

Retriever Club of Alaska Meeting Minutes  
Location Bella Vista, Chugiak AK

**March 8, 2018**

6:15 Meeting was called to order

Board Members in attendance:

Harry Strahle  
Mary Maxwell  
Gwen Haynes  
Pete Probasco  
Dan Oyster  
John Drennan  
Eloy Garcia

Mary made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Membership Banquet February 17, 2018. Harry second and the Motion passed.

Harry would like meeting minutes posted on the website.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Harry asked if anyone would like to add to the agenda, and Pete said he and Joanne Hanscom would like to add board approval to seek two outside judges per each hunt test event.

Mary made a motion to approve the agenda, and Gwen seconded.

President Report included:

Harry mentioned each Board Member making notebooks of information to pass on to each successor. These will include responsibilities of each position, as well as an Event Secretary and Chair list of responsibilities. Contact information for landowners, vendors, Membership list.

Gwen will make lists of her responsibilities as Secretary as she goes through the learning process of her position. Mary will help her. Gwen will also make files for signed membership applications, and will make a master copy (which Mary started and will help Gwen with) of all for each board member. Mary said she believes Betsy McCracken is the only source for complete past and present email list of club members – Mary will contact her regarding this.

\*\* July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Gwen will file a report with the State of Alaska to report Club Officer changes/additions. Non profit corporation bi-annual report.

Harry also suggested we create a flyer detailing the club and post these in vet clinics , stores , etc.

**Gaming account:** Raffle tickets are a huge profit. Eloy suggested we have the tickets ready for sale at the start of the trial season when we find a suitable donation.

### **Mary gave the Treasurer Report:**

We made a profit on our obedience classes and the banquet.

The club is operating at a loss for events due to the high cost of all expenses, She said fliers alone cost approximately \$32.00 per bird, and Harry estimates that the cost per dog running is \$130.00.

We discussed asking for vet verification letters of injury or heat for scratches before refunds will be made by the Treasurer as printed on the premiums.

We will use the same tax service as last year. Motion was made by Eloy to use Liberty Tax . Second by John Drennen.

The key to the post office will be turned over to Mary.

### **2018 Field classes:**

John Drennen reported that our outside field classes are well attended. 17 advanced dogs and 8 junior dogs.

John is keeping records for AKC for proof of education commitment.

Picnic trial is scheduled for May 5 , at the Fairgrounds field . The Chair will be determined.

Harry made a motion to post fee for picnic trial at \$10.00 per run.

Second by Dan Oyster.

Harry suggested that rather than include membership in a class fee, offer members a certain charge, and nonmembers a higher charge. That way the club doesn't have an inflated membership with individuals who don't wish to participate in club activities. Mary agreed, and all followed in agreement.

### **Field Trial Report :**

Eloy said all of the judges have been secured for all events, and Mary will finalize the last two with Entry Express

Eloy asked that we ask the membership if anyone would be interested in hosting judges, just for two days . There is one judge in July, and one in August. Discussion about possibilities of saving on judge expenses included members willing to donate cars, and house outside judges etc.. Donations such as these can be written off on member taxes as charitable donations, since the club is a 501C3 non-profit.

Discussion was made regarding saving money during events, and whether to cancel the Derby stake if there were not enough dogs. Mary thought by cancelling event beforehand the club would save money by not having birdboys and extra lunches, when in reality the dog entries would offset the additional costs already paid for such as land fees, birds already ordered, trophies and previously ordered, ammo designated for derby etc.

Ideas are welcome for judges gifts.....

We are in need of a gun captain, and someone to head up hospitality, for lunches during events

During our trials, we need folks to help move equipment around, such as, blinds, ducks, the boat , bird boys, etc. Eloy will make a list of tasks he needs help with such as event cleanup, and trailer hauling etc..

Harry wants to bring back the tailgate party and will look into that.

Mary will contact AKC to ask them to provide a written, signed letter of approval to hold 4 events as one club.

### **Hunt Test :**

Pete announced that he will need a HT secretary. Also, said that we need to present another HT seminar for judges.

Motion was made by Harry to bring up 2 “outside” judges for our Hunt Test events, in the event that not enough local judges are available. Mary seconded .

Discussion was made to purchase 5 Thunder shotgun simulators. The simulators will save the club several thousand dollars within the next few years due to the rising costs of popper shells. Mary made the motion for approval, and Harry seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

