

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
May 4, 2021

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

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The April minutes were approved as written.

**Treasury Report** – Sue Meyring reported that we have \$6,716.69 in our club account. Eric has a check for \$190 for RHRC from purchase of the left-over rubber tubing (2 rolls@\$95 each).

✓Reimbursements requested:

Jean Fowler - \$125 for purchase of Holding Blind at the Master Amateur Invitational (MAI).

Jean Fowler - \$127.90 to be split between RHRC and PSLRA for Magnetic Paper used for running order strips (\$63.95 each club).

Eric Marek - \$20.87 from Tri-Club account for 2 packs of zip ties.

**Spring Hunt Test – May 22 - 23**

*Susan* reminded everyone that Master A and Master B will need to be set up separately and held in different locations. Judges will not be able to collaborate on the set up. She requested an arial view of the test grounds to be able to designate areas to be used for each stake. Eric volunteered to provide the arial view.

*Liz Gibson* reported that she is still struggling to find workers. So far she has secured 3 paid workers. Workers will be paid \$10/hour. In order to work a Pop/Throw station, workers must be 16 and have a Hunter Safety Card. Gunners may be asked to assist in pop and throw stations when their shift as gunners is completed. Bill W. reminded everyone that Junior and Senior stakes need competent/trained volunteers more than the Master Stake. Master competitors will be asked by the Marshall to volunteer – this should not be a problem as most Master competitors will already have experience with the equipment and running of a test.

**Logistics:**

Insurance Certificate: After discussion it was decided that Betsy will work with Jim and Sue directly to get this accomplished. It will cost \$600 and be good through June 14, 2021. Insurance carrier is Equisure.

Dumpster: Ordered for PSLRA/RHRC/EGRC. Cost will be split 3 ways. Liz reminded all to double bag dead birds.

Honey Buckets: Liz Skylingstad has ordered the items and they will be delivered at the end of this week.

Sanitation Stations: All supplies have been purchased and will be in Marshal Boxes as well as at the Headquarters. Supplies that will be on hand: masks, sanitizer, gloves.

**Chief Marshall Report:**

Jean will designate stake marshals after the draw. She will prepare the magnetic strips for the marshal boards and charge the radios.

**Gun Captain & Ammo:**

Eric M has gunners secured and requested that he be involved in designating which stake they gun (preferably same stake where they will be running a dog). He will send gunner worker list to Liz G along with notes to stake preference. We will need to purchase ammunition for the fall test (12 gauge non-toxic 6s and 7s. No lead. 2 ¾ #7 steel shot).

Eric also noted that in replacing the rubbers on the wingers, one Zinger winger has a release arm missing. It can be replaced for \$36.95. Sue will ask the Tri-Club for approval to purchase the arm.

**COVID-19 Practices:**

It is not known if WA State will be moving back from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Adjustments will be made accordingly.

**Judges' Gifts:**

Sue reported that the majority of the board votes were for Style 1 for the notebook lettering. Notebooks will be leatherette instead of wood as Covid has made it difficult to get the wood. Cost will be around \$35 each.

**Raffle:**

After discussion it was decided to hold the raffle in August perhaps including a BBQ. We can no longer get a ZingerWinger for a reduced price so it was decided to purchase a training collar for the raffle rather than a winger with electronics because of the cost. Other items suggested for a raffle include training bumpers and the MAI holding blind.

**Equipment & Supplies, Meals:**

Sue Meyring's mother will make worker lunches. RHRC will give judges \$25 to cover their dinner on Friday night – there will not be a judges' dinner on the grounds.

Dianne C. has ordered additional ribbons and has purchased two Junior Handler Bolo's that she and Randy will donate to the club. If the ribbons do not arrive, she is prepared to provide "promise" notes for dogs who qualify and mail the ribbons later.

Ducks Unlimited donated 36 duck calls to the club so there should be ample to give to workers and then sterilize at the end of each day for distribution the next day. Jean will write a thank you note from the club to Ducks Unlimited.

Eric M reported that all equipment is ready except for the Fast Grass that is needed to help brush up the blinds. We will need loppers/pruning tools to assist in cutting foliage to help brush up the blinds.

Clarks will bring the equipment trailer to the grounds for both PSLRA and RHRC. We need to check with Will Hart regarding the possibility of leaving the trailer on the grounds between the two tests.

**Birds:**

Confirmation with Wendy will be made after the entries close (number is based on number of competitors).

**Test Dedication to Jerry Leitch:**

Dianne is working with Colin Ching who is writing the dedication.

**Additional Items:**

✓*New Members:*

Jean announced three new members: Colin Ching, Lisa and Jim Seeb. It was M/S/P to accept their membership applications. Colin, Lisa and Jim were welcomed to RHRC.

✓*10 Series:*

Betsy will check on the availability of Jerry's Place in June and report back to the board.

✓*Use of Jerry's Place:*

The release forms for using the grounds are now available (near the entry gate) along with envelopes for use payment. It is now *Green – Leitch Property* in memory of both Doctor Greenleaf and Jerry Leitch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

Submitted by Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary