

General Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Denise Sejalon at 11:05a

Motion to bypass reading of the minutes from the December 10,2019 Membership Meeting, which were sent out via email, were approved by Mike Foley and seconded by Heidi Wszolek.

President's Report

Recap of 2019

- MFWRC was only able to run 2 of the 3 hunt test due to the cancellation of the July 2019 hunt test because of extreme heat indexes.
- American Pointing Labrador Association once again held their test at Jorgensen's
- Kevin Cheff facilitated seminars and will be returning in 2020.
- Only 1 out of 4 training days were facilitated. Denise reiterated the importance of holding these training days because it brings in new members. We advertise training days on the website, they need to be facilitated. She encouraged people to sign up.

A huge thank you to new members Cher Craite, Tim Dawson, Jodi Muirhead and Bob Carlson for stepping up and offering to host the training days!!!! We now have all 4 dates covered!!

Membership 94 current members and 54 training members.

Treasurer Report

- No major changes. The balance is at \$20,325.50
- The business license has been paid for 2020
- Sales taxes are paid
- Income taxes will be completed

Membership

We received 4 new member applicants to MFWRC and they are:

Linda Baxter

Bob Carlson

Jodi Muirhead

Tim Dawson

Old Business

The hunt test committee chart is still a work in progress. We need members to step up and volunteer for the individual committees. It is designed to create sub committees and assign members tasks within those committees. One person from each committee can be assigned as the Chair for that committee. The charts will be attached to the meeting minutes.

MFWRRC will once again welcome Kevin Cheff. He will be offering private sessions on June 25th and will be facilitating a continuation of the Fundamentals Workshop on June 26th-28th. Please contact Judy Merians at mikemerians@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending or for more information.

New AKC Rules that went into effect January 1, 2020

1. A 10% increase in dog entries will be allowed in Master. Master will increase from 60 to 66, 90 to 99, 120 to 132 or an unlimited master stake. Code allowance for clubs will not change.
2. Entry Express has eliminated the scratch fee. The credit card fee will not be refunded.
3. Handlers with 12+ dogs are requested to have help getting the dogs to the line faster.

Jorgensen's Training Membership in 2019 was 54 members. There will be some changes to the crops in the future. 2020 the crops will remain alfalfa.

2021 will be corn

2022 will be beans

2023 will be wheat

2024 will be alfalfa

Corn and soybeans will be the challenge because of the long growing season. Wheat gets planted in late September/early October and harvested in July. The areas currently in alfalfa that are left open would be available to MFWRRC to rent for a price of approximately \$200/acre. There is a new pond that is located in the woods towards the North end of the property between the Gator and Heart

shaped ponds. Aaron Jorgensen is working on the tech pond (area 6) to improve edges, depth and is also leveling out the peninsulas to improve sight lines.

One visitor pass will be allowed per member for \$20.00 per day. Non Michigan Flyways members can train on the property with a Jorgensen's training member the week before the hunt tests and the week between the August MFWRC and Marshbanks hunt tests from the hours of 7:00a – 3:00p for \$20.00/day. No training will be allowed on the Fridays before the hunt tests. Please make sure to use the sign in sheet in the mailbox whenever you are on the grounds.

Jorgensen Training Membership dues are due by **April 1st**. Fees are \$250 for members that worked in a qualifying position during 2019 and \$450 for new members or those who have not fulfilled their work hours. **A late fee of \$50 will be charged for any memberships received after the due date.**

The 2020 Hunt Test dates are:

May 16-17th Double Master

July 18-19th

August 15-16th

Judge Slates and test chairman are completed for the season.

The tailgate will be served at 5:00p. Master tests will be stopped at 6:00p with some leeway if there are a few dogs needing to run the second series. Judy Merians will be adding this information to our premiums. Test dog is to be run at 7:45a with dog to the line at the time stated in the premium.

The floor was opened up to questions regarding old Business and none were asked.

The board voted on approved changes to the current constitution and bylaws. These changes were presented to the membership and there were no oppositions to the changes. The new changes are attached to these minutes.

We opened the floor to the membership for any new nominations for the officer and board positions. No additional nominations were offered.

Judy Merians introduced a guest during the meeting his name is Steve Kowalczyk he had attended a Huron River Labrador Retriever Club meeting. He is interested in hunt tests and training Labrador retrievers. He is getting back into the hunt tests. Welcome, Steve!

The club remembered Henry Moon who we lost in December of 2019. Henry "Doc" Moon will be very sorely missed. He was a wonderful person and very dedicated to his dog and teaching his granddaughter. Doc's granddaughter ran several hunt test in 2019 and did an outstanding job! Thank you to Gen Dever for putting together a canvas of portraits that will be presented on behalf of MFWRC to Doc's granddaughter. Club member Heidi Hebert suggested putting on a memorial hunt test in honor of Henry Moon.

Motion to adjourn at 12:00p by Heidi Hebert 2nd by Judy Merians.

ANNUAL MEETING

Called to order at 12:50p

All 4 new members were voted in.

The election of officers and board members were voted on, all approved no oppositions.

President - Heidi Wszolek

Vice President - Judy Dahlke

Secretary – Alison Weber

Treasurer – Chris Schram

Membership Secretary – Kim Bridgewater

Board Members – Denise Sejalon

Eric Petroskey

Gen Dever

New Business

Events that will be happening at Jorgensen's in 2020

- Marshbanks Hunt Test August 22nd-23rd
- APLA Hunt Test June 6th-7th
- Northfield Dog Training is hosting a Carol Cassidy Seminar June 19th-21st
- Kevin Cheff is offering private session June 25th and a Fundamentals (transition) Seminar on June 26th-28th

Logo Wear

Eric Petroskey presented some sample items of the material that will be used for the new logo wear. These are athletic type shirts with material similar to *Under Armor*. The new items come in long sleeve, short sleeve, men's and women's sizes, with 2 color options; digital camo and dark grey. There will be a 12" logo on the back with the name of our club on the front pocket area. The long sleeve shirts are \$40 and short sleeve are \$37. These are made using dye sublation so the ink goes all the way through the material. It will not peel or fade. It was suggested by the floor that we consider doing a pre-order to see what kind of interest there is in the new logo wear. The new items will be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting. Eric will be sending out a interest survey soon. It was also suggested that the shooters for the hunt test receive hats or shirts as a Thank you for volunteering.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20p motion by Heidi Hebert 2nd by Judy Merians.

Minutes recorded by
Alison Weber
Club Secretary MFWRC