

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017**

Attendance: Liz Gibson, Vice President; Christine Robertson, Treasurer; Jean Fowler, Secretary; Susan Bell, Jim Olson. By phone: Sue Mehring. Absent: Dianne Clark, Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci

Liz convened the meeting at 6:45 pm in her office 3131 Elliot Ave, Seattle, WA. The minutes of the January, 2017 and the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2017 were approved as written.

Secretary's Report (Jean Fowler): The American Kennel Club has been notified of our Annual Meeting and election of officers. They have also been sent a copy of our revised bylaws per AKC rules.

Treasurer's Report (Christine Robertson): Christine has conferred with the Internal Revenue Service and succeeded in getting RHRC reinstated as a non-profit. We will receive a new EIN (Employer Identification Number) as ours had lapsed. Christine will file a 990N form to report our End Of Year income. Christine provided the board with a spread sheet reflecting 2016 Income/Expenditures. January bank balance: Checking: \$4,188/Savings: \$6,000.

Banquet Income:

Collar Raffle: \$30

Auction: \$449

Dinners: \$875.

Banquet Expenses:

Facility: \$1,304

Decorations: \$33

Cost of Awards: \$790.

Committee Reports

Cherry Valley (Jim Olson) – Jim and Cindy Olson and Barbara Hawley met with both Senator Kirk Pearson (Chair of the Natural Resources & Parks Committee) and Senator John Braun (Chair of the Ways and Means Committee). They also met with Senator Dino Rossi who has been newly appointed to fill the late Senator Andy Hill's senate seat. They gave him a draft letter to circulate. The Sporting Dog Sub group has made a decision to push for the use of all 125 acres in Cherry Valley (historical area for dog training). Marty Thenell talked to Russell Link from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife who is in charge of all the public lands in region 4. The following areas are included in the Dog Training Subgroup's request: Crescent Lake – as much land as can be designated for dog training, Stillwater – 400 acres, Cherry Valley – 125 acres. The next meeting of the Dog Training Group will meet in the Fall City Library on February 22nd. All interested parties are encouraged to contact their legislators (both Senator and Legislator) to ask the question "Why can't we have our traditional dog training areas back in Cherry Valley. Senator and Legislator." Historically dog training was allowed until 2006 when the property was closed for salmon habitat restoration and then never opened up again. Telephone calls to your legislator are considered most effective.

Hunt Test Updates: After discussion it was decided to pay for both Thursday and Sunday night motel bills for those judges who live a long distance away and must travel to judge our event. Christine will provide costs/income information to Susan and Liz so that they can develop a proposed budget for the Spring and Fall HRTs. Workers: Sue Meyring is in contact with Martin Morehouse who is the adult leader for the Boy Scouts of the Northlakes District. She is still hopeful that we will get some help from this group. Jean will put an article in the newsletter requesting kid workers. They must be at least 13 years old. They will be paid \$10/hour. It was M/S/P to provide Judges' gifts in cash. Susan will check Monroe restaurants for Judges Dinner on Friday night.

Membership Report (Jean Fowler): 43 members have renewed their membership. The Board divided up the remaining members who have not renewed and will make personal calls. A membership list will be sent to AKC and to all members at the end of February.

Unfinished Business

Bird Crates: Both PSLRA and EGRC need to receive the money back from the sale of the bird crates to Pat Murphy. They are each owed \$300. Liz will contact Doug G. and ask him to pay RHRC so that we can then pay both EGRC and PSLRA.

Judge seminar dates: Tabled to next meeting

New Business

Tri Club Meeting – All three clubs were represented: Jim and Cindy Olson, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell, Linda Johnson and Jerry Leich. After discussion the Trailer Agreement was amended to reflect changing conditions. Major amendments: All clubs will share in the costs of the annual expenses (prorated based on the number of hunt tests that each club holds during the year); Hunt Test Chair will be responsible for equipment inventory taken before and after each event; an Equipment Contingency Fund will be established for repair/replacement of major equipment. After discussion it was M/S/P to accept the Amended Agreement. A copy of the agreement can be obtained by request to the RHRC Secretary.

Training Days – Tentatively established for April 29, 2017.

10 series – Will be held in June. Date to be determined.

Website calendar – Liz will ask Doug to update

Next meeting Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary