



May 2020

Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club



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Officers

President: M. Tesch
Vice President: John Pena

Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Nancy Bauer

Board of Directors

Dick Dallesasse 2020
Dana Williams 2020
Nancy Bauer 2020
Paul Lampert 2020
Jim Powers 2020
Michelle Chalupka 2021
John Pena 2021
Nan Hegerty 2021
Carl Matuszeski 2021
Mark Tesch 2021
S. Henderson 2022
Dave Juedes 2022
Jim Homeck 2022
Jack Sobzak 2022
Jeff Schilz 2022

Board Meetings

Tuesday July 7, Aug 11,
November 11 & Saturday
January 9, 2021

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<http://www.waftc.org>

Membership

Comments from Secretary Nancy Bauer.

With the current state of affairs surrounding the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board of Directors wrestled with allowing the Spring Hunt Test to proceed as scheduled. There were concerns over our insurance coverage during an announced pandemic, possible complaints by neighbors and passers-by, and just general safety of the participants and workers. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to cancel the test.

The question was asked what the membership could expect concerning the two summer tests (Hunt Test and Field Trial), to which the answer was if the pandemic is still in force, those tests may be at risk for cancellation as well.

Membership Report. Prior members having left the club but remain in good standing are Scott Beck, Rory Honeck, Julie Kobach, Dick Weis and John Hilt. The secretary reported receiving \$100 from David Bauer for a guest membership in 2020. David indicated he would also work the hunt test. Five people requested new member status. Jessie Richards (Pro) **Motion made by Nan Hegerty and seconded by Jim Powers to grant membership to Jessie. Motion passed.** Bobbi Spears (HT) **Motion made by Stu Henderson and seconded by Nan Hegerty to grant membership to Bobbi. Motion passed.** Paul Smith (HT) **Motion made by Michelle Chalupka and seconded by John Pena to grant member status to Paul. Motion Passed.** Matt Puddy (HT) **Motion made by Dana Williams and seconded by St Henderson to grant membership statue to Matt. Motion passed.** Skye Henderson (HT) **Motion made by Dave Juedes and seconded by Dick Dallesasse to grant membership status to Skye. Motion passed.**

Life Membership Request. The secretary received a letter from Richard Kovatch requesting Life Membership. Richard has met all requirements for life membership. **Motion made by Dave Juedes and seconded by Dana Williams to extent life membership to Richard Kovatch. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report. Michelle Chalupka provided report as Paul Lampert was absent. As of May 5, 2020 the checking account balance is \$37,709.97. The Hunt Test checking account balance is \$2,458.47. The Field Trial checking account balance is \$1,500.00. Current mortgage balance was not available. The George Hegerty Memorial Fund has \$1,500 and consideration should be given for best use of this money. **Motion made by Carl Matuszeski and seconded by Nan Hegerty to accept the report. Motion passed.**

Board Member Indemnify. President Mark Tesch requested Michelle to purchase insurance coverage for board members. **Motion made by Stu Henderson and seconded by Dick Dallesasse to purchase this insurance coverage. Motion passed.**

Treasurer Chair Position. Paul Lampert has announced his resignation from the treasurer position. President Mark Tesch requested the board members to consider filling this role. This will be an agenda item for the July board meeting.

Grounds

Improvement Committee. Chairperson Dave Juedes reported due to loss of funds from cancelled events he assumed there would be no funds for grounds improvement this year.

Maintenance Committee. Chairperson Carl Matuszeski reported on work accomplished during February work day. Nancy Bauer stated that permits for pond spraying have been applied for from the state and reiterated there is no charge to the club if spraying is not required.

Event Chairs

Spring Licensed Field Trial
D. Dallessasse 920.539.7050
Tom McLeod 262.673.4869

Fall Licensed Field Trial
D. Dallessasse 920.539.7050
Tom McLeod 262.673.4869

Licensed Trial Secretary
Nan Hegerty 414.491.2520

Spring Hunting Test Chair
S. Henderson 920.948.4323

Summer Hunting Test Chair
S. Henderson 920.948.4323
Nancy Bauer 262.707.2107

Hunting Test Secretary
S. Dorscheid 920.246.3075

Grounds: Carl Matuszeski
920.689.2396

Newsletter: Gary L. Epple
414.405.0440

Calendar of Events

Work date:
August 22, 2020.

Spring Field Trial:
Cancelled

Spring Hunting Test:
Cancelled

Horicon Retriever Club
Hunt Test, June 19-21

Ozaukee Retriever Field
Trial: Oct 7, 8, 9, 10, 2020

Technical Pond. Concern was voiced by John Pena regarding the safety of the dogs and suggested some type of fencing should be installed. President Mark Tesch asked John to get a quote for the work and present proposal at the July meeting for discussion.

Events

Ozaukee Retriever Club. The Ozaukee club locked in their contract with WAFTC to run their Field Trial event at the January 2020 board meeting. Consideration was given to revisit this contract, but upon further thought, opted not to do so. Dick Dallessasse spoke for the Ozaukee club.

Horicon Retriever Club. A new proposal was presented to the board for the June event. Jack Sobczak on behalf of the Horicon HRC presented the change from a flat fee of \$1500 plus \$6 per dog (including septic and dumpster fee) to \$11 per dog (to include septic and dumpster fee) which would result in \$2,860 income for the club. **Motion by Nan Hegerty and seconded by Dave Juedes to charge HRC \$11 per dog (and septic and dumpster fee). Motion passed.**

WAFTC Spring Hunt Test Dilemma. The secretary Nancy Bauer started the discussion by listing the pre-work accomplished to ensure the safety of the event, its workers and participants. She listed the personal protective equipment purchased to protect workers. Mark Tesch announced that as Horicon Fire Chief, he could not be on the grounds due to the Safer at Home Directive. Michelle Chalupka provided discussion with the club's insurance agent, stating the club would be liable for a lawsuit as the word 'Pandemic' is considered an act of God and therefore would not be covered. Michelle was also informed that the conduct of an event during the Safer at Home Directive would leave the club open for liability due to the Governor's guidance. Due to the contentious nature of the discussion the president requested that the board members vote by written ballot. **The board voted to cancel the Spring Hunt Test by a vote of 10-2. Motion failed.**

Club Website. The secretary contacted Rich Barnett, who stated the website was up to date. He announced his desire to vacate this position, but would continue until a volunteer comes forward.

Announcements and Correspondence. The secretary read a 'thank you' card from Paul Lampert for the gift card sent to him during his hospital stay. The card is posted on the club bulletin board for all to view.

Policies and Procedures. No report.