

The annual meeting of the Brandon Retriever Club was held at the Old Style Butcher Shop on Nov. 13th 2017 at 7:30 p.m. There were 9 members present with President Fred Benjaminson in the chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the Nov 29th 2017 meeting were read and adopted on motion of Phil MacMillan seconded by Scotty Gillespie. Carried.

Business from the Minutes – Website is up and running: 2nd mower is back on the grounds: Signs were fixed on no. 2 grounds: Neal will mow east side of grounds 3 and grounds 1 after it freezes. This should help to get the cattails under control.

Correspondence - None

Accounts

Dues – NRCC \$75.00, CKC \$78.75, National Hunt \$50 Training Supplies \$312, Freezer Hydro \$100, Room Rental \$30.00 Dumpster donation \$100. Moved by Dawne McKenzie seconded by Garry Genaille that the bills be paid. Carried.

Financial Report

Dawne presented the financial report noting that we a very good year mainly due to the turnout at the first trial. Our profit was 6106.15. The financial statement is a bit misleading as due to the year-end change, we had not paid 3280.96 in year end expenses that would normally have been paid by Oct 31st. Neal's generosity in funding ground maintenance expenses including use of his equipment and supplying gas to run both the equipment and water pumping that was necessary in Aug. Moved by Dawne McKenzie, seconded by Ron Taylor that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

Reports

Grounds – Both Grounds 1 and 2 had to be pumped in order to host the Aug. trial. We believe that Graham Street pulled the round pump out but is not on top of the deep freeze so Dawne will follow-up with him. Puhatch's cheque of 150.00 has been received for hay on Grounds 3. Neal will contact Dennis re hay on Grounds 2 and 3. Puhatch requested hay on all grounds but it was decided that we will continue to allow Dennis to hay 2 and 3. Puhatch requested that he be allowed to fertilize and put grass seed on Grounds 3. Moved by Neal and seconded by Phil that we cut the price we charge him per hay bale to \$10 next year if he supplies the labor, seed and fertilizer. Carried

Judges – John McDonald will do one Open. Chuck volunteered to Judge and Open with Neal. Neal and Dawne have talked to Todd and Benita Osterness from from Lowry Minnesota to judge one Open for us. There was some concern about having a couple judge but that is the only way we can get them to come. Dawne will continue to try and put the judging panels in place If you would like to judge in 2019 please contact her.

Fred discussed the changes the directors voted on re the Retriever Council recommendations to CKC that were brought to the attention and voted on by the directors.

Website – Graham did an excellent job and it has attracted some new members.

Guns – Stan repaired all our guns, scrapping some in order to get parts to repair others. We thank him as he did this for free. A discussion followed about purchasing a Thunder Launcher gun to be shared with the other Manitoba clubs as the price of popper loads has become extremely expensive. Moved by

Ron Taylor and seconded by Ross Peden that we purchase one but continue to explore reasonably priced reloads. Carried. Ross and Garry will reload shells for the club next year.

NRCC – Dawne reported that the National will be held in Brighton, Ont. At Dave Thompson’s from Sept 9th to 15th. The banquet will be held on the 7th. Judges will be Gerry Pozzebon, Chris Bayles, and Sharon VanDerLee. The Amateur National will be hosted by Alberta Retriever Club and judged by Barry Grundy, Chris Mason and Nolan Nelkebrecher. Sponsors Purina will provide \$10,000 next year but since they are reducing their sponsorship they will no longer require exclusivity. Avery has a problem shipping and that will be addressed NRCC and the company rep. Garman contract is good until next year. It is \$3000 US, DU continues to provide trophies and Zinger contract is not up until next year. Eukanuba has been contacted about becoming a sponsor and is interested. The \$ 5 per dog NRCC collected amounted to \$4517.50 per National. The directors voted to change the judging requirements so that when the National is in the west 2 judges will come from the east and one from the west and vice versa..

Director’s decisions since last meeting.

Ross Peden for National Judge, votes re rule changes from the Retriever Council. To pay website costs of \$100/per year and a review of the welcome letter to new members.

Old Business –None

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee put forward the following names: President: Neal Armstrong, Vice President: Keith Merlin, Sec. Treas: Dawne McKenzie, Past Pres: Fred Benjaminson: Directors: Phil MacMillan, Ron Taylor, John McBride and Chuck Lapensee. Moved by Ron Taylor and seconded by Phil MacMillan that nominations cease. Carried. Fred declared the above elected.

New Business

Neal thanked Fred for the great job he did the past 2 years.

Moved by Ron Taylor seconded by Garry Genaille that we purchase 2 new 4 pole blinds. Carried
Scotty will repair the grey trailer

There was a discussion re moving all the Manitoba and Saskatoon trials forward by 2 weeks possibly in 2020 in order to give people more time to train in the spring and in order to be able to draw on Alberta and Fargo members for possible judges. Dawne will send out an email to key people in all clubs to start the discussion of doing this.

June 1 and 2, 2019 Open, Qual and Junior both days, Aug 24 & 25th Open both days. This was moved by Fred Benjaminson and seconded by Phil MacMillan . Carried. There was a discussion about having minor stakes in Aug. but due to lack of workers this did not seem feasible

Moved by Ron Taylor, seconded by Ross Peden that entry fees be Open \$70.00 to include the \$5.00 NRCC fee, Qualifying \$55.00 and Junior \$45.00

	June Trial	Aug Trial
Chairman	Fred Benjaminson	Ross Peden
Sec	Dawne McKenzie	Dawne McKenzie
Marshall	Neal Armstrong	John McBride
Game Steward	Keith Merlin	Chuck Lapensee
Gun Captain	Dawne McKenzie	Dawne McKenzie
Grounds	Neal Armstrong	Neal Armstrong

Program Scotty will do this one more year. A discussion followed about the need to keep the program in booklet form.

Moved by Ross Peden, seconded by Ron Taylor that dues remain as they are. Carried

Motion to Adjourn Moved by Phil MacMillan, seconded by Fred Benjaminson that we adjourn at 9:30 p.m.