

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
Board Meeting - December 12, 2023

Attendance: Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring. **Absent:** Doug Gallucci, Kevin Medved

President Betsy convened the meeting at 7:03 PM. This meeting was held on December 12 as we did not reach a quorum on December 5, 2023. The time was also moved from the usual scheduled meeting time of 6:30 to 7 PM in hopes that more Board members would be able to join the meeting.

The minutes from the November 7th meeting were approved as printed. Discussion was held regarding the Club Training Days. At the last meeting, it was proposed to hold the training days monthly on the 3rd weekend of the month. Bill Woll questioned the viability of this plan given the number of AKC sanctioned hunt tests that will be held on days that would conflict with this schedule. The Board agreed that training days would be held as often as possible in 2024 but not specifically on the 3rd weekend of every month.

Treasurer Report (Lee Redd): Bank Balance: \$15,625. Lee reported that a few 2024 membership applications had come in (totaling \$165) and suggested that a reminder email should go out soon. After discussion it was M/S/P that new member who had joined after the August Hunt Test would be marked as a paid 2024 member. Jean will email those individuals to let them know.

Lee also reviewed the rental agreement for storing the equipment trailer on the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds. The total for the year will amount to \$600 and when broken down by the TriClub would amount to \$240 for RHRC and PSLRA and \$120 for EGRC. The complication that may arise relates to whether or not PSLRA holds hunt tests in 2024. Jean will notify members of the TriClub.

Old/New Business –

John O. Blackbird Memorial Award – The Master Amateur Retriever Club is seeking nominations for the John O. Blackbird Memorial Award. After discussion, it was decided that Rainier would not submit a nomination.

Committee Updates –

2024 Judges Committee: Bill Woll reported that so far there has been difficulty in reaching individuals. The committee will continue its work after the first of the year. The Master Amateur will not be able to support the transportation of judges who may be interested in exploring the grounds to our test.

Nominating Committee: Betsy Reali reported that no one has agreed to fill the position of President for 2024. The committee will continue to search for candidates. Several names were given to Betsy. This is a 1-year position and it is hoped that someone will agree to be the RHRC President for 2024.

Sunshine Committee: Several names were suggested. Betsy will contact them.

Banquet Committee: Committee (Lee and Tracey Redd, Katie Mearns) are busy securing a venue. Several suggestions were offered by Board Members. Criteria included space for at least 30 people and availability of AV equipment. Additional information will be provided to the membership as it becomes available.

Advanced Judges Seminar: April 6/7 dates are pending with the AKC. Classroom space at the Monroe Fairgrounds is available at \$300 for Saturday, April 6 and an additional \$50 if we need it on April 7. Colin Ching will charge \$250 for April 7 use of GreenLeitch Training Grounds for the field work. Susan indicated that other clubs are charging \$104 Registration Fee for the Advanced Judge Seminar and it was decided that will be our fee as well.

Training Days: RHRC will offer as many training days as possible during 2024. It will depend on site availability and scheduling around licensed hunt tests being held locally and near-by.

For the Good of the Order –

Jean let the Board know that 2024 is the 40th Anniversary of the Founding of the Ranier Hunting Retriever Club. Special acknowledgement will be made during the January Awards Banquet. RHRC.

Philanthropic Donation: In line with our customary annual donation, Jean suggested that Chase Away Cancer receive \$500 donation from RHRC in memory of the many 4-footed companions who have died this year. Earlier this year \$100 was made to Pasado's Safe Haven.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting: January 9th/7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary