$10.00. One club does not forgive the charge and requires it to be paid before the membership can be reinstated for the next coming year. Other clubs are taking it in stride and trying not to make it an issue. Another club charges a \$25.00 membership fee and a \$100.00 for a non active membership fee. Blackhawk charges a 30.00 membership fee and 4 days of work. Membership in GMHTA clubs is stagnant. (Does DRC want to offer a seminar on Hunt tests after T-3 concludes in an effort to get more people to come back to the club next year.
- 4) This year AKC is expected to make a rule change to the way birds are to be used in tests. The exact wording was not available but the intent will be to use fresh birds killed at the **start of the event**. New rule is thought to be read as all birds must be killed the day of the

event. Two events like our club offers bird costs could be higher than anticipated this summer.

No word on bird use in field trials has been heard. Ruling is expected to occur in March 2016.

The bird used must be fit for human consumption. As before, it cannot be a frozen bird. (Complaints were filed with AKC Last year.) Shortage this year?

- 5) Bird costs. Buettner Brothers give members of the GMHTA a .50 cent break on birds ordered. Last year most GMHTA members paid 12.50 a bird to them. They will not take leftover birds back.  
There is another source in the St Cloud area who can supply birds. His cost is \$12.00 a bird. Both suppliers would like to have a heads up on the number of birds expected to be used as soon as possible as they are trying to meet our needs. Currently clubs order between 1.5 and 1.75 birds per entry.  
Chuck Stokes can get No. 7 steel at \$80.00 a case. 20 cases available now. Order through him. Cash no CC. According to Chuck, DNR requires that birds shot at events must be shot with Steel. Says DNR has checked. Poppers new at 11.00 a box.
- 6) Judges seminars; currently, two seminars are offered and Basic seminar and an advanced seminar by AKC. The basic covers the rule book and the advanced covers scenarios. Advanced is considered quite good. Discussion of a member club offering an informal judging clinic to help people obtain judging skills was entertained. Gordon is revamping the order of rotation of member clubs offering seminars and will forward.  
Mississippi Headwaters and North Dakota clubs are offering a judges seminar March 12, 2016 in Detroit lakes.  
GMHTA will reimburse a club sponsoring an AKC judge's seminar at a rate of \$25.00 per participant (up to \$250.00) for fees associated with a low attendance at an AKC judges seminar. No reimbursement for food or other expenses incurred.  
Dates for this year's Judges Seminar by Land Country has not been set. Will be announced later.
- 7) Informal and other events offered by clubs; See club web sites of member clubs for Informal's coming up this year. There are several coming up.  
NARA, 4 points is offering a test, as is Land o Lakes at Kelly farms. See web site.
- 8) Financial help; Petra offers grants to clubs for improvements. (Ask them for one to do judging advanced seminars.)  
(If grants are still available why don't we approach them for the past grant we were offered and never received? What is the status of our club project?)
- 9) Webmaster for 2016 of the GMHTA has not been filled to date.
- 10) Youth day and location has not been decided. Looking for a host club. Need commitment to fit with Pro availability. Last year in June. (This is a really fun day for the youth as its all hands on. Could be run in the evening after work in the summer. Does our club want to host it and have pros come here? Good opportunity to work with some.)

- 11) Master national will be held in St. Louis Mo. October 1, 2016.
- 12) A new organization was formed this past year titled The Master National Ammeter Retriever Club under AKC rules. It will hold its first event in 2017. To qualify you must have 6 master passes by Feb of 2017. EE will track dog Qualifications. Handler Qualifications and verification undecided as to how to verify. Title Initials undecided. This will be a new event for AKC. (Fastest growth in AKC now is in agility surpassing the numbers of participants in hunt tests and field trials combined by a lot.) Most clubs in Minnesota are stagnant as far as growth in numbers of members goes.
- 13) Shot gun simulators. Making an appearance in events. Hard to time with event but are low cost compared to poppers. Cost run about 240.00 direct from manufacture. Run on Map gas. Hunt test certificate and min of 16year of age is required for shooting.
- 14) Posting of club minutes was discussed and some clubs reluctant to post because of financial info in them. (Is the club minutes and Bylaws set up for members only?)
- 15) Current officers reelected for 2016.
- 16) Dues to remain the same despite a loss last year on operating costs.
- 17) One member club has asked GMHTA to ask that clubs publish their constitution, bylaws and minutes so that other clubs can benefit from other past experiences and problems. Opposition stated that their club did not want share financial information on the web.
- 18) Next Minnesota Master to be held Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Hinckley. GMHTA is asking for help from all clubs as they don't have enough hands to work the event. Anyone who could volunteer to help would be greatly appreciated and this would show member support for the Associations efforts.
- 19) The program concluded with a guest speaker from Believit Canine Service Partners, a non-profit organization. (507-649-1111) Guest Speaker was Sam?, Rochester Minnesota, former retriever trainer, gave a slide show about a program he took part in that used Retrievers to sniff out plastic explosives planted in Afghanistan. First time in history retrievers were used to find plastic explosives by the marines.

His organization is looking for dogs under 3 years of age. He gets some from shelters as well as gifts from people who hunt or have a retriever they cannot care for. He is also looking for foster homes to care for young dogs that have just come from their mom to 6 months of age.

His organization Works with about 75 dogs of which about 25 will pass from the program per year. The dogs that graduate have to be use to high stress loud noise lots of distractions and focus on their handler to do a task at hand. Equally he has to train a handler that may have never worked with a dog to do the same.

Currently he personally has 6 dogs that are close to be ready to go into service of which 1 may not make it.

Rest of dogs are retrained to act as support for emotionally damaged soldiers, or soldiers that are physically impaired and could use a little help.

His organization is funded by donations. It is not sponsored by any other organization. He needs financial help.

Very emotional moment listening to them talk. HE said he would come for a talk to our club.

Other issues in the Agenda were not discussed.

Submitted by Dave Jordet