

# Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2016 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, Joe Dolejsi, Bill Jensen, John Zeman, Alex Fredin, Clark Linn, Mark Jacobs

## **Secretary Report:**

- ◆ Minutes from winter meeting were read by Steve Ralph. Accepted by motion & approved.
- ◆ We need someone to step up and volunteer to be Treasurer

## **Treasurer Report:**

- ◆ Treasurer report was read by interim Treasurer Steve Ralph. Accepted by motion & approved.

## **Old Business:**

- ◆ All of the spring events went well at Crow-Hassan & Four Brooks.
- ◆ Dave reached out to some clubs to tell them what MFFTC is doing and will continue with other clubs.
- ◆ MOHA meeting went well although they are a bit disorganized under the new leadership. We might want to consider reducing our MOHA donation in 2016.

## **New Business:**

- ◆ Dan will arrange a meeting with Three Rivers to discuss current situations and long term plan at Crow-Hassan.
- ◆ Interim Treasurers Dan & Steve will evaluate end-of-year finances this winter and determine if any changes are needed in Donations, Fees, ... or other changes due to the decline in MFFTC grounds usage.
- ◆ Bill Jensen announced that he is retiring as the 4 Brooks Coordinator. Thank you Bill for your years of service!
- ◆ A motion was made to appoint Mark Jacobs as the new 4 Brooks Coordinator, motion approved.
- ◆ MN Bird Hunters Assoc. (Scott & Ben Berg) have been notified 3 times that their 2014 & 2015 dues and dog taxes are past due. If not paid, they will not be able to host an event on MFFTC grounds in the future.

## **Legislative Report:**

- ◆ Dave reported that the MNDNR priorities have changed and that now one of their first priorities is developing a trap range, which puts field trial grounds on the back burner for now. They were also involved with the Buffer Zone & Body Grip Trapping bills. Buffer Zone bill passed, Body Grip bill failed.

## **Grounds Report:**

- ◆ Dave reported that the Jordan grounds is no longer available as potential field trial grounds and that the Litchfield grounds will not work as it is too small. Work continues on trying to locate alternative field grounds.
- ◆ Three Rivers Park District has proposed the following 2016 Crow-Hassan field trial dates  
Apr 15-17 available  
Apr 29-May 1 Northwest Field Trial Club  
May 13-15 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club  
May 27-29 Minnesota Brittany Club
- ◆ Four Brooks: hay cutting will begin as soon as possible by Rick Straka.
- ◆ Alex Fredin & John Zeman reported that they have located possible field trial grounds in Gary, SD owned by Dakota Ridge Hunt Club. The GSP of MN club is planning on hosting a 2016 spring field trial there. Trail will be scheduled so it doesn't conflict with Crow-Hassan scheduled AKC field trials.

**Scheduling:**

- ◆ Following is the tentative 2015 Fall Calendar of Events

**July**

18 Summer Training session hosted by St. Croix Valley Brittany (4 Brooks)

**August**

15-16 MN NAVHDA Hunt Test (Iron Range Retriever Club, Virginia, MN)

21-23 North Dakota Pointing Dog Club Field Trial (Kensal, ND)

**September**

5-6 MN NAVHDA Hunt Test (Kelley Farms)

11-13 Northwest Field Trial Assoc. Sharptail Classic (Namekagon Barrens, Danbury, WI)

12-13 MN NAVHDA Hunt Test (Four Brooks)

12-13 GSP Club of MN Hunt Test (Kelley Farms)

12-13 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club Hunt Test (Kelley Farms)

17-19 Twin Cities GWP Field Trial (Solon Springs, WI)

26-27 MN Brittany Club Hunt Test (Caribou Gun Club, Le Sueur, MN)

26-27 Twin Cities Vizsla Club Hunt Test (Caribou Gun Club, Le Sueur)

**October**

1-4 Region 19 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (Namekagon Barrens, Danberry, WI)

5-7 Region 19 Amateur All Age Championship (Namekagon Barrens, Danberry, WI)

- ◆ Winter meeting set for Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at Mad Jack's Sport's Café (6-8:30 pm)

**Adjournment of the Meeting:** 8:00 PM