

November 2012

President's Message

The landscape of Montana certainly changed the week of November 5 following a winter storm that brought snow and cold temperatures to the region. I hope everyone had many opportunities to get out with their canine hunting companions while the weather was mild. As the year comes to a close, our December Board Meeting and Wild Game Potluck is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Montana FWP conference room on So. 19th. The board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM followed by our traditional wild game potluck dinner at 7 PM. Please mark your calendar for this event and bring your favorite game dish to share with others. Also mark your calendar for the annual banquet which will be held at the Gran Tree Inn on Saturday, February 9, 2013. More information on the banquet will be forthcoming. In 2012 a process for recognizing club members who have made significant contributions to the MHGDC was put in place. The procedure for nominating a club member is outlined in the Honorary Membership document in this newsletter. Please take the time to nominate someone deserving of this privilege.

Good luck during the remainder of the hunting season!

Greg Johnson

MHGDC BOARD MEETING August 21, 2012

Members Present: Al Gadoury, Jack Weiss, Greg Johnson, Mike Heard, Kerri Payne, Sam Robinson, Cheryl Johnson and Peter Bakun.

Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kerri presented our checking account balance at \$10703 and money market at \$5590. She has received checks and expenses on the NASTRA event but is still awaiting a final income statement. The Nastra event chairman is still looking for \$1000 in outstanding checks. This would add to the profit from the Nastra.

Retriever Report: Al reported that the HRC national committee is studying additional upland tests and rules. This would add additional levels to the HRC Upland tests.

Pointer Report: The last TED had 15 braces participating. Snake break went very well with lots of help. There are some quail left for sale.

Spaniel Report: Hot weather has slowed training. Members wanting to train should call Greg.

Unfinished Business: 1. Trailer painted with the club logo. It needs an adaptor plug for the taillights. Sam will get the new plug. 2. A canine first aid clinic will be held at FWP on 8/23. It is free to club members. The Setzers property has sold. The new owners (Frank/Susan Keyes) are

willing to allow us to use the bird pens and store our trailers for a \$600/year. The board felt this was a reasonable charge. Greg is getting a final lease agreement. **4.** The 2013 banquet was discussed. The Holiday Inn and Gran Tree were the best choices. A motion was made and approved to hold the event on 2/9/2013 at the Gran Tree. **5.** Road fill on the access road to training grounds still unfinished. Greg will follow-up with Mr. Rodarmel.

New Business: **1.** Nominating Committee discussed with current board who would continue to serve. Greg, Jack, David and Jeff asked to step down. The committee will approach new board members and present a slate at the October meeting. **2.** Bird purchases for 2013 were discussed. Peter feels the pointers will need 750 quail. He is talking to suppliers. The retriever group will use around 150 birds (chucker/pheasant) around 5/13. Ducks will be purchased close to the event date. Spaniels at this time are discussing a field trial. Dates for the trial are still open. Greg is discussing with Tony Fowler bird prices and availability. **3** Clean up of the Keyes (formerly Setzer) property was discussed. There is leftover crates, netting etc that needs to be disposed of. **4** The club barbeque needs replacement. Motion was made by Al to purchase a new one for \$260. Motion approved by all. **5** Pheasants Forever presented the club with a nice plaque for our help at their Youth Day. **6** There are a few quail left for any club member who is interested.

Meeting adjourned and next meeting will be October 16, 2012.