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UPCOMING EVENTS

Informal Trials
December 18, 2011
January 15, 2012
February 19, 2012
March 18, 2012
April 15, 2012

ANNUAL CLUB PARTY
February 4, 2012

Election of Officers &
Board Members
December 6, 2011

CLUB MEETINGS
December 6, 2011
January 3, 2012
February 7, 2012
March 6, 2012
April 3, 2012

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM

The regular September 6, 2011 meeting of CMRC was called to order by President Mike Gohman. Officers present were Mike Gohman, Roger Weller, Linda Twiss and Paul Hanson. Board members present were Duane Smith, Gordie Schlichting, Mark Belford and Mike Nugent. Also present were Bruce Zieglmeier, Dan Hills, Nathan Gainey, Jim Stang, John Thien and Dan Stavrum.

Paul Hanson gave the treasurer's report which indicated that our net income for 2011 is down approximately \$12,000 from 2010. Our expenses for 2011 were down compared to 2010. Mark Belford raised the issue that the club has spent money that has not been authorized by the board. The by-laws currently read that expenditures over \$100 need to be approved by the board. Large and out of the ordinary expenses should be brought before the board.

The Septic system was discussed. A total septic system would run \$15,000. The water meter indicated that CMRC averages 8 to 10 gallons of usage per day now. The cost of the design of a new septic system would be \$650 which includes the ground water testing, the drawing up of the plan and the presentation of the plan to the Benton County Board for approval.

Ground Improvement items that need to be addressed include the 444 tractor which needs a clutch, the islands in the goose slew that are moving with the bog is floating into the culvert and the 2 culverts (by the truck box and by the outflow by the turn around) which need to be reset and/or replaced. Chad Sweep has the equipment i.e. back hoe that we could use for the repairs and Bruce Zieglmeier is able to operate the back hoe. Bruce will put together a written plan for the job and materials. It was voted to repair the tractor and the topic of selling the existing tractors and purchasing a new tractor was raised.

Paul Hanson volunteered to be the grounds scheduler with regards to Pros training on the grounds. CMRC voted to give Paul the latitude to develop a training policy and fees for the Pros.

Annual elections of officers and board members will be held at the December 6, 2011 meeting. Mark your calendars and come support your club. If anyone is interested in serving the club, contact Linda and put your name on the ballot. The nomination committee will present their recommendations at the meeting.

February 4, 2012 is the annual awards banquet for CMRC. The high point trophies for dogs running the Informal trials during 2011 will be given out. The event is a major fund raiser for CMRC with several raffles and silent auctions throughout the evening. Members of CMRC are encouraged to solicit donations from various merchants and individuals to use as part of the prizes for the evening. Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the letter that we suggest you use to present to merchants as you solicit donations. Help make our fund raiser a success!

I am enclosing a membership application form for the year 2012. Annual dues for the club are due in January. Please return this form to Linda Twiss and your membership card will be mailed to you. You need to be a member to use the grounds for training.

I am attaching a copy of the 2011 CMRC roster as of December 1, 2011. Please check to be sure that I have spelled your name correctly and all phone numbers are correct. As you can see, our membership is growing and we now have over 140 members.

The first Informal trial of the winter will be held on December 18, 2011. Sign up begins at 8:00 am and the trial begins at 9:00 am. We hold an Open (with multiple marks and blinds), Qualifying (which involves up to a triple with blinds), Derby (which is for dogs under the age of 2), Hunters (which has singles or double marks and maybe a blind) and Puppy (which is for dogs under the age of 1). Lunch is served in the club house. We ask handlers to step forward and help throw birds. The success of the Informals comes from everyone pitching in and helping out. Entry fees are \$15 for the Open and Qualifying, \$12 for the Derby and Hunter and \$10 for the Puppy stake.

Linda Twiss - editor