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Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club



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Treasurer: Bill Akin
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John Pena 2021
Nan Hegerty 2021
Carl Matuszeski 2021
Mark Tesch 2021
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Dave Juedes 2022
Jim Homeck 2022
Jack Sobczak 2022
Jeff Schilz 2022

Board Meetings

**November 11 & Saturday
January 9, 2021**

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<http://www.waftc.org>

Membership

Comments from Secretary Nancy Bauer.

I would like to thank those of you who worked the Hunt Test and Field Trial this year. It truly takes an army of dedicated people to ensure we can run these events without spending money to hire workers as is the case at some of the area clubs. This year was (and remains) especially difficult with Corona Virus dictating our every move. Our income was half its usual amount, of course impacting our ability to do some of the upgrades to the grounds we were hoping to complete. Thankfully with plenty of rain throughout the year, we didn't need to spend money to treat weeds. For those of you who are still training, I think you will agree that the grounds and ponds are in top shape. If you see Carl while you are out and about, make sure you thank him for the great job he's done this year. I am in the process of readying the year end mailing to go out (which includes your bill for dues renewal as well as money owed for any unworked days). Please be advised that if you don't have your bill paid prior to the vote for new board members, per the Policies and Procedures, we cannot count your ballot. Please get your payment in the mail in time so the voting represents the entire membership.

Membership Update. At the July meeting the secretary reported on receiving Guest memberships from **Anne Millane**, **Rob Duerhing**, and **Jaci Bowman**, having sent all checks to Michelle for deposit. She also received a new membership application from **Rory McCarthy** who was sponsored by Dave Juedes and Tyler Lampert. Motion was made by Nan Hegerty and seconded by Michelle Chalupka to grant membership to Rory. Motion passed. The Treasurer Paul Lampert has submitted his resignation letter with the last day of service to the club on July 15th. Michelle Chalupka has filled in admirably as the Treasurer in Paul's absence, the club is in need of not only a new board member, but a Treasurer as well. The Board reached out to Bill Akin (next up on the election list) and he was ready to answer the call. Bill is the new Treasurer and board member.

Treasurer's Report

Report by Interim Treasurer. Michelle Chalupka delivered the following report. The mortgage balance is \$93,878.50, the checking account balance is \$32,527.74, the Hunt Test checking account is \$2,458.47, and the Field Trial checking account balance is \$1,500.00. Motion made by Carl Matuszeski and seconded by Dick Dallesasse to accept the report. Motion passed. Michelle reported liability insurance coverage now in effect for all members of the board. The cost of the policy is \$750 and provides \$1M in coverage.

George Hegerty Memorial Fund. The fund has risen to \$1,500. Nan was asked if there were any special projects she would like the money to help fund, but she graciously asked that the money be deposited into the general fund and used where needed. Motion was made by Jim Powers and seconded by Carl Matuszeski to deposit that money into the general fund. Motion passed.

Grounds

Improvement Committee. Chairperson Dave Juedes reported due to loss of funds from the spring Field Trial and spring Hunt Test, his team is not looking to make any improvement this year. The scrape which was in last year's budget remains at the front of the list when our financial situation improves.

Maintenance Committee. Carl Matuszeski reported that the grass at the Cedar road grounds was cut at no cost by Jeff Becker. Carl thanked Tom McLeod for helping to cut all the points on the clubhouse grounds. He also reminded everyone that the small pond on the Cedar road grounds is in need of repair as the muskrats have created many large holes around the edges. Mark Tesch willingly gave up his entire weekend, rented equipment and used it to repair the pond edges. All is now safe for dogs and handlers alike. Please remember to check the area in which you are training before running your dogs. Report any issues to one of the Board members.

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Event Chairs

Spring Licensed Field Trial
D. Dallesasse 920.539.7050
Tom McLeod 262.673.4869

Fall Licensed Field Trial
D. Dallesasse 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

Lastly, Carl reported that the tractor which was repaired at high cost last year is down again and requires similar cash infusion for repairs. The board decided to have Waupun repair shop provide an estimate for the repair. In the short term, Carl and Tom have been cutting the grass with privately owned mowers. When the tractor was evaluated by the mechanic, we received good news, the fix wasn't as expensive as originally thought. It is now back on the grounds in great shape.

Technical Pond. Concern was voiced by John Pena regarding the safety of the dogs and suggested some type of fencing should be installed. Previously, the board approved the study regarding cost and further update. John estimated cost of materials at \$170 and he would provide the labor. Motion was made by Nan Hegerty and seconded by Dick Dallesasse to allow John to spend up to \$200. Motion passed. John purchased the supplies and did the work himself. Thanks John!

Events

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.

Policies and Procedures. Reviewed and updated by Jim Powers and Nancy Bauer. When finalized document will be presented to the board for final approval.

Professional Trainer Days. A request was received to increase their allowed training days. Jim Powers pointed to the Policies and Procedures which defines the days allotted to them and the grounds in which they are allowed to use on those days. Motion was made by Carl Matuszeski and seconded by Dana Williams to keep their work days the same. Motion passed.

Emergency Board Meeting. An emergency meeting was held on September 1st regarding the water quality and safety surrounding the large pond on the Ev Hosea property. It was determined that the fall field trial would be held and President Mark Tesch trusted Dick and Tom to work out a plausible solution. The next issue was with regard to the Ozaukee Field Trial Club as they had been given the go-ahead to rent the Ev Hosea large pond for their trial. Mark suggested they be given a special one-time authorization to use both properties. He also stated this would not set a precedent for future tests. A motion was made by Dave Juedes and seconded by Carl Matuszeski to grant the use of both grounds to the Ozaukee Field Trial Club for their fall test. Motion passed.

The specific issue at hand was the water quality of the large pond on the Ev Hosea property. Mark related that he had collected samples from all ponds and given the samples to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, who tested and returned the all clear on every pond to include the large pond on the Ev Hosea property. Mark then gave a run down on the timeline of the events having occurred to spur this meeting. (A member who did not agree with the results of the sampling took it upon himself to collect a sample and drive it to Madison, where he was given a positive result for Blue/Green algae which he shared with the board after the fact.) Mark and Nancy called the contact in Madison and discussed her findings. Simply put, there can be multiple tests with different results. The issue is magnified by the carp in the pond, farm runoff, as well as the fact there are no weeds. Mark felt the pond issue requires more attention and asked that a committee be formed to manage that. Nancy agreed to chair the new committee and will work with Dick and Michelle to manage the issues surrounding the ponds. The board determined there should be an update to the Policies and Procedures addressing the occurrence of members reaching outside the club without board approval. A motion was made by Carl Matuszeski and seconded by Michelle Chalupka to locate and hire a third party to test our water. Motion passed.

The follow up testing was completed and results returned allowing the safe opening of the pond. Thank you to everyone for your patience in altering your training to allow the process to go full circle.