

Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2010 at Mad Jacks Sport's Café

Meeting called to order: by President Scott Berg at 7 PM.

Attendance :

- ◆ Bill Jensen, Joe Doljsi, Dan Voss, Frank Lanasa, Scott Berg, Steve Ralph, Scott Anderson, Bret Lindback, Tim Hughes, Ryan Stephansen, Larry Miller, Joe Hanson

President Report:

- ◆ Scott will make it his goal to try and get more clubs to join the MFFTC so that we represent more varieties of dog clubs not just pointing breeds.

Secretary Report:

- ◆ Minutes from Summer meeting read by Steve Ralph and approved.

Treasurers Report:

- ◆ Joe Dolejsi reported the Four Brooks Financial Summary for 01-01-10 thru 06-12-10, beginning balance of \$1,099.49 and an ending balance of \$1,632.69.
- ◆ Joe reported the MFFTC Financial Summary for 01-01-10 thru 06-12-, beginning balance of \$5,609.34 and an ending balance of \$5,472.02.
- ◆ Membership roster includes 14 paid up clubs, more still owe dues.
- ◆ Sent \$5,500 check to Sportsman for Change

Legislative Report:

- ◆ Joe reported that the check sent to Sportsman for Change has not been cashed, Frank will check on it.
- ◆ MOHA: Big topic was the Lessard Amendment and how legislation was trying to get the Sales Tax fund which was original voted on and approved by MN public to be set aside for DNR clean water act to be used in the General Fund. This amendment did not pass and the funds will be used by the DNR for the clean water projects which will help in funding future field trial grounds.
- ◆ USSA: We donated \$500 to be used in lobbyist efforts against anti-dog/cat laws proposed to legislation.

Grounds Report:

- ◆ 4-Brooks: Bill reported that farmer/coordinator Ron Struka will start mowing as soon as the weather allows.
- ◆ Crow Hassan: no negative reports, good trial season.
- ◆ Redwood Falls: no money in the DNR budget currently so no movement on this project

Old Business:

- ◆ 4-Brooks lease extension & building: Joe, Bill, Roger and Steve Petegrass (DNR) discussed building a 4 post shelter on the grounds. Don Mathis (DNR Lands) is against the shelter. He proposed that the maintenance alone would be over \$1,000 per year. No progress on lease extension as it is not high priority for DNR.
- ◆ War Chest for Sportsman for Change: Frank said we raised a significant amount that will be used to fight all anti-dog/cat laws that come before legislation. We are working with Sportsman for Change to accomplish this.

New Business:

- ◆ Trail Hound is looking for legislation help in removing the Public's ability to shoot dogs that are in pursuit of game as this is what they do in training. They would like MFFTC's help in drafting a proposal.
- ◆ Trail Hound would also like to change the law which prohibits training in the non-nesting season, as it currently reads that it is illegal to pursue game not during the hunting season.
- ◆ Winter meeting set for January 18, 2011 at Mad Jack's café to start at 7 pm

Field Trial and Event Scheduling:

- ◆ Steve Ralph read the proposed event schedule that is posted on the MFFTC web site. Schedule was updated with date changes and additions then approved.

Adjournment of the Meeting: 9 PM