

## ***Rainer Hunting Retriever Club***

### ***Meeting Agenda***

April 6, 2021 - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

President Betsy Reali called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Attendance:** Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Sue Meyring, Jean Fowler, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell, Jim Olson, Eric Marek, Dianne Clark, Bill Woll. Absent: Cat Martini-Rashid

**March Minutes:** After the following corrections, the March minutes were approved. Spelling corrections: Dianne, Meyring; clarification regarding coupon use at Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds from last meeting.

**Treasury Report:** Sue Meyring – Bank balance of \$6,802.91 (RHRC) and \$89.75 (Tri-Club). Sue has sent the Tri-Club Quarterly Report to Cindy Olson (PSLRA) and Linda Johnson (EGRC). Sue is organizing an audit of the RHRC books. She will ask Cindy Olson and Patty Gallucci to assist with the audit.

#### **Spring Hunt Test – May 22/23, 2021:**

Event Chair (Susan B.) - Susan deferred to other committee chairs. She did ask the board to consider donating one free test entry to be used in the raffle at the Master Amateur. **It was M/S/P unanimously to contribute a free entry to our May test to the MARC Raffle.** Logistics – If someone enters the test and has purchased the free entry, RHRC will reimburse the individual the cost of the entry fee (excluding the Entry Express fee). Both PSLRA and EGRC are also contributing a free entry to their tests.

Test Secretary (Dianne C.) – Dianne stressed the importance of the test committee being familiar with the rule book. She advised that everyone have a copy with them during setup. Susan has extras and will bring them to the test. Dianne strongly encouraged the test committee to be sure the tests are designed within the bounds of the rule book (decoy placement/brush up blinds/walk up distances, etc).

Chief Marshall (Jean F.) – Jean will select stake marshals after seeing who has entered the tests.

Gun Captain & Ammo (Eric M.) – Eric has gunners for all stakes. He would like to locate individuals who can load the ducks into the wingers. Jim Olson will bring the live ammo. Winger Tubing replacement is 50% finished. Eric, Bill Woll and Randy Clark worked on replacing the tubing on April 3, 2021. They will complete the work on April 9. There may be 2 rolls of tubing left over. After discussion it was decided to sell the tubing to RHRC members and/or return the tubing to Zinger. Eric will also need to purchase additional Zip Ties to finish the work. There will be 12/13 wingers with new tubing.

COVID-19 Practices, Volunteer Coordinator - (Liz G. & Betsy R.): A wide ranging discussion was held with Board members sharing experiences they have had at other recent hunt tests. Even if

Washington State returns to Phase II, we will be able to hold our test under the Agricultural Permit. We will advise people to wear masks, have hand sanitizer and masks available at all stakes, have two handler's guns/stake so that they can be cleaned between contestants. Retrieved birds will be placed on a bucket for judge to inspect. Social distancing will be encouraged.

Volunteers: Liz and Betsy are still working on this issue as well as securing Stake Chairs. Doug Gallucci will see if anyone from Cascade Rifle and Pistol club would be interested. Must be 16 years old and have Hunter Safety Certification to run the wingers. Younger kids can work at the line or plant blinds.

Judges (Dianne Clark): All judges for the May test have been posted on Entry Express.

Meals/Judge Gifts: We discussed making lunches for the workers/judges. This decision will be made as we get closer to the event. **It was M/S/P to give all the judges a \$25 gift card on Friday in lieu of a Judges' Dinner.** Sue Meyring proposed purchasing personalized wood-burned notebooks for our Judges' Thank You Gifts. She will investigate cost and delivery timing.

Equipment: We need additional duck calls. Duck Calls will be sterilized in bleach water at the end of each day.

Birds: The number of Birds we need will be confirmed with Wendy when we know how many entries we have.

Test Dedication Jerry Leitch (Dianne Clark): Dianne is working with Entry Express on this. It will be published in the Program along with Jerry's picture. Colin Ching is doing the write up and will provide it to Dianne.

Dumpster, Sanitation Stations (Liz Skyllingstad): We will provide 3 porta potties and SVRG will provide one. Susan Bell will contact Liz with this information.

New AKC Registration: New rule will go into effect April 1. Workers/Amateurs will be able to register the day before pros can register. Thirty five percent of the entries can be amateur handlers. Dianne will add appropriate information to our Entry Express Post. It will also be posted on our Facebook page and an email notification will be sent to RHRC members on May 1.

Ribbon Count (Dianne C.): We have sufficient ribbons and duck bands for Spring. We will need to order ribbons for our August test.

#### **August Hunt Test Update – August 14/15, 2021:**

- ✓ Judges, Committees – Susan Bell is working on securing Judges. Committee Chairs have not been appointed yet.
- ✓ Birds – We must confirm our arrangement with Wendy during our May test.
- ✓ Grounds – Sue Meyring will confirm our reservation and send a deposit.
- ✓ Entry Express – Dianne Clark will post the test/judges/etc.

- ✓ Raffle: We have a Zinger Winger available (approx. \$200 value) but there are no electronics in the package. Eric volunteered to contact Garmin to see if he can get us a good deal on the electronics. **M/S/P to see if it is possible to get a “used” holding blind that will be auctioned off after the MARC later this month. We will not pay more than \$175.**

**10 Series:** Betsy Reali will see what June weekends Jerry’s Place is available for our 10 Series. We still need someone to Chair the event.

Next Board meeting will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Submitted by *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary