

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

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

Liz called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The meeting was being held at her office (3131 Elliott, Seattle).

The minutes of the December 6, 2016 board meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Report of the Secretary: Jean reported that she will file the annual report with the American Kennel Club after the election of officers at the annual meeting on January 28. She will also find out if the AKC wants a copy of the revised bylaws if they are approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: Christine reported bank balances as follows – Checking \$3285.57 and Savings \$6,000.26.

Committee Reports:

Cherry Valley/Jim Olson: Momentum to advocate for the return of Cherry Valley to historical dog training use has been stalled due to the holidays. There will be a meeting on January 19 at the Fall City Library of the steering committee to determine what the next best steps will be. After discussion it was recommended that Jean print an article regarding what the membership can do to put public pressure on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The article will include encouragement for members to contact their legislators along with bullet points that can be used when advocating for the use of Cherry Valley for dog training. The board requested Jean to send the article to Terri Sato with a request that it be published in the PSLRA newsletter.

Election of New Members: No new members this month.

Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee (Susan): The Nominating Committee will be meeting next week. The committee is composed of: Susan Bell (chair), Misalyn Armstrong, and Suzanne Bolwell. All current board members have agreed to serve for the 2017-2018 year.

Hunt Test Judges for Spring and Summer HRTs (Susan Bell): Susan reported that Judges for both tests have been secured.

Master: Neil Henke, Mark Schlender, Carol Hynes, Blake Lemish

Senior/Junior: Dianne Clark & Jim Martin

It was M/S/P to accept the slate of judges for the Spring HRT. It was M/S/P to approve plane fare for these Judges. Susan will book the flights and make hotel reservations.

So far the following judges have agreed to judge at our August HRT: Joe Reinhardt, Carolyn Gull, Mike Collson (Master).

HRT Workers: Liz is still searching for kids to assist us. Sue Meyring has contacted a member of the Boy Scouts who is teaching boy scouts to shoot at the Kenmore gun range. This looks promising.

Status of Winger Purchase by Evergreen: Linda Johnson has ordered the wingers with bird baskets. RHRC will contribute \$100 toward the larger size. PSLRA has not agreed to contribute yet. Jim will ask at the PSLRA Board meeting.

Banquet Update: Betsy Reali reports that all is going well but rsvps are slow to come in. Short report on auction items: E-Collar, crate mats, wine so far. Jean and Betsy will develop bid sheets. Susan, Katie Mearns and Liz Gibson will work on the decorations. Dianne requests that Jean send a thank you card to donors. Sue Meyring will take the minutes at the Annual Meeting. Christine will bring the Cash Box and membership forms.

Judge Seminar: Dianne reports that she spoke with Mike Collson and he told her that Oregon Hunting Retriever Club is sponsoring a Judge Seminar this spring in Oregon. We will hold one next year.

New Business:

Hunt Test Chair/Committee for May HRT: Susan reports that this information needs to be to AKC before February 13. Jean volunteered to be the Chief Marshal. Liz agreed to be HRT Chair and Betsy Reali will shadow her in preparation to be HRT Chair in August.

10 Series Guidelines: After reviewing the responses to Doug's request for member feedback regarding the 10 series, it was decided to leave the event as a 10 series over 2 days. Maximum yardage will be held to 150 yards (Master Hunt Test distances) for the marks. Jean will send out 10 series Guidelines to the Board with changes included.

Trailer/Equipment – Tri Club Agreement: The current agreement leaves out what happens if equipment is lost/stolen. This is one item that needs to be included in the agreement. Additional thoughts include having an inventory of all equipment that is checked prior to any event and after it is over. That way the clubs will know if anything is missing and can locate it before locking the trailer. Perhaps a new position of Equipment Manager should be established. Jim, Liz and Sue will be at the tri-club meeting. The meeting date will be set before the end of February. Possible date is February 4 or 5. Liz will contact Linda Johnson, Jerry Leitch, and Nancy Light. Kim and Chris Dotson also want to attend.

Member of Year and President's Award: Board discussion was held regarding Member of the Year and a suggestion will be made to Doug Gallucci who is also responsible for the President's Award. Also discussed was the 10 Series Perpetual Trophy. Jean will contact Nelson Brown who received it in 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary