

## **Rainier Hunting Retriever Club Annual Meeting – February 5, 2022**

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club held its Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration by Zoom on February 5, 2022.

Attending the meeting electronically: President Betsy Reali, Chuck and Jean Fowler, Randy and Dianne Clark, Christine Robertson, Liz Gibson, Jim Olson, Bill Woll, Colin Ching, Lee Redd, Sue Meyring, Susan Bell, Katie Mearns, Mary Jane Thompson, Addison Pelan, and our speaker, Dr. Naomi Rich DVM.

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. She welcomed everyone and expressed regret that we had to cancel our “in-person” Banquet due to concerns regarding transmission of the Covid virus. She thanked Dr. Rich for preparing and presenting her program. New members to RHRC in 2021 were recognized by name. Betsy also expressed good wishes to Eric Marek, former Member at Large, who has moved to Massachusetts.

President Betsy thanked the 2021 club officers: President, Betsy Reali; Vice President, Doug Gallucci; Secretary, Jean Fowler and Treasurer, Sue Meyring. She then introduced the 2022 Officers who were elected unanimously (23 electronic votes) by member vote earlier:

President: Betsy Reali

Vice President: Doug Gallucci

Secretary: Jean Fowler

Treasurer: Lee Redd

Members at Large: Sue Meyring, Jim Olson, Susan Bell, Cat Martini-Rashid, Liz Gibson, and Dianne Clark

### **Program**

Liz Gibson introduced Dr. Naomi Rich DVM who is a Board-Certified Veterinarian at the Animal Skin and Allergy Clinic in Lynnwood, WA. Dr. Rich built on the program she presented at last year’s Annual Meeting on Canine Dermatology. She expanded on Hypersensitivity In Dogs with details on symptoms, causes and treatments available. Allergies are a common problem and must be diagnosed carefully before deciding on the path of treatment. Several questions were asked by the members watching her presentation. President Betsy expressed the club’s gratitude for her willingness to provide the program on short notice.

### **Club Activities/Accomplishments**

\*\*2021 Financials: The Annual Audit was performed by Treasurer Sue Meyring, Susan Bell and Lee Redd (Incoming Treasurer). No findings were reported. The Financial Summary for 2021 yielded income of \$8431.10.

\*\*RHRC successfully held two AKC sanctioned Hunt Tests in 2021 – May (dedicated to Jerry Leitch) and August. The club had been unable to hold any events in 2020 due to Covid restrictions in WA state.

\*\*Other items of note: contributing Hunt Test Entry Coupons to the Master Amateur Auction, working together with 2 other clubs in the area to provide First Aid Kits for all stakes, Thunder Guns, Radios, Canopies and Holding Blinds.

\*\*Raffle to raise funds for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to be available at all club events this summer. \$1500 were raised. A committee will be formed in March to select the equipment and plan for training in the use of the AED.

\*\*RHRC has an active Sunshine Committee headed by Dianne Clark who sends cards, flowers and/or other messages of support or condolence to club members.

## **Awards**

### **Special Awards**

Completing the evening's program, President Betsy began by announcing two honorary memberships awarded to Brian Hawley and Sheila Leitch. Both Brian and Sheila have shown extraordinary support of RHRC and its activities. She also announced four HERO Awards for individuals who do a lot of work behind the scenes and who help our events run smoothly. HERO Awards went to: Randy Clark, Scott Corely, Jan Etchison and Liz Skyllingstad. The final award went to Addison Pelan, granddaughter of Dianne and Randy Clark. Addison became an AKC Junior Handler with her dog Tripp this past summer.

### **Annual Awards**

*The RHRC Member of the Year* – Bill Woll – was selected by membership vote. Bill has found many ways to support Rainier. He is on the RHRC Board of Directors as a Member at Large, has been Gun Captain at our summer events, serves on the Judge Selection Committee and provides ancillary support in many ways.

The *2021 President's Award* was given to Sue Meyring for 2021. Sue, as outgoing Treasurer, has been a member of the Board of Directors for many years. She has shown unflagging support of RHRC throughout the years.

The *2020 President's Award* given to Jean Fowler by RHRC 2020 President, Jim Olson.

Jean Fowler, club secretary, then announced awards that RHRC members and their dogs had earned in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Ten Plaques and 54 Bars were given out.

As President Betsy closed the meeting, she announced that the RHRC Spring HRT will be held on May 14/15 on the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds in Carnation, WA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary