**RCA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2020**

Location: Arctic Recreation Center

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Board members in attendance – Harry Strahle, Pete Probasco, Joanne Hanscom, Mary Maxwell, Dan Oyster. There were 12 other members in attendance.

**Treasurer Report** – Mary reported the following:

In 2019 the Club experienced a LOSS of -$234.64. Which included insurance, license and taxes, national club dues, bird locker rental, post office box, Hunt Test seminar, website, and Turnagain brush clearing in addition to the Club events.

The total LOSS for our events was -$3,740.25. (She attached a spreadsheet “Per Event”)

2019 raffle income $4,356.99 helped offset some of these expenses.

The funds in the AWRC bank accounts have been transferred to RCA in the amount of $12,570.12

Balances:

General $37,194.62

Gaming $ 215.19

TOTAL $37,409.81

**Presidents Report** – Harry said the Dissolution of AWRC was complete, and that the funds had been transferred to RCA General Account per the State of Alaska’s approval.

Fliers – Harry explained Canada’s new rules about transporting livestock which includes birds. Every 24 hours the persons bringing them through must stop every 24 hours, unload all the birds, let them exercise for 24 hours, reload and continue. He explained this would cause a rise in the expenses of the birds. He also mentioned that he and Eloy were in agreement on the importance of fliers to each event.

Harry said we do have an exception from AKC to hold dead bird events for the hunt tests per Pete.

Harry explained to everyone that in order to break even with expenses in all events, we need a minimum of 60 dog entries.

**Field Trial Report** – Harry said all Outside Judges have been confirmed, and that he was working on the local judges.

We will need a membership work party to dismantle and move the bird pen from Eloy’s to Rich Gardner’s who has agreed to care for the birds. This will need to take place sometime in early May.

Harry asked people to take the AKC Field Trial judges test. He explained that it’s much easier to acquire an FT judge status than a Hunt Test judge per AKC rules.

**Hunt Test Report** - Joanne is working on getting her judges and said BOTH Hunt Test events will be held at PtMac. Pete has his judges all lined up and said Lise’ Shore will be the Event Secretary. Eileen P. said she has submitted the Borough application for the Hunt Tests as well as the Schoolhouse Permit.

**Elections and Nominations** – Eloy Garcia and Joanne Hanscom’s terms are up.

Eloy would like to stay on the board. Harry made the motion to add him to the nominations and John Abrams seconded. Motion Passed

Joanne would like to continue serving on the board. Pete P. made the motion to add her in the nominations and Dan O. seconded. Motion Passed.

Mary M nominated Rich Gardner to the board and Dan O. seconded. Motion passed

Harry wrote the names of Eloy, Joanne and Rich on a display sheet, and asked all paid members to write their votes on paper provided, fold and give to Mary to count.

All nominees were elected to the board for 4 year terms.

**Membership Requests -** Harry asked the members what they would like to see from their club.

One member asked that training groups be made more accessible. She felt that it was hard to get help with dogs.

Lynda B. requested that board members should keep an eye out for other dog club venue events when planning field events. She mentioned that the show dog community folks want to get JH titles on their dogs, and that the future of our sport could come from them, but the event dates conflict. She also mentioned NAHRA events being in conflict.

In regards to the above from Lynda, Harry explained to all that RCA has only so many weekends available to plan around other club venues. Our club is an AKC field event club.

Mike K. suggested that breeders should be more helpful in promoting the club and brochures given. Pete suggested that what he was hearing was that “member breeders” should be helping promote the club.

**Raffle Tickets –** The 2020 Gun raffle tickets were available for members to purchase or sell. Harry mentioned that if each member signed out for a few to sell, we could potentially raise more funds for the Club. He said that Mary had sign out sheets available for members willing to take some.

The next board meeting will be held March 3, 2020 at 6:16. The location will be Bella Vista in Chugiak.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm