

Retriever Club of Alaska Board Meeting
September 4, 2018
Bella Vista , Chugiak, Alaska

Members present : Harry Strahle, Pete Probasco, John Drennan, Eloy Garcia , Gwen Haynes,
Dan Oyster

Meeting called to order at 6:25

Secretary report: August minutes approved. Harry moved to approve.
Harry asked to add winter training to the agenda.

Treasury report: Roughly \$39,000 in all accounts. Approximately \$90.00 per event not listed in
Per Event P&L. (After talking with Harry, it was more than likely the WorkComp per event

Harry asked that we find ways to cut expenses .. When people donate to the club, you don't see
the real expense. For example, costs of donated lunches and snacks, tailgate food, donated
scratch fees, fuel it costs to go pick up birds and use of Eloy's truck for birdboys. Membership
should at least pay for insurance.

Discussion was made on using the live flyer in the fourth series. Not a favorable idea.

Pete suggested banquet be more creative with raffle items.
Last year's raffle, donated by Mark Haberman, was never used.

We will continue working on getting the membership list straightened out.
Discussion was made on how to get members more involved.

Harry mentioned that event premiums should reflect 100% refund (bitches in heat and injured
dogs) minus the \$3.50 AKC fee charged to the club per entry.

Harry said the tailgates will not be funded by the club until we are better on our feet.....there
was discussion and disagreement.

Pete presented expenses for Hunt Test .
Tailgate party income was \$351.00

Barb and Todd Adams were reimbursed for fuel, for coming down to judge.

Discussion about people not wanting to use Turnagain Pass, and not entering. How can we
change the perception....

Most of our loss is field trials. Airfare is a big expense.
Club could set up an Alaska Airlines account for miles , etc.....

Was mentioned that Bill Barstow loaned his truck for the judges.

Our Thunder guns were a big hit.....we are looking at ordering more. Motion was made to buy a 6th simulator by Pete, John seconded, motion approved.

Eloy is in contact with judges for field trials for next year.

Discussion was made on how many live birds to order next year.
We may have lower numbers in all age next year.

Eloy put 47 dead ducks in the freezer at 10th & M. We have lots of dead ducks .

Gaming account needs a person to be on the Permit so we can take off Michael Oliver.

We need to find a place to have our banquet.

We will schedule a judge's seminar for next year, for Hunt Test.

New Business: We need ideas for raffles for next year.

John Drennan will get permission to use the Forest Service property. He will plow if necessary.
We need equipment for winter training... canvas bumpers, poles, holding blinds, decoys, etc.....

Dan will look into a chipper for clearing Turnagain.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm. Eloy moved to adjourn, Dan seconded.
Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, at 6:15.