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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7:00 PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP AND EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 14, 2017.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
4 th – Judges' Seminar	11 th – Club Meeting	9 th – Club Meeting &	13 th – Club Meeting
14 th – Club Meeting	23 rd – Informal	Shot Clinic	16 th -18 th Hunt Test
19 th – Informal		11 th – Purina Handling Clinic	
		12 th – Purina Awards Dinner	
		26 th -28 th - Spring Field Trial	

Note: The April Informal has been rescheduled due to Easter. The Shot clinic is scheduled in conjunction with the May meeting. Doc Dennis Nelson makes a generous donation back to the club from his profits of the clinic. Any dog is welcome and owners need not be club members.

The February 14, 2017 meeting for CMRC was held at the club house.

Officers and Board members present: Mark Belford, Linda Twiss, Duane Smith, Gordie Schlichting, Mike Verdon, Dan Stavrum and Steve Goetze.

Members present: John Thiem, Jim Stang, Chad Sweep and Sharon Sweep.

Mark Belford opened the meeting with the comments that Sharon Sweep has been a very active member of CMRC for years. She was voted in as a voting member of CMRC by the board members present.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The minutes from the February 12, 2017 board meeting was also read and approved.

Gordie Schlichting reported that the upcoming Hunting Test is moving full steam ahead. Gordie is going to get together with Duane Smith and come up with a list of equipment that the club needs to purchase including holding blinds and radios. A full list of equipment will be presented at the March meeting.

Duane Smith will be calling a committee meeting for the Spring Trial. He needs stakes chairs and kids to work the event.

Mike Nugent has stepped forward to spearhead the Grounds Committee. He will schedule a clean-up day to cut brush and move bails. Bruce Zeiglmeier has brushed off the islands in the swimming hole.

Sharon Sweep did a fantastic job with the Club Banquet. She suggested that the club schedule the banquet on the first Saturday of February for consistency. The club is looking for someone to step forward to help Sharon with the planning. CMRC needs to begin solicitations of prizes for the raffles earlier.

CMRC is looking for someone to step up and coordinate the Club Raffle which is drawn at the Hunt test in June.

Linda Twiss will send out a roster to club members with the next Newsletter. She will also contact past members who have dropped their memberships with the hope of having them rejoin the club.

Steve Goetze brought up the topic of adding a new stake to the Informals called a Junior Hunter. The Hunters would have doubles and be formatted like an AKC Senior test. The Junior Hunter would be separate and run singles like an AKC Junior test. It would be run in conjunction with the Puppies. A motion was made and passed with the stipulation that after 2 wins, the dog needs to move up to the Hunters Stake.

A motion was made and passed to purchase a 4 x 8 trailer from Fleet Farm. Dan Stavrum will pick up the trailer that is on sale. CMRC would be able to use the trailer to haul equipment to the fields during an event.

The Board met on February 12, 2017.

Board Members present were: Mark Belford, Mike Nugent, Linda Twiss, Dan Stavrum and Mike Verdon. Also present was John Buesgens.

President Mark Belford welcomed the club members present. He stressed that Board meetings are open to all club members.

Mark Belford shared the information that Treasurer John Shoffner provided. The treasurer will be the one to approve payments of bills from the club. The bookkeeper will do the Quick Books and reconcile the monthly bank statements. The Finance Committee of the past will not be needed as the whole club is responsible for club finances.

The board voted that the current signers for the Farmers and Merchants checking account will be John Shoffner, Gordie Schlichting and Linda Twiss. The board voted to obtain a Debit card from Farmers and Merchants Bank. The treasurer John Shoffner will designate who has use of the card.

The PayPal account was discussed. Only certain information comes across with the membership renewals and some information is lost. This led to the confusion concerning the membership roster in 2016.

Linda Twiss went into the club Gmail account and found many things dating back as far as May 2016 that had not been addressed. She will be spending several days clearing things up.

Linda Twiss will draft a Welcome Letter that will go out to **ALL** members with the membership cards.

Goals of the club were discussed.

- Membership involvement was a priority with the possibility of holding meetings on the weekends during the winter, having speakers at the meetings and gathering input from the members. Mike Nugent will use Survey Monkey to send a survey to the membership for input.
- Water Quality – The ponds were in poor shape last year in the fall and they need to be improved this year.
- Fox Tail control
- Well Water Treatment: CMRC needs to put a filter on the well. Mike Nugent volunteered to shock the well to eliminate the odor of the water. The well also needs to be quality checked.

Short Term Goals:

- Better Financials. We should be able to bank \$10,000 per year for improvements.
- Do something with Klick's field such as remove the crown and use the fill to build mounds on the East side of the field.
- Repair the road between Klick's and Tom & Joe's Field.

Long Term Goals:

- Move the profit status of the club to 501-3c.
- Follow up on the AKC member club status.
- Club House – Move or Replace.
- Upgrade equipment.

Ground Usage by Pros was limited to one Pro training on the grounds per day. In 2016, Farmer/Troy were scheduled on Mondays, Tuesday was Stawski and Wednesday was Yozamp. Mark Belford will contact Rick Stawski to verify if he will monitor and schedule the Pros.

Pro Seminar Nights were discussed with possible participants being Farmer, Yozamp, Troy, Stawski and Klein. The nights need to be advertised and glamorized. Mark Belford will contact Rick Stawski to see if he will help organize. These would maybe start in June with one night per Pro.

Purina will be holding a clinic on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at CMRC which is conjunction with the HCARC Spring Trial. Steve Yozamp and Alan Pleasant will be the Pro-handlers leading the clinic. Purina will hold the Purina High Point dinner on Friday, May 12th, 2017 at Jack and Jim's. More information will be coming.

The National Amateur begins on June 17, 2017 in Mondovi, WI. Pre-National training at CMRC will be on June 12-14th, 2017 (Monday through Wednesday). Due to the Hunt Test, which begins on June 16th, the grounds are not available for training on Thursday. Anyone training on the grounds will need to be a member of the club. A coordinator for reserving the grounds for training will be appointed. CMRC should expect larger than normal entries for the spring trial due to the Nationals being held in Minnesota.

Mark Belford has talked to Duane Smith regarding the Field Trial Committee. Duane will be appointing a new judges' selection committee. A suggestion was made that CMRC hold and owner/handler Qualifying and run the OH Qualifying at BRG while running the Amateur on CMRC's grounds. The field trial committee will make the final determination to do this. This would not be implemented until the fall trial.

JANUARY 14, 2017 INFORMAL RESULTS

Open Judges: Tom Lane and Steve Butler 24 Dogs Entered

1 st – Spanky	YLM	Perry Puncocar
2 nd – Gretta	BLF	Mark Jensen
3 rd – Hoover	BLM	Spence Buerkle
4 th – Sadie	BLF	Kip Dixon (handler Todd Caswell)
RJ – Elly	BLF	Mark Belford
JAMS –		
Piper	YLF	Mike Gohman
Bailey	GRF	Wayne Skochenski
Gracie	BLF	Kip Dixon (handler Todd Caswell)
Joe	YLM	Jae Carlson

Qualifying Judges: Sharon and Chad Sweep 26 Dogs Entered

1 st – Hoover	BLM	Spence Buerkle
2 nd – Libby	BLF	Todd Caswell
3 rd – Piper	YLF	Mike Gohman
4 th – Sadie	BLF	Joe Moody
RJ – Neo	BLM	Jace Tramontin

Hunter Judges: Craig O’Dowd and Joe Moody 28 Dogs Entered

1 st – Ty	BLM	Steve Goetze
2 nd – Wrigley	BLM	Todd Caswell
3 rd – Bella	GRF	Joel Ihnen
4 th – Neo	BLM	Jace Tramontin
RJ – Cash	YLM	Mike Verdon
JAMS –		
River	YLM	Dean Hanson
Chester	BLM	Brooks Chandler
Bud Lite	YLM	Roger Peterson
Hooker	YLF	Joel Welinski
Joe	YLM	Jae Carlson

Derby Judges: Mike Gohman and Mike Nugent 7 Dogs Entered

1 st – Trip	GRM	Susan Kluesner
2 nd – Ty	BLM	Steve Goetze

Puppy Judges: Mike Gohman and Mike Nugent 10 Dogs Entered

1 st – Lovey	GRF	Joel Ihnen
2 nd – Dixie	BLM	Corey Buss
3 rd – Greta	BLF	Wayne Skochenski
4 th – Howie	BLM	Mark Jensen (handler Dan Sayles)