

Agenda

Great Lakes HRC

February 2018

Attendees:

Chris Postma, Larry Zuidema, Charlie Kitchel, Mike Saladine, Kyle Wildschut, Joe Schwenke, Jim Holzgen, Jean Stephens, Chad Miller, Phil Swedberg

Last Meeting's Minutes

Chris P made a motion to accept last months minutes, Larry Z seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Jim says our current balance is \$9,190. Items that have been paid this past month were landowner checks for the spring hunt, \$300 club contribution to the Carol Ford Memorial Scholarship. Jim stated that the club lost \$300 at this years banquet, mainly due to the \$700 for plaques. We had a lot of successful dog/handlers this past year. Jean mentioned having to order plaques several times, and between that cost, and shipping we paid more this year. Charlie suggested that Jean confirm quantity discount for the plaques, and report back to see if we order in bulk to save money.

Fun Hunts

We have our first fun hunt scheduled for this coming Sunday, February 25th. It will be an upland hunt, and Ron Weissner has offered up 50 pheasants for purchase to train with that day near Vicksburg.

Mike Saladine will help host a fun hunt near Big Rapids on Saturday, March 10. This will be an upland, and regular fun hunt setup. Stay tuned for an email from Chad for a map, and details.

There is one more fun hunt scheduled for April 21 in Fenwick MI. That will be a regular hunt setup. Once again, Chad will send out details as the date approaches.

Old Business

Chad explained our premium on HuntSecretary, and the current judges listed. Chad will be renewing his judge credentials this weekend, so his name will replace Steve Pittiglio's on the premium. We needed a judge who was current to post our hunt online.

As mentioned in the fun hunt section, Ron W has offered 50 pheasants for our club to purchase for the same cost as Chukars for the upcoming upland fun hunt. We also have secured 250 Chukars

for our Quad Upland test, and have an additional 100 birds reserved for fun hunts. If anyone would like to order birds, please contact Chad.

New Business

Southern MI HRC is placing an order with Zinger for discounted products. These are selective products that include wingers, aluminum dog crates, foldable zinger blinds. If any member would like to order any of the above mentioned products, please contact Chad Miller no later than March 3rd. Most of the above products will be available for 50% off retail! Larry Zuidema made a motion to purchase a Zinger Winger II for our card raffle at the spring hunt. It was seconded by Chris Postma, motion carried.

Jim H made a motion that the club purchase a portable camp stove for club use at fun hunts, hunt tests, seminars, etc. . It saves member(s) from bringing their own grill to events for use. The motion was seconded by Phil Swedberg, motion carried.

If anyone would like to volunteer for the Upland Hunt, March 24-25, please contact Jim Holzgen.

If anyone would like to sign up to help for the Regular Hunt, May 18-20, please contact Phil Swedberg. Specifically, if anyone would like to sign up to cook lunches during the hunt, that would be great.

Our Retriever Youth Camp is scheduled for June 4-7. If you would like to help, please contact Jim Holzgen. This is a great way to pay forward any knowledge we as dog handlers, and hunters have to high school students!

Chad mentioned that Kankakee River HRC may not be hosting a spring hunt test this year. If they do will take place on April 28-29. At this point they are still undecided, Chad mentioned that Central MI HRC is hosting a fun hunt fundraiser to boost the finances for the Carol Ford HRC Memorial Scholarship, Their club will be hosting a fun hunt with Started, Seasoned, and Finished flights. Chad thought it would be a nice gesture to have as many of our members sign up to assist in this fundraiser. Look for details of this event to be shared by Chad very soon.

Larry Z asked how we could recognize accomplishments of members who may continue to run hunt tests, but may not make it to the points level recognized by HRC. His question was twofold, one to possibly establish a honor roll page to our website, and also as an encouragement for members to keep running tests, to stay more active in the club. Chad suggested that maybe our club look into some type of pin that could be awarded for milestones achieved by members. Joe Schwenke is going to do some research, and bring his findings back to the club.

Adjourn

Chris P made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Z. Motion carried.