

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

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

Doug Gallucci called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. President Betsy was enroute from Eastern Washington and joined the meeting later. The September minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report, Lee Redd: RHRC account: \$13,333. Tri-Club account: \$518. RHRC, with approval from PLSRA and EGRC, purchased 3 badly needed wingers that were being surplussed at the Master National. Cost of the wingers was \$1050. After discussion, it was decided to charge the clubs separately from the Tri-Club account. RHRC: \$420 (2 tests/year and already paid), PLSRA: \$420 (2 tests/year) and EGRC: \$210 (1 test/year) to pay for the wingers. The Tri-Club balance will be returned to the minimum of \$1000 by the end of 2022 (per Tri-Club bylaws).

Tri Club Report: The updated Agreement has been approved and signed by leadership from RHRC, PLSRA and EGRC.

Old Business:

Hunt Test Equipment: 3 Wingers were purchased at the auction held by the Master National at the close of the event. They will be shared by RHRC, PLSRA and EGRC for their summer hunt tests. Avery also donated a large canopy and a wheeled igloo cooler.

New Business:

Judge Selection Committee: President Betsy appointed Susan Bell, Katie Mearns, Liz Gibson, and Bill Woll to the RHRC 2023 Judge Selection committee. It is hoped that they will be able to secure judges for our May and August tests before the end of 2022.

2023 Hunt Test Dates: Dianne Clark will post our hunt test dates on Entry Express after getting confirmation from AKC. Dates proposed: May 13/14 and August 12/13.

Birds for our Hunt Tests: After discussion Doug volunteered to compile information on bird availability/cost from 3 suppliers: Wendy Hensarling/Brad Henman (CA) and Bob Hunt (MT). Liz will provide Doug with the number of birds that PLSRA will need. Housing the birds between PLSRA and RHRC tests will be challenging. It is possible we could house some with Tom/Katie Quarles at Carlsons and some at the Greenleitch property. More research on this issue is needed.

Training Days: This topic was tabled to the November meeting.

Mark Wickham 10 Series: This topic was tabled to the November meeting.

New Ribbon Design: All board members were in favor of at least having a specially designed title ribbon. Dianne Clark will look into the possibility of getting some made.

Master National Report: Susan Bell, RHRC delegate to the Master National Retriever Club, provided an overview of the event. The event ran from Friday, Sept 30 to Sat/Sun, October 8/9. (Some awards were given out on Saturday and the rest on Sunday.). At the general meeting, all recommendations for changing the structure of the Master National (regional tests/capping entries) were voted down. The 2023 Master National will be held in Georgia. Susan will prepare a summary report for the newsletter.

Master Amateur Invitational: There is some interest in holding the 2024 Master Amateur here on the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds during the first 2 weeks of June 2024. Dianne and Susan asked for assistance in preparing a proposal to be submitted to the Master Amateur Retriever Club. Colin Ching has volunteered to help find training land. We will need a committee that includes PSLRA and EGRC members, as all three clubs could be sponsors. Important research needs to be done on lodging, especially the host hotel, and other logistics. Jean will put a request for volunteers in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary