

Hello Members,

January 8, 2022 Zoom Board Meeting

Members in attendance:

Heidi Wszolek

Pat Swallows

Chris Schram

Alison Weber

Kim Bridgewater

Eric Petrosky

Gen Dever

Robert Pantier

Guest- Judy Merians

The zoom meeting was called to order by President Heidi Wszolek at 9:00a.

Chris Schram presented the 2021 Financial Report. The club lost about \$800 in 2021 but overall the club is in very good shape with a balance of about \$31,000. Michigan Flyways will recoup the loss in 2023. The financial report is attached at the end of the minutes.

Kim Bridgewater compiled a list of members and the membership fees paid and will be attached to the minutes.

### ***Old Business***

Gen Dever has graciously volunteered to maintain the bird pen and birds. Several things were learned in the first year of the new location and structure. There will be some changes made in 2022. The pen will require some maintenance this Spring. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in doing some work to update the pen. The items needed to upgrade and maintain the duck pen will be:

- Tarps
- Better quality water system (animal troughs)
- Straw for ground cover

The size of the pen has worked out very well and made it easier to catch birds.

Case DeYoung did a great job in 2021 on the pond maintenance. There should be a bit less needed this year. The ponds were treated late in the season to help prevent new growth this Spring. Dewey has been advised to not trim so close to the pond edges on the main ponds. The goal will be to keep sections of cover around the edges of the ponds. There will be no “scalping” of the areas around the ponds without the permission of the board. If you have concerns about the condition of the cover please contact one of the board members. Area 3 was leased out to a local farmer for hay so our mowing expenses were slightly lower for the year. It may be leased again this year and therefore that area may be shorter than normal at the beginning of the season. We will be buying round bales from Aaron to help break up some of the openness of area 3. The bales in areas 2 and 4 should be good for 1 more year and then removed by Aaron. The club will purchase bales to replace the old round bales.

Heidi Wszolek will be putting a spread sheet together for the February meeting for the equipment trailer. We have enough equipment for the beginning of the season but may need a few items by July and August. The small trailer lost the back gate and therefore the license plate. The trailer needs to be fixed. If there is a club member that could fabricate a gate for the back it would be greatly appreciated. In the meantime Michigan Flyways will re-register the trailer as a new trailer so that the plate can be replaced.

Alison will be updating the committee lists. If you are currently on a committee and no longer wish to volunteer, want to move to a different committee, or to sign up for a committee, please email me at [gotalab425@icloud.com](mailto:gotalab425@icloud.com). We will also have a board for people to sign up at the meeting in February. The boards to sign up for the hunt test will also be available at the meeting.

The board is considering asking membership for the use of ATV's during our hunt tests. It has proven to be a very useful tool during the set up and tear down of tests. If we have enough members willing to allow the use of their ATV, the board will set a policy that only the owner or member of the club would be operating the ATV. The member would need to sign a liability waiver and also have appropriate insurance coverage on the ATV. Please contact a Hunt Test Chair if you are interested.

An inventory of logo wear will be put together for the meeting in February. The new logo wear items were very successful. The remaining "vintage" logo wear will be sold at a discount until that inventory is depleted.

Steve Smith has again volunteered to take on the port-a potty details. He will be contacting a few companies to get some new price quotes.

The mailbox has been fixed and a new book for 2022 has been purchased. Chris Schram is going to put a spread sheet together on ground usage. It will include what areas were used most and at what times.

### **New Business**

The hall rental is all set for the 2022 season. We will have the hall for the meeting in February and the 3 hunt tests. **The general and annual meetings will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Locke Township Hall beginning at 9:00a.**

According to the membership survey things seem to be going pretty well. All judge recommendations and judges to avoid have been sent to Adele Yunck for use in obtaining our judges slate for 2022. Alison Weber will compile a FAQ's sheet answering the questions that were brought up in the survey and will be sent out in a separate email. We will ask Carol Lowe if this is something that can be added to the website.

We received great feedback from the seminar survey. Thank you to all that participated.

Michigan Flyways will be using Scheffler Farms this season for our ducks. The deposits have been sent so we are locked in for this season. All pre-order requests will need to go directly to Heidi Wszolek so that she can add them to the hunt test order. If you wish to obtain birds after the pre order you must contact Gen Dever. All birds will need to be obtained in a timely manner. Any birds left over will be used for future live flyer events.

The positions for officers and directors are up for nomination for 2022. If you would like to volunteer for a position please contact Alison Weber [gotalab425@icloud.com](mailto:gotalab425@icloud.com) or Linda Nichols at [lnichols@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lnichols@sbcglobal.net). The positions up for nomination are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Directors (3)

From now until February 13<sup>th</sup> Linda Nichols and I will be gathering the nominations. We will accept nominations from the floor as long as those nominated are present at the general meeting on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**AKC has implemented a new waitlist rule for the 2022 hunt test season. Michigan Flyways will use a waiting list for MH entries that are received after the test has filled but prior to the published closing date. There will be a limit of 10 dogs allowed from the waitlist. If, after closing and up to 9:00a the Friday before the test, there are entries that are scratched, dogs may be taken from the waiting list to run in the position of the absent dogs. Your dog must be on the waiting list to be eligible for the open positions. Dogs called from the waiting list shall be prioritized in the order the entries were received. Judy Merians will contact the next person on the waiting list if known scratches occur after the closing. You will have 4 hours to return the call or it will go to the next person on the wait list. Payment for any entry that is moved up from the wait list is due by 7:30a the morning of the test and given to Judy Merians or the hunt test chair at the Locke Township Hall. Please be prepared to pay with exact cash or a check. The amount due is the full entry fee plus the \$4.85 service charge due to Entry Express. They will move all dogs taken from the wait list after close to the bottom of the running order so their results can be recorded. Please contact Judy Merians at [mikemerians@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemerians@yahoo.com) for questions regarding this new rule.**

There have been some changes to the guest pass policies.

- If you attend a seminar you will have the ability to purchase additional guest passes at \$25/day and these can be used 2 days before or 2 days after the seminar. You must be accompanied by a Jorgensen's Training Member. This will include attendees and presenters.
- 2 guest passes will be allowed per Jorgensen's Training Member

New in 2022 **Groups will consist of 2 or more people and those groups will be limited to 2 adjacent areas on the training grounds.** Motioned by Eric Petrosky second by Chris Schram all members in favor.

Communication with Aaron will continue to be done through Heidi Wszolek and questions or concerns about the grounds should be done through the Chairperson of the Grounds Committee and Heidi Wszolek. This includes any trimming or mowing that a member may want done. Please do not take it upon yourself to make that decision.

Cher Craite has agreed to be the Chairperson for the Training Committee. She will be in charge of all training correspondence including dates, topics and wrap up emails. She will be sending out an email asking for volunteers to facilitate the upcoming training days. If you are interested, please reach out to Cher at [mizak2labs@gmail.com](mailto:mizak2labs@gmail.com). The dates for this year will be:

1. May 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>
2. June 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>
3. July 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>
4. August 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>

The board will be creating a price sheet for all Club events that are held on the property. This will help maintain consistency in our pricing for these events.

Michigan Flyways will be hosting 3 seminars this year. The board is asking for volunteers who are not attending these seminars, as a working spot or auditor, to help facilitate the seminars and help with registrations. Due to the high demand there will be a registration close out date for each seminar. If we get more attendees than what we have spots for there will be a random draw made by a board member that is not attending that particular seminar. All others will be placed on a waitlist. We will be utilizing workers (for work hours) rather than working auditors. More information about each seminar and the spots allowed will be sent out in an email towards the end of the month.

- **Pat Burns July 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** for Advanced Senior and Master/Trial level dogs - this will be a Transitional Workshop.
- **Kevin Cheff Personalized Workshop Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** - Advanced Senior/Master/Trial level dogs. This workshop will focus on the individual needs of each dog and handler team. Using information collected by you, Kevin will formulate a plan to tackle your issues and strengthen your game.
- **Carol Cassity June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Skills and Drill Workshop** all levels. (Not all dogs will be participating in all scenarios.)

Later in 2022 we will be reaching out to our own club members to see if anyone is interested in holding a 1 day presentation on "training day set ups", other training topics or canine health and wellness seminars. If you are interested in doing this for 2023 please reach out to Pat Swallows at [TopmastGoldens@gmail.com](mailto:TopmastGoldens@gmail.com). Pat Swallows will be checking into obtaining grants provided to clubs that host canine health and wellness clinics. This would be something to consider adding to the schedule in 2023.

2022 Jorgensen Training Membership dues will remain at \$175 to those that had enough work hours and \$450 for those that did not meet that requirement. The number of hours to obtain a discounted training membership for 2023 will remain at 16 hours. Working 1 day at a Hunt Test is strongly recommended. Motioned by Chris Schram seconded by Robert Pantier, all were in favor.

Some changes are being made in regards to our Master Stakes. Because of the lack of workers we are only holding 1 Master Stake for all 3 of our hunt tests in 2022. These tests will be a 66 dog entry limit. During the February meeting we will see if there is enough interest in holding a possible mid-week Master test in June, August or September. We will provide a separate worker sign up board for this test. Motion by Eric Petrosky seconded by Robert Pantier. All in favor.

There will be a club policy put in place regarding the end time of the Master Stakes across the board. The end times will be included in the judges acceptance letter and will also be posted in the premium. Any extensions will need to be approved by the Hunt Test Committee.

There will be a discussion at the February meeting regarding interest in holding tailgates this season. Also up for discussion will be to continue to have 1 or 2 big ticket items for raffle rather than a large raffle table.

Adele Yunck is working on the judging slate for this season and it will be posted on the worker boards as soon as the judges are confirmed. If you have ideas for judges or would like to volunteer please contact Adele at [abyunck@gmail.com](mailto:abyunck@gmail.com).

If any of our members have contacts with school groups, shooting teams, 4H etc. please submit the contact information to Alison Weber at [gotalab425@icloud.com](mailto:gotalab425@icloud.com) so that I can pass along that information to the worker committee.

The Toller club will be hosting a 1 day Toller only test on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Golden Retriever National will be coming to Michigan September 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and will be holding their hunt tests at Jorgensen's, as well as the Chessie National Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

Moving forward no equipment will be leased out to other clubs for their events being held on the property.

Judy Merians and Cathy Brush are doing inventory on the ribbons. Ribbons may have to be ordered for later in the year.

The club has 14 boxes of blanks and 14 boxes of live ammo. We will need 6 cases, which may be adjusted according to Master Tests and live shot flyer events. We will buy enough to cover the year. We have plenty of map gas for the season.

Bob Carlson will once again provide our membership cards and stickers!

The club would like to have a live shot flyer day in May before the hunt test and another in June. More information to follow.

Our training grounds permit is due this year and will be a 3 year renewal.

We would like to encourage our members to reach out to the membership if you have dog related items to sell/trade or if you are looking for items needed on a temporary basis.

Gen Dever will be gathering information on the possibility of holding a Super Retriever Series on the Jorgensen Training grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05p by Heidi Wszolek.

Minutes submitted by Alison Weber  
Michigan Flyways Club Secretary