

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

Board Minutes

September 5, 2023

Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Jim Olson
Absent: Kevin Medved, Sue Meying

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The August 2, 2023 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, Lee Redd: Lee provided an overview of the finances from our spring and fall hunt tests. The spring test cost nearly \$12,000 while the fall test was a little over \$9,000. The expensive spring item was the birds (last minute pheasants vs ducks). Major differences were reflected in cost of the judges. We paid a lot for our spring judges (nearly \$2,000 for travel/food) vs \$500 for the fall judges. Overall, we only lost \$562 between the two tests. The fall raffle raised \$1450 so that helped a lot. The cash balance for RHRC is \$14,606. Lee urged everyone to set up Zelle for easier money transfer.

Old/New Business –

Fall Hunt Test Debrief – Board members discussed the August 12/13 hunt test. Kudos were given to Chris Braswell for her ATV assistance. She made everything much easier. Birds were at all stakes appropriately and she also assisted with equipment when it was needed. Lee recommends an "Equipment Czar" who will be at the equipment trailer and make sure that sufficient and appropriate equipment is out at all stakes. We also realized that when a club member is judging, they should not be responsible for any of the mechanics of the overall event. Brad Henman was an excellent supplier for our ducks. He was very helpful and conscientious. The Food Truck was not as popular as we had hoped. In addition to the late arrival of the food truck, hunt test participants had brought their own food, so they did not patronize the food truck. We will reevaluate it for our next event.

Equipment Trailer – Betsy asked for volunteers to move the trailer to Nancy Light's property. A discussion was held regarding leaving the trailer at SVRG over the winter. Lee is going to ask Will Hart if he would store the trailer for \$300/year. This would be a Tri-Club expense. The security of the trailer at SVRG over the winter was discussed. No decision was made.

Training Days – the Board decided to hold training days on the third Saturday of the month beginning February 2024. Location TBD but probably Cherry Valley. We will need birds for the training days. Nancy Light has the Tri Club freezer at her place for storing the birds.

Shotgun Buy Back – Betsy has all the shotguns stored in a gun safe at her home. There are 8 good ones and 13 that no longer are usable. She will take them to a Buy Back location as soon as one comes up in Snohomish County.

Holding Blinds – There are 2 blinds that need repair. Susan Bell will repair them.

Master Amateur Invitational (June 9-16). Will be held at SVRG and perhaps Cherry Valley. Several people are helping with logistics including Colin Ching, Gary Abbot and Bill Woll. Colin and Gary are helping locate private grounds for pre national training. A discussion was held regarding food for judges/workers. All of this is still in the planning stage. Jean assisted Julie Cairns in locating a place for the Handlers Banquet. It will be at the Snohomish County Fairgrounds in Monroe.

Scratch Policy – a discussion was held regarding our hunt test scratch policy. No changes were made to the current policy.

Chase Away Cancer – The board discussed how to acknowledge member's dogs that had crossed the rainbow bridge. Lee proposed one large donation at the end of the year in memory of all the dogs who had died. No decision was made.

New Members – the Board welcomed Brian and Tricia Townley who live in Carnation and have Chessies.

Master National 6 of 8 Proposal – This proposal failed to garner enough support by member clubs. All three proposals have failed.

Judge Seminar – Doug Gallucci reported on the information he secured from AKC for RHRC to hold a Judge Seminar in the spring. It will cost \$500 for the first 20 participants and then \$25 for each additional participant. RHRC needs to give AKC 3 proposed dates, 3 months in advance of the seminar. There may be grants available to help defray the cost of the seminar.

Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary