

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Board Meeting Minutes

3131 Elliott Ave, Seattle

June 5, 2018

Attendance: Doug Gallucci, President; Jim Olson, Vice President; Jean Fowler, Secretary; Liz Gibson, BMAL. By Phone: Katie Mearns, Treasurer; Susan Bell, Sue Meyring, Dianne Clark, Betsy Reali

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

The minutes of the May 1st meeting were approved as written.

Secretary's Report (Jean Fowler): RHRC received a letter from the Master National Retriever Club (MNRC) indicating that the annual dues to MNRC had been raised from \$50 to \$100. The notice was passed to Treasurer Mearns and it has been paid.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Mearns): Bank Balance - \$6360.50. Katie presented the financial report for the Spring Hunt Test. With only one outstanding bill (PortaPottie), income from the test was \$2260.41. Katie also presented the balance in the Tri-Club account and a budget for the upcoming 10 Series. This report is included with the minutes.

Committee Reports:

* Cherry Valley (Jim Olson): Plans are being drawn up for volunteer work with grounds maintenance. Jim and others met with Washington Fish and Wildlife Director, Joe Store, to discuss the future of dog training in Cherry Valley. The meeting was productive. Jim is hopeful that dog training in Cherry Valley will continue.

* Master Amateur Retriever Club (Dianne Clark): Dianne participated in the 2018 event held in Sedalia, Missouri with her dog Rita. She and Rita completed the tests "clean" and qualified along with 91 other dogs (total of 92 qualifiers). 258 dogs qualified to enter the event with 168 actually competing. Dianne will be writing an article for the newsletter.

Elections of New Members (Jean Fowler): M/S/P to award membership to Tom Caine of Ridgefield, WA. Several delinquent membership have been paid.

Unfinished Business

* 10 Series Update (Katie Mearns): Plans are coming together. Judges for adult dogs are Connie Talbot and Dianne Clark. Judges for puppies are Betsy Reali and Katie Mearns. The event will be held at Jerry Leitch's property in Monroe on June 23/24. Some gunners have been located but more are needed. Susan has ordered the ribbons. Liz will post the event on Facebook Pages for both RHRC and PSLRA.

* Annual Banquet Location – Tabled to July meeting.

* Fall HRT – We will limit entries to 60 dogs in each stake. Judges are still being located.

New Business:

* Membership Dues Increase – It was proposed to increase membership dues from \$25 - \$30 to reflect increased cost of doing club business. Jean and Doug will examine the ByLaws to determine the appropriate process to accomplish this. They will report back in July.

* Scratch Fee – Katie proposed that we change the refund amount to reflect costs to RHRC that are being charged by Entry Express. Susan Bell and Katie Mearns will confer to establish the amount and will present it at the next board meeting. Currently RHRC is covering the Entry Express costs (Credit Card fees, shipping fees, program fees) when dogs are scratched.

* “Live Shot Flyers” hunt test sign was proposed as a safety measure. After discussion it was decided that the sign was not really needed at this time.

* Worker names: Katie requests that she receive the full names of the workers so that she can write the checks in advance to pay them. This could be problematic because the hours a worker works are determined at the end of the test.

* Final grounds check – Hunt Test Chair should personally check the grounds for any equipment or garbage left at the test sites before leaving the grounds at the close of the event.

* Number of Event Catalogs – Susan made a motion to buy only the minimum number of catalogs allowed by Entry Express (60% of entry). It was seconded and passed.

* Judge Seminar – Tabled to July meeting.

* Pheasant Hunt – Tabled to July meeting.

* Video Conferencing – Doug and Sue Meyring will try out a couple of applications before the July meeting. Liz also know of a couple and Jim reports that Zoom charges \$15/month.

Announcements: There will be a handling seminar taught by Dave Rorem in September. Registration begins June 15 via the Dave Rorem website. The seminar will be held in Roseburg, Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Jean Fowler, Secretary