

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club**  
Board Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024

**Attendance:** Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Sue Meying, Jim Olson, Katie Mearns. Not in attendance: Chris Brasswell, Bill Woll, Kevin Medved, Misalyn Armstrong, Liz Gibson, Doug Gallucci

**Welcome:** President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed new Board and Committee members. As there was not a quorum of Board Members, no final decisions could be made. The minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer Report:** Lee Redd reported that RHRC has \$13,419 in the checking account and that the club is solvent. The Annual Awards Banquet cost the club approximately \$1,300 when considering the cost of the awards (food: \$320, awards: \$967). The Tri-Club account year-end report has also been completed with a couple of items still outstanding from 2023. This includes payment from both Whistling Wings and Cascade HRT for their share of the AED costs. The report was accepted.

**Old/New Business –**

**Committee Updates:**

**May Hunt Test:** John Kinnard and Bob Seitzler will be judging the Master Stake. The committee is still in need of Jr/Senior stake judges. Several possible suggestions were made. Susan will be updating the Covid information on Entry Express if it is needed.

**Banquet DeBrief:** Everyone had a good time at the banquet. The speaker, Dr. Adam Black was well received. A different date/time of year was discussed for the banquet. If the election of officers/awards banquet is held at a different time, the RHRC by-laws will need to be amended.

**Training Day:** Our Training Day is scheduled for February 24 at Cherry Valley. A small committee will be organized just prior to the date to host the event and ensure that all necessary equipment is available and set up. Bill Woll, Liz Gibson and Katie Mearns will head up the committee. They will hold a pre-training meeting on February 20.

**Communication:** The Board discussed social media tools we can use for club and community outreach. For example, “Meet-up” could be used for event scheduling and advertising. Do we need a position devoted to outreach? Lee Redd has contact with a volunteer who is willing to assist with our website issues. A short discussion was held regarding the use of Zoom vs Teams for our board meetings. No decisions were reached.

**AKC Judge Seminar:** We currently have the needed 15 individuals signed up for the seminar that will be held on April 6/7 in Monroe. Katie Mearns volunteered to re-post the seminar on our Facebook page. We will need a small organizing committee to set up the room, meet with the presenters and provide hospitality. The committee will be formed at the end of March.

**Hunt Test Job Descriptions:** The Job Descriptions have been developed and will be approved by the Tri-Club representatives on February 9. They will be posted on our Website and available for distribution as soon as possible.

**Hunt Test Dates:** Information for our May and August tests has been posted on Entry Express. It will be important to note that we will hold a celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our August test. We need to confirm that the grounds have been reserved for that date.

**Items postponed to the March Board meeting**

- Develop a strategy to encourage members to volunteer and help at our events.
- Develop a plan to host a “10 Series” in July
- Amend the Bylaws to change the timeline for recruitment/election of board members

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Submitted by,

Jean Fowler for Misalyn Armstrong, RHRC Secretary