

Agenda
Great Lakes HRC
December Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Chad Miller, Larry Zuidema, Ron Dozeman, Charlie Kitchel, Ron Jenks, Kyle Wildschut, Jeff Kooiker, Tim & Patti Doane, Amy & Phil Swedberg

Last Meeting's Minutes

.Motion by Jeff Kooiker, and seconded by Patti Doane to accept last month's minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim states there is \$ 11,100 in our account currently. Last month's expenses were purchasing 4 box launchers during the Black Friday sale at Zinger Winger. Also, the two donations to the 2 families from Colorado River HRC in Texas that lost everything during the hurricane. Each donation totaled \$ 450 to each family. Thank you again for your generous donations to help each of these families.

Fun Hunts

Weather permitting Chad would suggest that we try to have an Upland Fun Hunt toward the end of January. If anyone would like to host, feel free to contact Chad.

Old Business

Jim informed us that one of the families from Texas, that we sent a donation to decided to join our club. Jim made a suggestion that we return their membership fee, and offer a one year honorary membership to them. Motion was seconded by Chad Miller, and passed.

Chad has heard back from a couple of the judges for our Hunt Tests. Dan Feisthammel, and Chad Miller for the Upland. Charlie Kitchel will apprentice at Started, Mary Feisthammel will be able to judge Started as well. Christine O'Donnell will be able to judge Started one of the days, to allow Charlie to judge Started both days. Christine would also be able to judge Seasoned one day as well. For Finished, Dean Sytsma, Dan Feisthammel, Chad Miller. These are judges who will be able to judge. Chad is waiting to hear back from other potential judges.

New Business

A motion was made for our club to make a donation to the Carol Ford Memorial Scholarship that is being created to honor Carol for her commitment to HRC. Carol, along with her husband Mike have judged at our tests, and have been great ambassadors for HRC. Steve Pittiglio, a member of St. Clair Flats HRC is organizing the funding for this HRC Scholarship. The motion made, by Phil Swedberg, and seconded by Tim Doane was that Great Lakes HRC would make a donation in the amount of \$300 to the scholarship fund. Motion passed.

Rule Change Proposals:

There are a total of 8 proposed rule changes that we voted on as a club. Below is a “Brief” explanation, and the vote that was cast for each proposed change.

1. Entry of a dog in multiple stakes: Basically reads as the ability to enter a dog in more than one stake on each test day. After much discussion, we voted NO.
2. Casting the dog twice in Seasoned: Currently handlers are permitted to cast their dog in this manner on every bird. This does not mean that the dog ‘will’ pass. After much discussion the vote was NO
3. 12 Dog Limit Separate in Regular, and Upland Tests: Some clubs host regular tests, along with upland tests on a weekend. This change would allow a handler to run more than 12 dogs on a given day, due to the fact they could enter dogs in the regular test, and also enter different dogs in the upland. We voted YES.
4. Unlimited Grand Entries: The description is as it is. Allows a handler to enter as many dogs as they would like. We voted YES.
5. Jeans/Dark Pants be included as hunting attire: We voted YES.
6. Hand Assisted Steadiness in Started: We voted YES.
7. Eliminate Seasoned level Diversion bird: Good discussion was had, and we voted YES.
8. Fail Seasoned Dog for switching: We voted NO

Chad suggested that we start to plan for securing birds for our Upland test. Chad will make some calls to get pricing from a couple of different sources. Ron Jenks made a motion to allow the board make the final decision to order the birds, and it was seconded by Jeff Kooiker. Motion passed.

Tim and Chad are going to get pricing from Dogtra, and Garmin to procure electronics, so that each test flight will have their own set of electronics for their use.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Patti Doane, and seconded by Jeff Kooiker that we adjourn