

MT GSPC, Inc. Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2003

Meeting called to order at 12:15 a.m. at the home of Chris Eckhoff, Savage, MT
Members present: Nancy Lane, Chris Eckhoff, Alan Heltemes and Jim Wiitala by phone.

Minutes of last meeting approved after motion by Chris, and second by Alan.

President's report:

We have received approval from AKC to hold a sanctioned show match. Once that is completed we will receive Specialty Club Status. AKC has also approved our judging panel for the hunt test in May. Full approval is pending receipt of a \$25 application fee. Nancy sent a personal check to expedite that approval. *Nancy asked that the club reimburse her for that fee. Alan made a motion and Chris seconded. The motion passed, Nancy will ask Carol to write her a check.*

Secretary's report:

Leanne Smith was not in attendance, so there was not a secretary's report. Nancy reported that Leanne has put a lot of work into our newsletter and web site. If you haven't visited the web site recently please do at www.montanagspc.org, it continues to expand and improve. Thank you Leanne.

Treasurer's report:

Carol was not in attendance but she sent information to Nancy to report. Our checking account has \$729.08. Carol has paid our GSPCA dues and our Montana fee for our non-profit status. She asked that we remind members to pay their dues, several officers are still owing.

Old Business:

Only old business is the hunt test and seminar planned for May.

Committee reports:

Jim and Nancy gave a hunt test report. AKC paper work has been sent in and is pending full approval. One hundred quail have been ordered from Mike Jepsen. A Microchip clinic is planned for the same weekend. Jim has contacted a vet tech friend and she is willing to do the chips. She will need a club member to assist with the paper work and fee collecting. We will charge \$20 per dog. We will need about 100 pigeons as well. All members are asked to start collecting pigeons or find suppliers. Nancy will get the entry and brochure out for our event. The charge will be \$50 for seminar participation with a dog (limited to 25 dogs, 20 starting dogs and 5 problem dogs) and \$30 to observe without a dog. Club members may participate for \$10 less either fee. We discussed offering a free one year club membership to all seminar participants. Nancy made a motion to use these fees and offer the free membership. Alan seconded and the motion passed. Jim will reserve rooms at the motel in Three Forks for the judges and let the owner know of our event. He will also line up a porta potty. There will also be an informal BBQ with our hunt test judge Charlie Williams speaking about hunt test basics and scoring. If you know of anyone we should send the entry packet to, please let Leanne or Nancy know.

Field Trial:

Alan proposed a field trial in June. After much discussion it was agreed June is too soon and probably not the best time. A fall date is probably better. Alan will research our options.

New Business:

Leanne had a suggestion that she asked Nancy to bring up. In our efforts to increase membership she wondered if club member that sell pups could offer a free club membership for one year to their puppy buyers. It won't cost the club anything and some or all may renew the membership. Also it gives the new owner a support network they may need of knowledgeable people. *Chris made the motion, Nancy seconded and the motion passed. Chris asked that we work up a certificate to give out with our puppy packets at the time of the sale. Nancy will ask Leanne to do that for us.*

The hunt test committee will get together by phone to finalize any issues.

The next meeting will be at the hunt test if there is time to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 1p.m.