

## MFFTC Summer Meeting 6/13/23

Attendees: Terry Petro(MN NAVHDA), John Zeman(GSP Club), Jeff Pleskac (GNEBGDC), Jim Klevé(MN Grouse Dog), Bryan Thomas( MN NAVHDA), Mary Tyson( MN Brittany) Pete Aplikoski (MN NAVHDA), Ed Challacombe ( MN NAVHDA), Dave Carlson (MOHA/St Croix Brittany), Ray Esboldt (Four Points Retriever Club) , Todd Otten, Chris Brandl, Andre Xiong, Elizabeth Barrett-Dixon

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- Presidents Report
  - Kelley Farms
    - Progressing slow
- Secretary Report
  - Clarification on Presidential fund is Annual, use it/lose it
  - Motion to approve minutes as amended by DC, second by JK
- Treasurer's Report
  - Clarification that the land lease comes out of the Four Brooks Account, not the general fund because that is a four brooks expense. The general account is to support the Federation separate from Four Brooks
  - Discussion on getting funds down to 1 account and track on spreadsheet, especially if we add Keystone/Kelley potential of 3rd account.
- Old Business
  - Kelley Farms
    - Scott Nolan expects to close on first parcel(340 acres) soon, issues with the township, shooting for fall of 2024 wma opening to the public
      - DC discussed that county and townships historically fears losing income, but not the case, there is payment in lieu of taxes for those costs.
      - Outdoor Heritage bill passed for the funds for Keystone/Kelley Farms. Funds are available until 2027. It will be a long process, we need to be patient
      - There is discussion on how the grounds are still accessible to dog training throughout the process, clubs should have alternate plans for 2024 events
      - DC, there is possibility of grants for purchase of equipment for grounds upkeep at Keyston/Kelley
    - Draft Lease Update
      - MFFTC received a draft lease this spring, a committee was formed to review and come up with a response that better represents the wants and needs of MFFTC. DNR representatives (scott nolan and kelly(scott's assistant)) attended events (MN NAVHDA and Four Points Retriever club) at Kelley on June 4. Both were surprised how many were in attendance and how big

the events were. Scott reached out to JZ on upcoming events that other DNR reps could watch. Also brought up the weekly training and have the DNR view that. MN NAVHDA and Four Points Retriever Club have thursday night trainings

- We need to continue to demonstrate who the MFFTC is and what we are about, highlighting youth, and newcomers to the outdoor space.
  - DC reaching out to Dennis Anderson about an article on the history of dog training grounds
  - JZ reaching out with other media outlets
- Four Brooks Update (Terry Petro)
  - Training going well
  - Still water in the ponds
  - Dog did get under fence on south side by parking lot
    - TP drove fence and found several spots that a dog could get under, maintenance needed asap
  - Mowing to start around July 1
  - DNR added more gravel on the parking lot road and the hunter road
  - South west wooded area let out for bids for logging, no news yet
  - Approaches on hunter's road
    - Estimates
      - Parking Lot Expansion \$9000
      - Parking Areas along hunter's road, \$900 per area
      - Field Approach with culvert \$1700
    - Motion by TP to approve funding, not to exceed \$4500 for the 3 parking areas and 1 field approach with culvert projects, second by DC. Motion passed
  - Workday
    - July 1, workday with TP at Four Brooks, TP will have small tractor and mower, JZ to have skid steer and grapple
      - Terry to make list and get to JZ and JP for distribution
  - DC started discussion on what clubs are donating above and beyond for improvements and making sure all clubs are contributing
  - There was some cover that was present this spring that were part of the no mow strips, should take up to three years to see full potential but looked promising after first year
- Next Meeting
  - December 12, 2023
- Meeting Adjourned 20:57