

Retriever Club of Alaska and Alaska Working Retriever Club
Joint Annual Membership Meeting January 13, 2019

The meeting was held at Arctic Recreation Center. The doors opened at 4:00pm.

The meeting came to order at 4:45 pm and the current 2018 Board Members in attendance were Harry Strahle, Eloy Garcia, Pete Probasco, Joanne Hanscom, Gwen Haynes, Dan Oyster, Lorraine Maroney and Mary Maxwell. There were 23 PAID Members in attendance and 13 additional family members.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Club Member John Abrams, and was seconded by Club Member Jim Sheridan.

Presidents Report:

Harry thanked everyone for coming and introduced the Board Members present. He then went over the issues of having two separate clubs as outlined in the previous three letters that were emailed out to the membership and posted on the Club Facebook page. He also discussed the ballots that would be provided to vote on the following resolutions to both clubs:

Amendment to RCA Bylaw: The members of the Retriever Club of Alaska, Inc. approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to decrease the number of directors that serve on the Board, and now ratified prior board action on this matter and hereby modify Section 2 of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Corporation to decrease the number of directors of the Corporation from twelve to seven directors, each to serve staggered terms.

Amendment to AWRC Bylaw: The members of the Alaska Working Retriever Club approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to serve on the Board, and now ratified prior board action on this matter and hereby modify Section 2 of Article III of the Bylaws of the Corporation to change the number of directors to seven, each to serve staggered terms and change Section 1 of Article III to correspond to RCA four year terms.

Harry asked if there were any questions regarding the resolutions to the bylaws, and there were none.

Club Member Marianne Strahle passed out the ballots to all 23 paid Members. The ballots were collected and there was a unanimous vote YES on both resolutions.

** Harry held a discussion regarding the dissolution of AWRC. He explained that AWRC hasn't held any events since 2015 per Entry Express. He also explained there is no benefit to Members if there are no events held by AWRC.

He went on to explain that there would need to be a separate Board of Directors and the expenses that would incur such as liability insurance, insurance for the Board should the Club have a lawsuit against them, workers compensation for the birdboys. Additional expenses to all 5 national clubs.

AWRC has approximately \$11,000.00 in held in the bank, and equipment assets in the Club trailer shared by RCA and AWRC. We can't disperse the assets until the Club has been dissolved.

Club Member Mike Vogel asked whether AKC would allow RCA to hold 4 field trials and 4 hunt tests. Harry explained to him that RCA has written permission to hold all events. Joanne explained that AKC passed a new resolution for clubs to have more events. Harry said the only exemption or problem would be with the national clubs having issue with one club holding that many events. At this time there hasn't been.

Harry explained that in order for Members to vote on the dissolution of AWRC, they would have to be paid members in good standing between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019. In addition, he said ballots must be SIGNED by 2/3rds of the 2019 membership. The example of a time line for ballot mailout was April 15, 2019 and returned to us post marked no later than April 30, 2019

Joanne asked why we couldn't vote at this meeting, and Harry explained we have to give members 90 days to decide. Mike K was concerned that his mail wouldn't arrive in a timely manner.

The Board will decide when the ballots will be mailed out.

Harry asked the attending members to take a look at the RCA website Betsy McCracken has been working on and give her some feedback.

Treasurer Report:

Harry read the Treasurer Report for year end 2018 provided by Mary:

This year the Club came out ahead with a positive total of \$973.52. For a comparison between this and last year, in 2017 the Club lost (\$10,185.24).

Banking balances:

RCA General Checking - \$29,378.46

RCA Gaming Account - \$ 368.70

AWRC Checking - \$ 816.74

AWRC Savings - \$11,534.43

TOTAL - \$42,098.33

In addition, Members were provided a copy with attached Profit and Loss.

Field Trials:

Eloy said all events were ready to enter on Entry Express. He said he just needs to confirm that the birdboys will be available.

Hunt Tests:

Pete discussed that a representative from AKC will be up to give a Judges Seminar in February. The date is February 23, and will be held in Cabelas at 9:15am. He explained that the AKC has new rules which

need to be reviewed. He will have Betsy send out an email letting current Hunt Test Judges know. He has already been working on a list. Pete and Joanne swapped event dates, and Pete will Chair the first event, and Joanne the second.

Joanne and Pete announced that they would like to recruit and train replacements for their positions, both on the board, and as Chairpersons for the hunt tests.

Training Classes:

Joanne said she has 3 dogs in her class. Two poodles and a doodle. John Drennan's classes will begin in February.

Harry announced that all Club Members were welcome to attend the Board meetings

At 5:25 the Board excused themselves to meet briefly. They discussed the gaming report coming due in March, taxes will need to be filed, and gun purchases for the gaming permit raffle. Mary said the quilt that Marianne made would have separate raffle tickets printed.

Lorraine asked to step down off the board since we only need 7 members. Dan agreed to stay on.

Minutes from the December board meeting were approved. Pete was asked if he had any motions to add to the November minutes and he said he was fine with the minutes.

The next board meeting will be held February 19th at 6:15 at Bella Vista

The meeting adjourned at 5:37. Mary made the motion to adjourn and Joanne seconded