

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Agenda

September 7, 2021

Attendance; Doug Gallucci, Sue Meyring, Jean Fowler, Liz Gibson, Jim Olson, Eric Marek, Dianne Clark, Bill Woll, Susan Bell

President Betsy was unable to attend the meeting so Vice President, Doug Gallucci called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report (Sue Meyring) – RHRC Account: \$14,210.98 Tri-Club Account: \$607.50.

Fall Hunt Test:

Winger/Holding Blind Raffle: \$1,102.20. The raffle was well supported thanks to promotion by Diane Clark and Sue Meyring. This money will go toward the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). It was recommended that we hold another raffle at our next HRT.

HRT Financials. Sue went over the income/expenses for the fall test. A discussion included credit card fees (high), motel fees for judges, lunch and worker costs. Major expenses were: Birds (\$3,713), Judges gifts/travel/food (\$1,788) and Workers (\$1,410). It was noted that our profit would not have paid for two flyers in each stake.

Income: \$14,433.41

Expenses: \$11,485.97

Balance: \$2,947.44

RHRC paid entire cost of the Stake First Aid Kits (thank you Katie Quarles for putting them together) and it was recommended that the Tri-Clubs be asked to contribute to their cost.

Other: *Judge David McPherson purchased gas but donated the cost to RHRC (did not claim expense).

*Ask PSLRA if they will split the cost of gas for the thunder guns (already purchased)

Hunt Test Season DeBrief:

Liz had a lot of difficulty recruiting volunteers to help at our test. She continues to need help and recommendations on who to ask. This will be especially important in the spring of 2022.

There was a discussion regarding complaints made by workers regarding their treatment during the test. The concerns will be addressed by Betsy Reali and Bill Wohl.

Jean requests a list of people who might have test dogs as there was a complaint that the senior test dog was overqualified to run as a test dog (had a MH although run by a novice handler)

Committee Feedback:

*Event Chair/Liz Gibson – Overall a successful Hunt Test.

*Gun Captain & Ammo/Bill Woll – We have 3/5 case of 12 gage and 2 cases 200 gage ammo. Fred Drennan will be thanked in the next newsletter for his donation of a case of 12 gage #7 steel. We currently have sufficient ammo for our spring test but will need to purchase additional ammo for our fall test. We use about 3 cases of ammo/test. Discussion was tabled to our next meeting. #7 steel shot continues to be difficult to find.

*Chief Marshall/Jean: There is a recommendation to purchase additional radios (TriClub item?).

*Test Logistics:

✓ Worker Contact List: Need continual updating.

✓ Dumpster, Honey Buckets: No dumpster was available for either RHRC or PSLRA tests. We need to plan something different for 2022. Perhaps connect with Will Hart to see what his suggestions might be. Liz Gibson will contact Will.

✓ Porta-potties: Additional station is needed in the back of the property. Hunt test participants may not use Hart's outbuilding potty. Ask Will if he can lock his bathrooms.

✓ Lunches: KUDOS to Sue & Jan! A big thank you to Randy Clark for the Judges Pizza dinner. There was a complaint that lunches were delivered too early and could not be kept cool. Do we need

coolers for the lunches?

✓ Fund Raising Raffle – Dianne & Sue – Gunners Up Winger and Holding Blind Raffle

Raffle tickets were sold at \$10.00 each - net proceeds were: \$1,102.20

Next steps – AED Purchase – Should the Tri Club share in the purchase of the AED?

✓ Photo orders: No report at this time. Gary Abbott took the photos – Nomad Retrievers. His website has information on how to access the photos he took at the fall test as well as the cost of purchasing the photos.

✓ Birds: We do not know the price of the birds in 2022. Defer this topic to the next meeting. Rumor is that Wendy will be retiring from the bird business in the coming year. We can get birds from Bob Hunt in Montana. We will defer this discussion to the December meeting.

New Business:

✓ Sunshine Committee: Dianne will send a sympathy card to Dixie Humble for her loss of Miley.

✓ Posting 2022 Hunt Test Dates on Entry Express: Susan Bell will get appropriate information to Dianne who will contact AKC to set the dates and post them on Entry Express.

✓ Welcome New Member Eric Anderson: Eric's membership was voted on and accepted. M/S/P to welcome Eric into RHRC.

✓ Farewell to Member at Large and Gun Captain Eric Marek: Eric and his family are moving to Western Massachusetts in early November. He will be greatly missed.

✓ Open RHRC Board Positions for 2022: The position of Treasurer will need to be filled. Also, since Eric is moving there will be an additional board opening. Dean Olson's name was suggested.

✓ AKC Club Contact information needs to be updated. After board changes, it is important to also notify the bank about officer changes.

✓ Annual Banquet: Liz Skillingstad will inquire about the prices at the Tacoma Yacht Club to accommodate the members who live in the southern part of the county.

Topics for Tri Club discussion:

- ✓ Joint financial support of Stake First Aid Kits purchased by RHRC but used by all clubs
- ✓ Reimbursement of Gas for Thunder guns (already purchased)
- ✓ Possible joint ammo purchase
- ✓ Discussion Topics:
 - Pay Scale for Workers: Flat rate/day? Hourly?
 - Purchase of additional radios
 - Purchase additional pop-up tents
 - Purchase thunder guns
 - Disposal of PVC pipe and rebar in trailer

Old Business:

- ✓ 2022 Annual Master National Ballot- Club votes submitted to Patty Polish – Julie Cairns, Laura Judd, Kit McClurg, Linda Johnson, Terrie Sato.
- ✓ Cascade Retrievers Canine First Aid Seminar: September 11, Green-Leitch grounds, Monroe
- ✓ Judge selections for 2022: Send out request in newsletter for members to nominate judges.

Additional Business:

- ✓ **Congratulations** Susan Bell for being selected to Judge the 7th flight of the 2021 Master Nationals in Valley County, Idaho.
- ✓ **Good luck** to all running the 2021 Master National Event in Idaho.

Thank you to all for another Hunt Test season on the books!

Submitted by Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary