

# Agenda

Great Lakes HRC

January 2018

## Attendees:

Gregg & Lawrie Austin, Andy & Bridget Carver, Josh & Jenny Doane, Patti Doane, Jim Holzgen & Shelli, Ron & Solane Jenks, Joe Johnson, Charlie & Judy Kitchel, Josh & Elizabeth Kitchel, Jeff & Joani Kooiker, Jon Lancioni, Nathan & Wendy MacKellar, Chad Miller, Steve Meyer, Bill Phelps, Mike Saladine, Joe & Shannon Schwenke, Jason & Jean Stephens, Phil & Amy Swedberg, Sydney Suwannarat, Naomi Wildrom, Kyle Wildschut, Ron Wiessner, Carrie Weissner

## Last Meeting's Minutes

Motion to accept by Wendy MacKellar, seconded by Jeff Kooiker, motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Jim says that our current balance is \$10,215. He noted that our balance last year at this time was \$7,700, and the year before was \$5,000. The expense paid for the past month was the down payment for our ducks for the spring hunt. Jim expressed that our club is in good shape to be able to pay for all of our expenses, and also to make purchases to improve, or maintain or club equipment.

Our club receives funding from our members, and through our events; hunt tests, and fun hunts. If you have not already paid your membership dues for 2018, please do so.

## Fun Hunts

Chad announced that he has a calendar prepared for anyone who would like to schedule a fun hunt, whether it be for Upland, or Regular hunt. Please feel free to contact him, so we can get out and train. Chad also mentioned that we have 250 Chukar reserved for our Upland hunt, but also have an additional 100 birds in reserve for Upland training. Please contact Chad if you would like to purchase some birds.

## Old Business

All of our judges for both Hunt Tests are set. Thank you to our own club members who offer their time to judge for our club. Please feel free to express your thanks to them for this.

Upland Judges: Dan Feisthammel, Bret Vandenbil, Chad Miller, and Chris Postma

Spring Judges: Charlie Kitchel, Mary Feisthammel, Gregg Austin, Christine O'Donnell, Dean Sytsma, Mike Ford, Dan Feisthammel, Bob Sass, Chad Miller

Birds for Upland, and Ducks for the regular hunt are secured for both tests. Last month we approved the purchase of 2 additional sets of electronics so that every test will have the ability to use them for their tests. We also approved the donation to the Carol Ford HRC Foundation scholarship for the amount of \$300.

## **New Business**

If you have not done so already, please renew your dues for 2018.

We are looking for volunteers for both tests.

Upland Test: March 24-25 Please Contact Jim Holzgen to volunteer. We have jobs for any level of experience. Thank you in advance for your help.

Regular Hunt: Please contact Phil Swedberg to volunteer. We also have many tasks to be done for this hunt as well.

We are complemented by folks who attend our test every year on how well our tests are run. That is due to all of our members participating in making sure all of the tasks are taken care of. Thank you for your efforts, they do not go unnoticed!

Interim Program: This is our opportunity to partner with Caledonia high school to spend a week teaching a group of students what we do as dog handlers. The kids also are exposed to what we do as waterfowlers, and stewards of the environment. While this takes place on weekdays, we would appreciate your consideration to helping for a few hours, or even for a day to pay forward your experience. Thank you in advance. Please contact either Chad, or Jim with any questions or to volunteer. The dates are June 4-7.

Jim Holzgen has been our hunt chair for the Upland Hunt for the past several years, and would like to let someone else have that opportunity. Joe Schwenke has volunteered to take over as Hunt chair for this test. Thank you Joe!

Ron Weissner has brought a proposal forward to raise pheasants for the 2019 Upland Hunt. This will be a great opportunity for our club to use pheasants, in place of Chukars. The board will get further information from Ron, and report back to the members.

Josh Doane asked about the possibility of have a shot flyer at both our finished flight tests. It was decided, after discussion that the area for tests may not provide an allowance for this to be possible.

Wendy MacKellar made a motion to increase our premium \$5 for both Seasoned and Finished for our test. We are currently cheaper than other regional clubs, and have been for several years. Her motion was seconded by Phil Swedberg, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Charlie Kitchel, and seconded by Nathan MacKellar to adjourn, motion carried.