

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club**  
**Board Meeting**  
**July 10, 2018**

**Attendance:** President, Doug Gallucci; Vice President, Jim Olson; Secretary, Jean Fowler, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell. By video conference; Secretary, Katie Mearns. By phone: Sue Meyring, Betsy Reali, Dianne Clark

Doug called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Minutes of the June 5 Board meeting were approved.

**Secretary Report (Jean):** No report.

**Treasurer Report (Katie):** RHRC bank balance is \$7125.88, Tri-Club balance is: \$340.71. The 10 series ended up costing RHRC a little over \$200. Wendy was given free entry to the test (1 dog) and reimbursed \$100 for gas. She supplied all the birds, transported and stewarded them (only charging for the cost of birds used). Treasurer's report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cherry Valley (Jim):** Ground maintenance at Cherry Valley has commenced. Jim mowed for 3 hours today while other volunteers trimmed branches. There is a lot more work yet to be done. Volunteers are needed. An additional work day has been scheduled for July 21. There are now 65 acres available for dog training at Cherry Valley. The Commission has directed the dog groups to deal directly with the Wildlife Area Advisory Committee (WAAC). A permit to use the property is required if an event is held there.

**Master National (Susan):** Susan described a proposed amendment to the MN bylaws that would allow any 8 point judge to judge at a Master National. The change would strike the requirement that Master National judges have either handled a dog at a Master National or judged at a Master National. This change has been proposed by the MN BOD in response to the limited pool of judges currently available to judge the Master National. After lengthy discussion during which all RHRC board members voiced their concerns regarding this change, it was decided to ask the membership for their comments. Some questions were asked about amending this proposed change. Susan will contact the Master National regarding our questions and Jean will email the membership. One suggestion was made to have an apprentice program for Master National judges.

**August HRT (Susan):**

(Grounds) - Pepper's Farm has been sold but the new owner is amenable to having our August test there. We will be charged \$500 for used of the grounds on Friday leading to a total cost of \$1500 for the grounds. It was Moved and Passed to charge \$40 for camping on the grounds (2 nights). If a camper is working at the test, there will be no charge.

(Judges) - Steve Elliott/Liz Gibson (Master); Chuck Hilton/Betsy Reali (Junior and Senior). Katie Mearns will as Steve Elliott if he would be interested in staying with her instead of in a motel.

(Ribbons) – Currently we have: 37 Master, 27 Senior, and 31 Junior. Susan will order 15 additional ribbons for each stake.

**Election of New Members** – No new members.

**Unfinished Business**

**10 Series (Katie):** A very successful event. We had 32 dogs and 4 puppies. Weather was great. It was Moved/Second/Passed to pay Wendy \$100 for gas money and not charge her an entry fee. Thanks to Katie Mearns for chairing and to all who helped with this 2 day event. Clarification of who pays for 1<sup>st</sup> place engraving on trophy was discussed and, by tradition, the winner pays for the engraving. This information will be added to the 10 Series instructions.

**Membership Dues Increase:** Per the Bylaws – the Board will discuss this at the November Board meeting, set the dues and announce it in the newsletter.

Annual Banquet location was tabled to the next board meeting.

**Judge Seminar (Doug):** We will need a minimum of 20 people for AKC to approve this seminar. They will also need a 3 month advance notice with 3 potential dates. Handlers as well as prospective judges are encouraged to attend. Hopefully all 3 clubs sponsor the event. Doug believes he can get his Gun Club to donate the club meeting space for the event (for free). Cost to AKC is \$25/attendee. There will be other costs associated: Judge (trainer) expenses, food. Hopefully all three clubs can split the expenses and work together to recruit attendees and advertise the event. The value to handlers will be emphasized when the event is advertised.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

*Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary