

## Great Lakes HRC - October 2017

### **Attendees:**

Tim & Patti Doane, Gregg Austin, Kyle Wildschut, Charlie Kitchel, Chris Postma, Jim Holzgen, Jeff Kooiker, Brian Ploeg, Phil Swedberg

### **Last Meeting's Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes Jeff K, seconded by Jim H, Minutes accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance is \$13,000. Jim reports that the past month's expenditures were the judge gifts (training bags), and our annual renewal for our website.

### **Fun Hunts**

There are no current fun hunts on agenda. Many members will be either hunting, or preparing to hunt.

### **Old Business**

Our club Duck Hunt will be held on November 25th. This will give an opportunity for a little fellowship after the morning hunt. Once again, it is teams of 2, and birds must be taken the day of the competition. We will plan to meet at 1 pm at Bunker Hill in the vast metropolis of Burnips MI for lunch.

Hurricane Relief Donation update. Chad has been messaging with Jason Luker, President of the Colorado River HRC (Texas). Jason has identified 2 families, who are members in their club, who have lost everything. These families are currently living in temporary housing. The reason it has taken so much time to identify a specific group, is that so many folks in their club have experienced loss, but these 2 families specifically have lost pretty much all of their belongings. We, as a club had approved the donation of \$500 to be sent from GLHRC, to another club to be used in some form of relief. Now that we have identified specific families, the monies will be divided between them. We have had individual members from our club express a desire to make a donation to go along with our club's donation. Further discussion was had regarding individual donations, and it was agreed upon that we would like to give individual members the avenue to make their own additional contribution if they felt so inclined. We have a great membership, and appreciate the concern voiced by our members for those who have been affected by these storms. We will plan to have a paypal link established on the GLHRC website to take these donations. Checks can also be made out to the order of GLHRC, and be sent to our treasurer, Jim Holzgen. Please specify in the memo line it's for hurricane relief.

### **New Business**

Chad has listed possible judges for our Upland Hunt, as well as our Spring Hunt. If anyone has a suggestion, please send these to Chad. We are fortunate that we have several members who are judges, and would not put them on the spot to accept or reject one of these tests to judge. Please feel free to contact Chad with regards to this. Tim did make the point that it is most beneficial to have all of these judges "locked in" by Christmas time.

Brian Ploeg joined us this evening. He is on the Drake, Field Pro Staff. He wanted to thank our club for doing what we do to advance our dog sport, and also waterfowl hunting. Brian is a local guide, from Caledonia MI. He is the person who several of our members have reached out to receive Drake branded merchandise at a discount, and that offer is still open to our membership. Please contact Jim Holzgen if you wish to receive a special code for a purchase. Brian expressed his, and Drake's willingness to provide signage at hunt tests, and possibly further assistance. Our officers will be in contact with Brian, and Drake to see what might be of benefit. Thanks to Brian for coming out, and sharing this information.

Jim H asked if we were ready to pick a date for our Annual Banquet. We decided on January 27th as the date. A discussion was had to the location. It was mentioned that for the past 2 years we have been at, or possibly above capacity at the Brann's location. Patti offered to inquire with a few other venues, to see if

there were other options for a bit more space. This is always a fun night, and we would encourage all of our membership to attend.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Patti, and seconded by Jeff K.