



October 2018

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2019 Officers, Board Members

President: Chris Brandl

Vice President: Mike Verdon

Secretary: Wayne Anderson

Treasurer: Linda Twiss

Board of Directors:

1 year: Eric Singleton, Greg Murtha, Ray Amundson

2 years: Travis Lund, Wade Thurman, Liz Jerome

3 years: Mark Belford, Wayne Skochenski, Bill Halfrich

Field Trial Chair: Jeff VanGeest

Field Trial Secretary: Wayne Anderson

Hunt Test Chair: Travis Lund

Hunt Test Secretary: Paul Agranoff

BRG Representatives: Bill Halfrich(2021), Wade Thurman(2020); Wayne Skochenski(2019); Ray Amundson(2022).

Oct. 1 Meeting Notes:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Aug. 28 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Linda Twiss reported that we have \$28,202.42 in the checking account and \$15,045.42 in the savings account, both at Wells Fargo. We cleared \$4,500 at the August Hunt Test, which is included in the above checking account, and Linda will give that amount to Bill Halfrich, BRG treasurer, during the Labrador Club trial at CMRC, Oct. 5-7. All Hunt Test profits go directly to BRG.

The fall field trial netted us \$4,738.67. The club voted to delay buying more shares in BRG at this time. The BRG treasury is reported to be in good shape for now. The club would like for BRG at its next meeting to provided a business plan/proposals for future projects. There apparently are no large projects planned at this time, although there seems to be considerable interest in looking for and purchasing another piece of property nearby. Keith Hass and others have been investigating this.

Sept. 14-16 Field Trial Update:

FT Chair Chris Brandl said members worked hard to result in a good profit, but we were short of workers, especially on Saturday. Some paid workers whom we normally depend upon were not able to work on Saturday. Extra effort will be made in 2019 to improve member participation. Chris assembled a spreadsheet showing that, of 80 members in 2018, 13 did not work at all, 11 worked 1 day and the remainder worked 2 or more days during the year. All members will be made aware of this, and reminded that they are expected to work 2 days for paying their \$30 memberships in exchange for training privileges at BRG.

Jeff VanGeest has volunteered to be FT Chair in 2019. He has chaired other events, and has some ideas on getting better member participation at trials and work days.

BRG Update: .

A new approach near the east end of the north grounds on Hwy. 95 will be completed this fall. BRG president Keith Hass said the bird cooler we acquired this year will be wired and charged with coolant this fall or in the spring. This unit will provide a much better system for drying and keeping dead birds viable, especially in the summer.

Defibrillators: Wayne Skochenski said his nephew, an EMT, said not-for-profit organizations can get a 50% discount on units, which normally sell for around \$2,500. Mike Verdon suggested that local EMTs be familiar with whatever unit is purchased.

Elections: All officers and board members were reelected for 2019. (See above list).

New member: Chris James, St. Louis Park MN.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019. Location to be announced later.

Good hunting to all!