

Retriever Club of Alaska Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2018, Wednesday  
Bella Vista Chugiak Alaska

Members present : Harry Strahle, Pete Probasco, Eloy Garcia, Gwen Haynes, Mary Maxwell ,  
Joanne Hanscom , Dan Oyster , John Drennan. Club members Rich and Robi Gardner also  
attended

Meeting called to order at 6:15.

Motion to approve November minutes made by Mary, Eloy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

**President Report** - Harry announced that we bought another Thunder Simulator, and we now  
have it. We now have a total of 6 Thunder Simulators.

Harry spoke with Debbie Ganley about our bird order. We have 455 club ducks ordered.  
Personal bird orders will be accepted through Debbie Ganley until the end of February...

**Treasurer Report** - Per approval of November Board Meeting, Mary reported that she closed  
the "other" checking account after transferred the funds (\$863.54) to the General Account on  
November 26, 2018. RCA now has one general fund and one Gaming Account at Wells Fargo.

General Account	\$29,409.95
Gaming	\$ 368.70

AWRC Savings	\$11,532.05
AWRC Checking	\$ 136.94

Total for both clubs \$41,447.14

Forest service land use was paid for this year and the total came to \$411.34

Mary stated our new permit will be sent out after January 1. Pete asked Mary to contact Phil  
Zumstein at the forest service to ask about the progress of adding the additional property to  
the permit.

**Field Trials** - Eloy had nothing new to report.

**Hunt Test** - Joanne will get two "outside" judges for the August hunt test. She has a husband  
and wife team interested.

Discussion was made regarding expenses of airfare etc. for two judges. Both Pete and Joanne  
are looking into companion tickets or air miles.

Pete announced an upcoming Hunt Test Judges Seminar, to be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Location will be in the Cabela's meeting room. Start time is 9 am.

All Hunt Test judges will be required to attend and take the test. The AKC has recently implemented new rules.....

**Training Classes** - John asked about an insurance binder or certificate to present to the Fairgrounds, so he can use their property for training in the event his other property is unusable due to ice etc. The charge is \$40 a day for grounds use. Harry will ask Marianne to request that.

Joanne mentioned that Betsy was collecting names for the young dog obedience training classes. John also said she was working on that with him. Joanne has 2 dogs so far in her class. Both John and Joanne will collect the fees.

Betsy is still working on the website. More input is needed from members.

**Banquet** - Harry announced our annual meeting and potluck could be held at the Arctic Community Center. They charge \$75 per hour. We would have to provide our own food and drink (no alcohol permitted). Date is Sunday, January 13, 2019 and will be from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Joanne made a motion to use this facility if available and Mary seconded.

Mary said she and Marianne would go look at it together and reserve the space if available and suitable.

More information will be provided.

Mary offered to head up a bucket auction with Marianne. Joanne made the motion to spend no more than \$200.00 to make the baskets.....Pete seconded. Mary also has two framed duck stamp prints for the event.

Harry will put out a letter explaining the importance of, and how-to best dissolve AWRC and only have one club, being Retriever Club of Alaska. We have to have the exact numbers of paid members, along with current member contact information which Mary is keeping track of. Also, to change the number of necessary board members to 7, instead of 9 as we have very few members that are willing to help.

Our goal is to prepare ballots for a vote on the club status, for 2019.

Joanne suggested sending out pre-stamped envelopes, and she will purchase stamps at Costco now, as the price of stamps will go up soon.

Harry is working on a second membership letter on behalf of the Board to explain the changes/additions to the bylaws to both clubs. These issues will be voted on by the membership at the banquet meeting.

**New business:** Harry asked Pete about gun purchases for next years end of season raffle. Pete will get information. Mary will look into a cruise again for part of the raffle. (R&R pheasant hunt is no longer available, per Jim Ferguson). Mary mentioned later she had passed the Alaska Gaming Permit test and would soon be listed as the alternate.

Our goal is to try to break even this coming year.

Membership is a main concern, and our membership forms will need to be re-written. Currently, there is no provision for a household membership to count for more than one vote. As of now, one vote per household.

The next meeting will be the Annual Membership Meeting at the banquet on January 13, 2019

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm