

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
Board Meeting
November 6, 2018**

Attendance: Doug Gallucci, President; Jim Olson, Vice President; Jean Fowler, Secretary. Susan Bell, Dianne Clark, Liz Gibson, Sue Meyring.

President Gallucci called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

Correspondence (Jean): RHRC has received two requests for donations from the AKC: AKC Humane Fund and AKC Political Action Committee. Both requests were denied by the board. Our annual charity donation will go to Chase Away K9 Cancer.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the fact that Treasurer, Katie Mearns, has resigned her position, the Board appointed Sue Meyring to serve as interim treasurer until club elections in 2019. Sue was elected by unanimous voice vote. Sue Meyring and Susan Bell will secure a bank account at the Bank of America in the near future. With Katie's departure, the working checking account was closed out and the cash balance transmitted to a cashier's check in the amount of \$7787.97. This check will be deposited in the new account. The Tri-Club account has not been changed and is still active. The Club PayPal account will be updated with the new account number.

Committee Reports:

- *Cherry Valley Update (Jim Olson):* A plan for the use of Cherry Valley during 2019 is under development. There has been progress between farmers using the land, dog training groups and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on how the land can be best used for dog training, farming and wildlife preservation. Barbara Hawley has been very helpful. Meetings will continue throughout the winter.
- *Master National (Susan Bell):* Susan worked in Roseburg, OR at the MN site during the week prior to the event helping with setting up the tests. She reported that every effort was made to develop consistency between judges in how they judged the dogs they were watching. Several tests dogs (all ages and experience) were run on each set up. Fairness, consistency and safety were of high importance. At the general meeting it was reported that 103 clubs had returned their ballots, voting on the two proposed bylaw changes. Both changes passed: Master Amateur Retriever Club pass will count as 2 passes for the Master National and all 8 point master judges will be considered as judges for the Master National (The vote here was 74 votes in favor/29 votes opposed). RHRC did not favor this bylaw change.

Election of New Members: No new members to report.

Unfinished Business:

- *Annual Banquet:* We are still trying to find a location that is more central. If nothing is located in the next couple of weeks, we will ask Barbara Hawley to try to reserve a place at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Doug will call several locations and Jean will investigate a location in Monroe.

- *Judge Seminar (Doug Gallucci):* Doug is continuing to work with AKC. He will try to reserve the Cascade Shooting Sports Club House in Ravensdale. RHRC will not get any profit from this event. The \$25 seminar fee goes to AKC and we can charge a little more for lunches. Suggested charge is \$35. Dianne offered to plan the food for the lunches. We will propose three possible dates in March and AKC will tell us which one they can do.

It was M/S/P to reimburse the fee of attending the seminar (\$25) to any Rainier Club member who attends the seminar and apprentice judges.

- *Judges List (Susan Bell):* Susan will send current judge list to Liz, Doug and Jean so they can begin to acquire judges for 2019. Brian Hatfield and Tom Quarles have volunteered to judge either for PSLRA or RHRC. The committee will attempt to get informal judge selections prior to the December 11 Board meeting. AKC needs to be contacted to reserve our test dates.

New Business:

- *Nominating Committee:* Dianne Clark volunteered to represent the board. Doug will contact: Liz Skyllingstad, Eric Marek, Ann West, and Bill Woll to see if they will serve on the Nominating Committee.
- *IRS Tax Letter:* Liz will get her copy to Sue for reporting.
- *Dues Increase:* After discussion, it was decided to keep dues at current rate: \$25/individual and \$30 family. It was M/S/P to have no dues increase this year.
- *Awards:* It was suggested that Liz Skyllingstad be contacted to see if she would spearhead the awards at the Annual Meeting. Jean will contact Liz.
- *HRT Entries:* After considerable discussion it was decided that the club would consider running a double junior/double senior and 60 dog master in May. Also under consideration was running a 3 day/90 dog Master. Jean will send out a poll to the membership to see how they feel about a 3 day master event (Friday/Saturday/Sunday). Logistics could be challenging.
- *Radios:* New radios are needed. Doug has researched possibilities. Best offering is Motorola – 6 for \$130 with free shipping and no tax (ebay). It was M/S/P to purchase 12 radios. Cost should come from the Tri-Club account. Jim will communicate proposal to PSLRA and get OK, Susan will contact Nancy Light (EGRC) for their approval. It will be about \$86/club from the Tri-Club Account.

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler, Secretary