

Retriever Club of Alaska Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16. 4pm

Members present: Mary, Joanne, Gwen, Harry, Lisa, John

Absent : Kelli , Rich.

Meeting called to order at 4:10pm

New business added :

Joanne asked to add to agenda to purchase new equipment for the club

Mary asked to add to purchase an External Drive.

Motion to approve last minutes by Joanne , seconded by Mary

Treasury report motion to approve by Joanne, seconded by Lisa

Secretary report, motion to approve by Joanne, seconded by Lisa

Website:

Lisa mentioned that we need to update our info on the website, and Entry Express and the National Clubs. Lisa has updated stuff for EE in the past. Lise should send any updates she has to Betsy.

Mary suggested we need more admins on our website. Harry, Lise' and Gwen agreed, and Harry will speak with Betsy about it. The Board should let Betsy know of any updates to the Club website that are needed.

Joanne is concerned that our new members are not getting our emails. Harry will look into this with Betsy. Mary should send Betsy the 2021 membership list so she can make any necessary updates.

President Report:

Harry let us know that the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Club has leased the property at Point MacKenzie, belonging to Kevin Kehoe , Paula Ferguson , Dawn McQuay, and Gary Abbott. In order to use this property, you have to be a member of MSGDC, and pay a fee for use.

We will still have access to Dan Robertson's property, as that is our only water available. Harry cited a letter he received from Dan stating that is available. We have access to over 1,000 acres of land property to use.

Harry suggested that maybe all of the area clubs consider purchasing property that holds water. Clubs that come to minds are MSGDG, NAVDA, ABDC, RCA, FRC to name a few. In order to purchase one idea is to fundraise with all clubs who use the water. Land for events will not be an issue.

Field Trial Report:

Harry is also concerned with having enough All-Age dogs to run in the field trials. The field of QAA dogs is down to around 13 dogs

We have not had a Derby in four years, and Harry has a list of only 4 derby dogs

We need to get the judges set up on EE to submit to AKC.

We need to start looking for bird kids. They have been paid \$125.00 per day per kid.

Gwen said Fairbanks may have to use Pt Mac again as they have not received permission for their land.

Hunt test.

Joanne said she didn't know if our outside judges would be able to come up, due to COVID-19. If not, we will need local folks to judge.

Lisa mentioned that we need to send the board member changes to the AKC.

Old Business:

Mary mentioned that Kelli has volunteered to design a new brochure for the club. Joanne made a motion to support this, and Lisa seconded.

Raffle Tickets:

Mary mentioned that the raffle tickets are ready, and hopes that online sales are still allowed under the Covid rules. She will check into that. She will put on Facebook for members willing to sell them or purchase them to contact her directly.

Birds:

Joanne will come up with a number of birds needed for the summer for Hunt test. We have approximately 220 dead ducks in the lockers now.

Joanne said she will look into a bird shelter, a screen tent to protect the birds at the trials.

Mary will call 10th and M for an additional locker for 6 months

Baron will present a Force Fetch seminar in May. Date or fee has not been set. Typically he splits the fee with the club (MSGDA) Harry suggested asking the current class members if they are interested in taking the class. Joanne will talk with him.

Mary will look into using PayPal for our website. Joanne made a motion to use PayPal, Lisa seconded.

Harry did not make reservations for outside judges, as we are not sure if they will be able to come up. Joanne will look into using the same place every year for a discount.

Mary said the state taxes are pending, and the Federal taxes are filed. We are current with our state Gaming Permit.

Our club is losing members. What can we do to increase membership?

Joanne reported that the training classes are doing well.

Harry report that he applied for the borough permits. This includes the school house area.

Joanne reported that the Hunt Test seminar is scheduled for April 25th. She is still looking for a place to hold it.

Equipment:

Joanne and Lisa reported that we are in need of some new equipment for the club, for Hunt test and for training classes.

Training classes also teach how to use this equipment.

Needed are wingers, preferably Gunners Up, and lighter weight holding blinds .

Lisa reported that the club should consider purchasing A.E.D. for the club, and possibly can get a Red Cross discount. We currently do not have proper first aid for life saving devices.

Harry proposed we research a cost for this.

Need to do a current inventory of the Club trailer.

Jo made a motion for Mary to purchase a 1 TB external hard drive , no more than \$75. Mary needs this internal drive to back up all RCA business. Lisa seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Jo motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded.

Next meeting scheduled for March 16, Tuesday, 4 pm.