

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Lee Redd, Jean Fowler, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring, Cat Martini-Rashid, Bill Woll, Dianne Clark

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. The February 1 minutes were approved as written and the February 5 (Annual Meeting) minutes were approved with the correction that Bill Woll was in attendance. It was noted that the March meeting, originally scheduled for March 1, was moved to March 8 due to a scheduling conflict.

Treasurer Report: President Betsy welcomed the newly elected RHRC Treasurer, Lee Redd and thanked Sue Meyring for her service to the club as Treasurer for a little over three years. Sue proceeded to review the accounts and provided the board with account statements. The Bank of America requires two signatures for our account with them. Lee Redd, as treasurer, is one and Susan Bell is the other since she lives very close to the bank. Sue recommended that the “Treasurer Guidelines”, which currently read that the President should be listed as the second signer, be changed to “must be a club member”. After discussion, it was M/S/P to make the change.

Current Balances: RHRC Checking: \$13,597

Tri-Club: \$978

New Business –

Tri Club Agreement – Proposed language changes and updates – Sue Meyring provided background to the agreement and suggested that the following changes be presented at the next Tri Club meeting:

Item 4: Ammunition shall be purchased individually by all clubs to be used at their hunt tests or field events.

Amended: Ammunition **and gas canisters** shall be purchased individually by all clubs to be used at their hunt tests or field events.

Item 5: All shared expenses related to equipment and trailer shall be waived for EGRC for five years starting the year of 2015 and going through the end of year 2019. (This waiver does not include funding the Equipment contingency Fund, as outlined in Item 10.) This waiver is to compensate for EGRC’s 2014 donation of approximately 10 popper – 12 gauge shotguns and 4 Zinger Wingers to the trailer inventory, which is shared property. EGRC’s waiver expires Dec 31, 2019. In 2020, EGRC will begin contributing to shared expenses for the trailer and hunt test equipment. (Shared expenses include trailer maintenance, license, tires, etc. and equipment repairs, as described in Item 2 and 3. Purchases of major equipment will be from the fund described in Item 10.)

Amended: Strike Item 5 in its entirety because it is no longer applicable (dates have passed).

Item 11: Effective January 2017, RHRC, PSLRA and EGRC agree to contribute one hundred dollars, per AKC Hunt Test event, to an Equipment Contingency Fund (ECF), which shall be maintained in a separate bank account, by RHRC.

RHRC shall produce a reconciliation of the ECF account every year or as requested by any participating club. This statement shall be presented at the Tri-Club meeting or by email but not later than Feb 15th of the following year. This reconciliation should include a list of deposits by club, reasons for withdrawals, interest earned, bank charges or other fees. It should be detailed by club so that each club has an ending balance. Any expenditure of funds from the ECF shall be approved, prior to use, by an officer of the participating clubs. The account funding shall be used to replace and repair "major" equipment, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Shotguns
- b. Wingers
- c. Gun Stands
- d. Blinds

**** Insert Amendment B here...**

If the account balance reaches \$1500 during a calendar year, each club will contribute their share for the remainder of AKC events during that year. No further contributions will be made until the balance drops below \$1000 and new contributions will only occur at the beginning of the next calendar year that the balance is below \$1000.

Amendment A: a. Shotguns changed to a. Shotguns/Thunderguns and add e. Whiteboards

****Amendment B:** Insert the following language just before "If the account balance is..... ****If minor repairs need to be made to the equipment or trailer during an AKC event, the hosting club may spend up to \$50 without requiring prior authorization. This may include items such as rubber tubing, nuts/bolts, stakes for the wingers, minor blind repair, and locks. All items purchased must have receipts to be eligible for reimbursement. Not included would be expenses the club should incur such as gas canisters, garbage bags, TP, wipes etc.****

After discussion, the Board approved the proposed changes by voice vote unanimously and asked Sue to present them at the Tri Club meeting.

RHRC Website – Jean reported that the RHRC website has been updated to reflect 2022 RHRC Board members, 2022 Hunt Test events and current information regarding the RHRC Annual Meeting/Award Recipients.

Membership Report – Jean reported that RHRC now has 55 members. Newest members are: Michelle Voss (Gig Harbor), Joanie Belcher (Manson). It was M/S/P to approve the new members as club members.

AKC Annual Report – Jean has submitted the annual report of 2022 RHRC Officers and Board members to AKC along with their requested list of RHRC members.

Zoom Subscription – Betsy asked for a discussion regarding RHRC purchase of a Zoom Account for the club. The experience of Zoom has allowed greater attendance at Board meetings and cuts down on travel expenses/time. There was general consensus that electronic meetings were beneficial. After discussion, it was decided to delay the decision to give time for additional information to be gathered regarding alternative electronic meeting formats such as Microsoft TEAM that might not cost the club anything. Susan Bell and Bill Woll will do some research and report back at the next meeting.

Sunshine Report – Dianne reported that she had send a Thank You and Starbucks gift card to Dr. Naomi Rich after her presentation at our Annual Meeting and, learning of the death of Dr. Rich's dog, she also sent a

condolence card. Condolence card will be sent to Barbara Hawley after the passing of Sabre. Condolence card and flowers will be sent to Lee and Tracy Redd after the passing of Tracy's mother.

Clarification of who received cards and/or donations to Chase Away K9 Cancer were as follows: Cards may go to anyone who participates in hunt tests that loses a dog. Donations to Chase Away will only be made to Chase Away in memory of a dog that belongs to a RHRC member.

Old Business –

May HRT: Information is posted on Entry Express. Appreciation to Dianne and Susan for getting it posted. Susan Bell will work together with Cat Martini-Rashid as Test Secretaries for this event. Cat is Secretary-In-Training. Bill Woll is Gun Captain. Ribbons need to be ordered. Motel Reservations have been made for the judges, but their travel arrangements are TBD.

*Insurance Certificate is good for the May test. It will cost \$600 to renew. Lee Redd will need to submit the paperwork with the Insurance Company.

*Dumpsters for our tests were discussed. There were many problems last year and we did not have any dumpsters for either May or August. Liz Gibson will talk with Will Hart (Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds) to see if he will contract with the dumpster company and include the fee in our ground rental fee.

*Automatic External Defibrillator: Betsy will investigate and propose purchase at next meeting. She will also report on ways to get training on the use of the AED. Online classes are available. Susan, Betsy, Bill, Cat and Jean volunteered to take the online class.

*Trailer Spring Cleaning – Set for April 16 at Clark's property. Time TBD.

August HRT: We still need to buy ammunition for this event. We may need a variance from AKC to use pre-killed ducks if we cannot find/buy ammunition. Betsy will check with AKC for variance guidelines and timing. Several people will be asking around to see if other clubs have been successful at locating ammunition and where we might purchase some.

April Meeting is set for April 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Fowler