

CMRC NEWS



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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 DECEMBER 12, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 20	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
12 th – Club Meeting	7 th – GMHTA Meeting	3 rd – Club Party	13 th – Club Meeting
17 th - Informal	9 th – Informal	13 th – Club Meeting	18 th - Informal
	21 st - Informal	18 th – Informal	

The September 19th, 2017 meeting for CMRC was held at the club house.

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

Members present: Jim Stang, Rose Meyer, Joe Bacher, Todd Fuchs, Chad and Sharon Sweep.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

Hunt Test Committee: Gordie Schlichting had the ballot from the Master Nationals. The hunt test committee recommended that CMRC nominate Jace Tramontin and Dave Kress as judges for Region 4. This was moved, seconded and carried. It was recommended to have Jace Tramontin be the delegate for CMRC. Mark Belford recommended that the hunt test committee dedicate the 2018 Hunt Test to the memory of John Blackbird.

Field Trial Committee: Duane Smith reported that the fall field trial ran well. Entries were smaller than usual. Our profit was \$4,379.25 for the event. The pig roast was a huge success. Duane Smith along with his company, Canvasworks, Inc. provided the pig for the barbecue. Thank you, Duane.

Raffle Committee: Mike Verdon is hoping to kick off the raffle at the club banquet in February. Having a gun raffle was discussed. We need to have prizes geared for women and children. The drawing will be held at the hunt test with tickets selling for \$10 each or 3 or \$20. A monogrammed club jacket will be used as an incentive for selling the most tickets.

Banquet Committee: Sharon Sweep has agreed to spearhead the club banquet on February 3, 2018. Social hour begins at 5 pm and the dinner will be at 6 pm. Donations towards the raffle are welcome.

Grounds Committee: Mike Nugent suggested that we have a check out list for equipment which has yet to be formatted. Many projects have been accomplished – moving trailers, fields mowed and baled, well has been shocked, plans made to replace water heater and the club house roof has been sealed, again. Mike Nugent moved with Duane Smith seconding a motion to spend \$1,500 on gravel. The motion carried. Gravel is needed to repair the culvert in the club parking lot.

Old Business:

The Pointing Lab Club held an event on the grounds over the Labor Day weekend. The club paid \$900 to rent the grounds for the weekend. Some chukars are still roaming the grounds. CMRC needs to establish a protocol for the use of the club 4-wheeler which was purchased to use for work on the grounds and at CMRC events. Use of the machine is not part of the grounds rental. CMRC will need to have a contract spelling out the liability of the club when the grounds are rented out.

New Business:

The Lab Club borrowed equipment from CMRC for their event. Bill Halfrich agreed to be the watchdog for the safe return of the equipment.

Mark Belford appointed Mike Verdon and Linda Twiss to a nominating committee for filling the positions of officers and board members.

CMRC lost 3 valuable members in 2017. These 3 men, Earl Christianson, John Blackbird and Glenn Heitzman, offered much to the club and retriever game and will be greatly missed.

When Life Member Earl Christianson died recently, his family requested that memorials be directed to CMRC. These monies will be used to create a memorial in his name. Earl donated the pig for the club barbeque held during the September Informal. Earl had been an active dog handler, Informal judge and club member. CMRC is grateful for the generous donations.

Gordy Schlichting reported that an obituary for John Blackbird has been placed in Retriever News under the name of GMHTA. CMRC voted to donate \$200 toward the cost of the ad. A suggestion was made to rebuild the bar in the club house in honor of John. Gordie will follow through.

Life Member Glenn Heitzman also recently passed away. Glenn provided the financing for many of the improvements to the grounds. His memorial plaque is located on the southwest corner of the big water.

Elections will be held at the December 12th meeting. The responsibility of Board members is to attend the monthly club meetings and actively participate in the activities of the club. A question has been raised as to would Monday be a more convenient day to hold the monthly meetings.

Mark Belford as president and Mike Nugent as vice-president have agreed to remain on the board as well as Duane Smith and Gordie Schlichting as trial/hunt test chairs. The positions of secretary and treasurer are up in the air. Linda Twiss is willing

to continue writing the newsletter. She would like to take over the position of treasurer but is willing to continue as secretary if someone else would choose to be the treasurer.

Mike Verdon has agreed to remain on the board as well as Steve Goetze who thought that Monday would be a more convenient day to hold the meetings. Due to his work schedule, Mike Verdon will no longer be able to continue spearheading the raffle committee. Dan Stavrum would like off the board and he would like to be replaced as the Informal Chairman who lines up the judges

CMRC needs club members to step up and keep the club functioning smoothly. Open positions waiting to be filled include:

1. Club Raffle – spearhead the money-making event. Help is available.
2. Informal Trial Chair – duties include lining up the judges, following up on kitchen help, etc.
3. Board Members at Large – help the President with tasks as assigned.
4. Treasurer- maintain check book, pay bills, prepare tax reports, use Quick Books for monthly statements, etc.
5. Secretary – prepare minutes, maintains current membership roster, newsletters, company correspondence, etc.

A special plea is going out to each of you as a club member. How are you willing to serve your club? Please step up to the plate and volunteer for a position. Call Mike Verdon (763-370-2711) or Linda Twiss (612-964-7543).

The opportunity to serve is now.