

Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2014 at Mad Jacks Sport's Café

Meeting called to order: by President Dan Voss at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Dan Voss, Steve Ralph, Dave Carlson, Becky Voss, Kelly Ashton, Bret Lindback, Joe Dolejsi, Bill Jensen, Elaine Hansen

Secretary Report:

- ◆ Minutes from winter meeting were read by Steve Ralph. Accepted by motion & approved.

Treasurer Report:

- ◆ Treasurer report was read by Becky Voss. Accepted by motion & approved.

Old Business:

- ◆ Dave spoke about 501(c)(3), no new updates. He will continue to look into this.

New Business:

- ◆ Elaine Hanson of Minnesota Council of Dog Clubs presented their charter and asked that the MFFTC consider working with them on Dog Issues.
- ◆ Crow Hassan manager John Moriarty outlined that 2015 field trial schedule will be reduced to 4 spring trials to allow the ground to rest for wildlife. The spring dates are: Apr 17-19, May 1-3, 15-17, 29-31. The change to the 2015 schedule will be assigned as follows based on historic club preferences, which was approved by a vote.
Apr 17-19 available to TCGWPC, MBC or other clubs (Steve will ask clubs to request date if desired)
May 1-3 Northwest Field Trial Club
May 15-17 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club (might also share with MBC if allowed to have 5 days)
May 29-31 German Shorthair Pointer Club of MN
Steve will communicate the new schedule with clubs before winter so that they can coordinate with parent club.
- ◆ Questions for Three Rivers Park - Crow Hassan:
 1. Since field trial dates were reduced by 2 weekends, can we host Thu-Mon multi-club field trials?
 2. Why was the ground behind the barn not cleared for horse stake-outs as promised in winter meeting?
 3. Why was herbicide put on grass in camping area before trials where dogs and horses are staked-out?
- ◆ Four Brooks: hay will be cut as soon as rains stop. Michael Norris of DNR would like to plant trees in East field along brush edge in middle paralleling Hwy 169. Joe or Bill will explain to him where this is acceptable.
- ◆ Ground Search Committee setup with Dave Carlson as chair. Dave spoke about possible new grounds search with DNR (Dave Schad). Will update at winter meeting.
- ◆ Sporting Dog Event Committee setup with Bret Lindback as chair. He will work with others to coordinate an event for Youth & Adults which partners with the MNDNR, Pheasants Forever, Ruffed Grouse Society, Professional Dog Trainers, Dog Clubs, Rick Smith, Tom Dokken, ...and others.
- ◆ Pointing Dog Training Day at Four Brooks hosted by St. Croix Valley Brittany Club open to all MFFTC members (will require training pass).
 - Acknowledged Roger Berg's years of service to MFFTC and his accomplishments for the betterment of field trialing in Minnesota. We have Roger to thank for much. Thank you Roger!!
- ◆ Winter meeting set for January 13, 2015 at Mad Jack's café (6-8:30 pm)

Adjournment of the Meeting: 8:40 PM