

Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2012 at Mad Jacks Sport's Café

Meeting called to order: by President Scott Bert at 7:20 PM January 17, 2012

Attendance: Scott Berg, Dan Voss, Frank Lanasa, Joe Dolejsi, Steve Ralph, Charlie Aspenson, Bret Lindback, Scott Anderson, Dave Carlson, Stella Lang, Bill Jensen, Sid Sondag, Beth Nash

Secretary Report:

- ◆ Minutes from summer meeting were read by Steve Ralph. Accepted by motion & vote.

Treasurers Report:

- ◆ Joe Dolejsi reported the Four Brooks & MFFTC Financial Summary. Accepted by motion & vote.
- ◆ Steve mentioned that some clubs are now using the AKC Equisure Dog Club insurance for \$600 per year. Steve will send insurance information to Frank Lanasa so that he can evaluate for MFFTC.

Old Business:

- ◆ Land Procurement – Need someone to step up to be the MFFTC-DNR liason
- ◆ Water pump at Four Brooks – Bill Jensen spoke with DNR and they will not allow a hydrant due to liability. Bill will talk to the DNR about bringing out a temporary 500 gallon water tank & filling for event dates.

New Business:

- ◆ New officers were nominated: Pres. Dan Voss, 1st VP Frank Lanasa, 2nd VP Scott Berg, Treas. Joe Dolejsi, Sec. Steve Ralph. A white ballot was cast by Dan Voss. Accepted by motion & vote.
- ◆ Steve reported; New 4-Brooks Grounds Usage form is posted on website (increased usage fee to \$100 per day)
- ◆ Steve reported; Crow Hassan dog trial dates have been pre-reserved with Three Rivers. Clubs should be receiving a bill in the mail. Three Rivers billed for the dates turned in which is for 3 pm – 1 pm, so clubs will need to adjust their bill to cover the 7 am start time (requires an extra arrival day).
- ◆ Dan reported; MN DNR roundtable discussed Wolves delisted from endangered species and opened up for hunting/trapping, significant CRP loss, Walk-In pilot program started in 2011 was successful, DNR expects to run out of money in 2013, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council funding has decreased and results in loss of land acquisitions.
- ◆ Steve made a motion to donate \$500 to MOHA for legislative assistance & to purchase up to 3 MOHA banquet tickets (Bret Lindback & Roger Berg to attend). Motion passed.
- ◆ Joe made a motion to donate \$500 to Sportsman's Alliance. Motion passed.
- ◆ Scott A. spoke about a Conibear Trap petition that has been circulating and said he would contact the trappers assoc. to get their take on it and to see if there was anything that MFFTC should do.

Legislative Report:

- ◆ Frank reported that there is very little legislation this year concerning dogs, so no major issues to attend to.

Grounds Report:

- ◆ New Lease for 4-Brooks – the lease ends 12-31-2012, however the DNR has not processed it yet as they have other issues. Joe & Bill will put together a new lease proposal and present it to them before the summer mtg.
- ◆ Joe reported that the 4-Brooks mowing was accomplished when the rain stopped, unfortunately that wasn't until the beginning of June.
- ◆ Beth reported that there were no major issues at Crow Hassan and that they really appreciated the signs explaining field trials at all of the entrances, so that horseback riders were aware of what we were doing.
- ◆ Steve asked if Crow Hassan would be willing to put up a temporary gate at the path entrance on Co. Rd. 116 and also if Crow Hassan would be willing to put up a 4 post roofed shelter next to the new fire pit so that it could be used as a headquarters and allow participants to get out of the rain. Steve also asked if Crow Hassan would extend the Dog Trial Area to the south allowing for an hour stake. Steve will communicate with Beth.

Field Trial and Event Scheduling:

- ◆ Summer meeting set for June 19, 2012 at Mad Jack's café (6-8:30 pm)
- ◆ Steve Ralph presented the calendar for the spring dog trial season. Updates made & calendar was accepted.
- ◆ Frank Lanasa discussed the Crow Hassan dog trial scheduling and requested that the NWFTC be given their original 1st weekend in May back, as the current last weekend in April creates a conflict. Steve mentioned that in 2010 a dog club order was discussed and agreed to at the time. Frank brought up that the MBC was allowed to move into the open 5th weekend in May only on a temporary basis and that now that May only has 4 weekends that they would have to move back to the last weekend in April. After discussion it was agreed that the 2012 calendar is set for all dog clubs with their parent clubs making this move impossible for 2012, but in 2013 the original order where NWFTC had the 1st weekend in May would be re-established. Steve and Frank will work on the scheduling description to make this clear for future scheduling.
- ◆ **Adjournment of the Meeting:** 9:15 PM