

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Attendance: Reali, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring.

Absent: Doug Gallucci, Kevin Medved

President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:03 PM and welcomed everyone. The December minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Lee Redd): Lee provided a year-end report that is included with these minutes. Bank balance is: \$15,899. The full report will be available at the Banquet. Jean asked about the \$500 donation to Chase Away Cancer in memory of the many RHRC members' dogs who died during 2023. Lee will send the donation this week.

Lee suggested that the board reach out to previous members who have not sent in their membership money. Jean will send a list to the Board for individual calling.

Old/New Business

Legislative Update: Betsy reviewed RHRC position on the legislative restrictions proposed regarding the auctioning of firearms restrictions and proposed changes to WAC 230-06-025. RHRC Board members had voted by email to support a letter written by Cascade Retriever Club objecting to removing firearms as an eligible auction item for nonprofit and/or charitable events. If passed by the legislature, this would greatly impact the fundraising ability of many clubs.

Club Popper Guns: Betsy notified the board that the popper guns being stored at her home must be moved. She and her husband will donate a gun safe to go with the guns. Lee Redd volunteered to store the guns in his garage. We are still waiting for a "buy-back" program to materialize. Betsy may just dismantle the guns we need to retire. A task force that will include tri-club members, will be formed to determine the final fate of the shotguns.

2024 Hunt Test Judges Committee: Committee members, Bill Woll, Susan Bell and Liz Gibson are inviting judges for both spring and fall hunt tests for both PSLRA and RHRC. The reason that they are recruiting for both clubs is that they often run into the situation where they query one judge and find out they are only available to judge on the weekend of the other club's test. So far, they have master judges: Eric Fryer (Fall, PSLRA), Ron Rhodes (Spring, PSLRA), Laura Wineman (Spring, RHRC), Chris Davies (Fall, RHRC). Cindy Meyer has volunteered to judge Junior/Senior stakes if needed. Liz Skyllingstad will be attending the AKC Judge Seminar in April and will be qualified to judge Junior/Senior stakes.

Entry Express: Susan will post RHRC Spring and Fall dates on Entry Express. Local Test Dates are: Spring: PSLRA-May 4/5, RHRC-May 11/12. Summer: EGRC-June 22/23, Fall: RHRC-August 10/11, PSLRA-August-24/25. After discussion, the RHRC board voted to charge the following registration fees: Jr/\$90; Sr/\$95; M/\$105.

Duck Order: Lee Redd has been in contact with Brad and he is watching EE for the number of entries so that he knows how many birds to bring to us. He is also supplying birds to the Master Amateur Invitational.

Nominating Committee Update (Betsy): Open positions being filled are: Vice President: Liz Gibson, Secretary: Misalyn Armstrong, President: interim Betsy Reali (the committee has not found someone willing to hold this position). Chris Braswell will serve as Member at Large. All other positions will continue to be held by current board members. Sunshine committee chair is still open.

Banquet Committee: 18 people have RSVP'd. Time is 6:30 – 8:30 at Pizza Coop. Jean will send out a reminder flyer on Friday and Sunday.

Advanced Judge Seminar: April 6/7, Monroe, WA. Posted on Entry Express-15 people (minimum) have to sign up for the class. We will need a set-up committee. The classroom portion will be held in Evergreen Suites Hotel (Monroe). The field portion will be held at Cascade Kennels. Information will be posted on our Website and Facebook pages.

Training Day: February 24th. Additional dates will be determined monthly. A Training Day Committee will be formed in February.

New Members: Welcome to Mary Hallowell and Jim Pederson.

For the Good of the Order

Betsy recommended the following individuals be recognized as Honorary Members: Sheila Leitch, Brian/Elsa Hawley, Gary Abbott. All three have supported RHRC activities. Gary Abbott is the newest addition.

Request: Bryant Meyer (Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club) has requested that we share our job description documents. The board agreed that this was OK. HT Secretary and HT Event Chair job descriptions have not been finalized. The board also requested that the Job Descriptions be posted on the Website.

Next Board meeting will be 7 PM, February 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler