

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes
02/20/07

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Board Members Present: Sam Robinson, Will Avril, Al Gadoury, Julie Kirkland, Greg Johnson, Randy Setzer, Dan Marsh, and Scott Benowitz. Members present: Joann Kish, Larry Michnevich

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 12/19/06 meeting, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: 2-yr CD-\$12,576, checking - \$6,542. Income for 2006 was \$27,717; expenses for 2006 were \$24,271; total number of members for 2006 was 137. For a complete financial breakdown, please contact a Board member.

Pointers: On March 6, 2007 a pointer group organizational meeting will be held at Sam's house. All pointer group members are encouraged to attend. Topics include training bird responsibilities and transporting birds to training grounds. These duties will be shared this year rather than rely on the pointer group Board members. Call Sam at 539-6119 for directions to his house.

The first training session of the year is Thursday, April 4. The first four training sessions this year will feature members speaking on particular subjects: Dave Carty will discuss the George Hickock training method; Conrad Kradolfer will discuss the whoa post; Tana Kradaolfer will discuss the Delmar Smith training method; Dale Spartas will discuss photographing your hunting dogs.

Spaniels: The spaniels are training Saturday mornings. We thank the spaniel members who donated items for the raffle and auction: Larry Michnevich, Ross Bruner, Kyle Barner, Randy and Tracy Setzer, and Al Gadoury. The Top Dog Award went to Greg Johnson's Tori, Larry Michnevich's Beam was second, just about everybody else tied for third. Outstanding achievement awards were bestowed upon Robert and Dede Griffins Annie, John Wright's Seer and Owen Metcalf's master hunter Belle. Cheryl Johnson received a certificate for her senior hunter Desi. Greg Keelor will perform at our annual meeting in 2008.

The next flushing dog fun trial will be March 10. If you would like to run a dog please let Al Gadoury know.

Two club spaniels earned placements in National competitions in 2006! Congratulations to John Wright and Seer for placing 2nd in the Canadian Nationals and Robert and Dede Griffin and their cocker spaniel Annie for placing 2nd in the Cocker Nationals. Annie is also high point dog of the year.

Retrievers: MHGDC will sponsor an AKC Hunt Test to be held in August at the Elk Park field. More information to come.

Unfinished Business:

The FWP bird permit was obtained for the training grounds and the Greycliff Ranch. The ranch is leased for 2007 and includes Wednesday nights and the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month between April 1 and September 1, 2007. The Greycliff Ranch is only to be used for group training activities on these specific days.

The banquet saw 75-80 attendees and was a success. Thanks to Sam for organizing the event. The 2008 banquet date will be set at the April Board meeting.

The FWP special use permit for the training grounds was reviewed by the Board. Randy will prepare a summary of the major items included in the permit, including the changes for 2007, and will publish in the newsletter.

New Business:

The Board is looking for someone to chair the Upland Bird Challenge for 2007. No Chair, no event. Please contact a Board member if you want to step up.

The Board approved Greg Keelor's *Flop Eared Molly* as the official club song. If you want a MPG copy for your enjoyment, please contact a Board member.

The Board approved to spend up to \$400 to spray weeds at the training grounds and Greycliff training area. Randy will do the spraying using his equipment, MHGDC will pay for herbicide. If FWP provides herbicide for use at training grounds, MHGDC will not incur that portion of the expense.

The Board approved to purchase a Pheasants Forever sponsorship for 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.