

*Rainier Hunting Retriever Club*

*Meeting Minutes*

July 11, 2023, 6:30

**Attendance:** Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Bill Woll, Jim Olson

Absent: Kevin Medved, Sue Meying, Doug Gallucci

President Betsy convened the meeting at 6:34 PM. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with changes to reflect the fact that the 70 birds provided to both PSLRA and RHRC by the Cascade HRC, for the May tests, will be replaced. President Betsy requested that our August Board meeting be held in person with the option for folks to Zoom if they cannot attend in person.

**Treasurer's Report – Lee Redd:** RHRC has \$12,821.61 in the checking account. No changes to the Tri-club account. Additional expenses for our May test will include \$875 to cover the cost of replacing the Cascade HRC ducks (35 for RHRC). This will bring our loss at the May test to \$2,786.48.

Two withdrawals will be made to Chase Away Canine Cancer. One is in memory of Barb Hawley's dog, Cinder and the other in memory of Holly Krohn's dog, Winter.

Lee reminded the board that he needs names and addresses for all workers at our August test for him to process their compensation.

**Old/New Business –**

**Master National:** It was M/S/P to appoint Jean Fowler as both the contact and delegate to the Master National. Considerable discussion was held regarding the current Qualifier model that the MNRC has proposed for the format to qualify to participate in the Master National. There was interest in a different model that would use the percentage of local tests passed and eliminating a "Qualifying Event".

The Board has only heard from 2 RHRC members regarding the current MN proposal. Jean and Bill will work on an email asking RHRC members (those who habitually compete at the MH level) for their feedback on the MN Qualifier Model. Vote is due to the MN by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy on Scratch Refunds:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**HRT Job Descriptions:** In process.

**Trailer Update:** A location on Nancy Light's property has been identified and may need some TLC before the trailer is moved there at the end of August.

**Burlap Bird Bags:** These are needed before the August test. Liz Gibson presented information on the purchase of either 100 or 350 bags. The cost of 100 bags will be \$218 plus \$60 shipping. While it is more cost effective to purchase the larger quantity, storage is a problem. M/S/P to purchase 100 that should cover the next 4 tests (2 PSLRA and 2 RHRC). This is a Tri-Club expense. Susan will let Cindy Olson know of the decision. A Tri-Club vote is not needed as the cost will be under \$75/club.

**Ducks for August RHRC HRT:** Lee Redd is handling this item. The birds will be transported to Peppers for the August test.

**Advanced Seminar for 2024 and Grant Funding:** Doug Gallucci is taking the lead on this project. He was not in attendance at the meeting and will report in August.

**Hunt Test Planning for August Test:** Due to the late hour, final assignments will be reviewed at the August Board meeting. All judges have been secured. It was decided to purchase catalogs for the participants of the test. The quantity will be determined after the close of entries. Lee will again do the judges' gifts.

**--Purina Dog Food:** Dianne Clark has secured a pallet of dog food from Purina for distribution at the event.

**--Food Truck:** Bill Woll has secured a Food Truck to be on the grounds on Saturday for contestants to purchase lunches/dinner.

**--Raffle:** President Betsy reviewed the raffle items we currently have. Jean has been working with Misalyn Armstrong for the raffle set up and other ideas for raffle items. Kevin Medved has secured a Pheasant Hunt as a raffle item and the premium on Entry Express advertises the raffle. Betsy made a list of raffle items we have to date.

**Club apparel, MAI Swag:** Jean and Misalyn Armstrong are working on this item. Lee indicated that he has contacts that can help as well.

Next meeting – August 2, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary