

MFFTC Winter Scheduling Meeting 12/5/23

Attendees: Terry Petro(MN NAVHDA), John Zeman(GSP Club), Jeff Pleskac (GNEBGDC), Jim Kleve(MN Grouse Dog), Bryan Thomas(MN NAVHDA), John Chejne, Tony Hennen(MN NAVHDA) Terry Petro (MN NAVHDA) Mary Tyson(MN Brittany), Todd Otton(TC Vizsla Club), Ben Brettingen, Chuck Stokes, Steve Ralph,

- Call To order 19:02
- President's Report
 - Will Discuss Keystone later in meeting
- Secretary's Report
 - Minutes from previous 2023
- Treasurer's Report
 - General Account Balance – \$5,661.96
 - Four Brooks Account has \$13,206.04
 - Includes paying 2024 lease (\$460)
- Four Brooks Report (Terry Petro)
 - TP was on site yesterday, everything still looks dry
 - List of projects
 - Fence Repairs on East and South Side
 - Lowered Woven Wire fencing as post rise with the frost, about half completed
 - South side fence ends, some site surveying done but could get expensive, nothing done just site surveyed
 - No Mow Strips
 - The no mow strips are doing well
 - 3 parking areas along hunters road are completed
 - Parking on North side of shelter parking
 - Site surveyed, estimated \$8K to \$10K, need to discuss financing
 - South Pond search area
 - Will need excavator to make more swimming area for duck search
 - Discussed changes with Steve Pipgrass and didn't think it would be an issue since MFFTC made that pond
 - Discussion on adding shelter in south parking area
 - Logging south woods
 - Let out for bids last year and no bids were placed, sounds like this will remain stagnant for a while
 - Discussion on adding tin to west side of north parking lot shelter
 - West Pond Expanded search area
 - Adding search area will be trickier because it is a registered wetland
 - Gravel added to hunter road and parking lot road

- Discussion on adding Picnic tables at shelter
 - Scheduling
 - Discussion on Scheduling at Four Brooks
 - Four Brooks Schedule is approved
 - Discussion on Keystone (former kelley farm) schedule
 - Discussion on the “Other State Events” calender
 - Keystone Woods Update
 - Public comment period will be after the first of the year
 - Members should be prepared to show up that meeting and share their stories of Keystone Woods
 - Discussion on tactics for for the public comment period
 - John Z touched base with Scott Nolan(DNR), Nolan is waiting on more feedback from DNR officials, lease period would be May 15 to September 1
 - Discussion on lease period
 - DNR feels the may 15 start accommodates turkey hunters
 - Training is what drives land use more than the events, is currently a year long pass
 - What will be the standard lease length, will most likely start with a year but bump up to 10 yr to mirror four brooks
 - DNR would like 1 contiguous piece with the current farmstead be the access point
 - Current area would be tight for a 30min hunt test course
 - Discussion on putting out a petition
 - Discussion on a form letter or phrasing to help members who want to contact DNR
 - Chuck gave kudos to John Z for all of his work on this project
- Meeting Adjourned 20:20 CST