

RCA Meeting Notes August 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm

In attendance were Harry Strahle, Mary Maxwell, Joanne Hanscom, Gwen Haynes, Lise' Shore, John Drennan, Kelli Toth, Rich Gardner and guest Pete Probasco.

Secretary Report – May and June Minutes approved after Joanne made the motion to approve, and Lise' 2nd

Treasurer Report – Joanne made a motion to accept the report, and Lise' 2nd. Mary needs to pay the landowner's for Pt Mac and asked what land was used per event. She will send the payments to each with a thank you card.

Mary said she needs to call PayPal to find out more information. If she does finish PayPal, she will need to create a "store" on Facebook and get the links to Betsy for the website.

Mary again mentioned that her term as Treasurer is up in January, and that she would finish out the year and file the taxes and Gaming Permit Reports. She mentioned if she does get off the Board, she will also be removing herself from the Gaming Permit. The State requires an Officer to be on the permit, and after doing this for the last 4 years, it is her opinion the person on the permit needs to be the Treasurer since all of it ties together with the accounting and banking. She also stated that she would be willing to stay on with a year to year basis with Board approval which isn't in the bylaws. Her other condition would be that Harry stays on as President.

President and Field Trial Reports – Nothing new to discuss.

Hunt Test Report – Lise' said the new first aid AED was stored at her house. Rich will store the trailer, and Pete mentioned that the battery for the trailer brakes needed to be removed

Joanne mentioned that we should form a committee to inventory the trailer and make a list of items needed for next year. She also has the batteries stored at home needed for the radios. Rich said he would inventory the trailer, and also suggested that a comparison be made from the last inventory.

New Business –

Annual membership meeting and banquet – Harry brought up concerns about the new Covid variants and whether we could hold an in person meeting. Mary expressed her opinion that it wasn't a good idea. Joanne said let's wait until September to vote on that so the subject was tabled.

Brush Clearing – The Forest Service at this time hasn't approved it yet, but Harry said will have to be done in September so as not to disturb spring nesting areas. He wants to rent a brush cutter. Joanne made the motion to spend no more than \$500.00 on the rental. Lise' 2nd and the motion passed. Bill Barstow has an additional brush cutter and has volunteered to use it as well. Harry will let the Board know when the Forest Service approves the event.

Birds – Fairbanks will not be getting fliers for next year. The Canadian border is still up in the air with the Covid. Harry asked how many birds were left in the freezer after the last Hunt Test. Joanne said we still had 60 new/unused birds along with 100 birds divided into bags of 10 for a total of 160 birds.

Harry would like to have the birds ordered in the winter. Joanne will order again from Whistling Wings but will wait until September for the Board to decide how many after recount.

Outside Hunt Test Judge Complaint by Local Judge – Mary Pemberton called in to express concerns regarding how we get our outside judges. She expressed that she felt dismissed etc, and that she had written the judge a letter. Lise' asked Mary if she was filing an official complaint with AKC, and she said no. Lise' also asked her to share any response that she might receive. Joanne is willing to receive any Outside Judge recommendations by Mary.

Handler Reprimand – A handler had been charged by the Club under the AKC Rules of Misconduct. The handler had been found guilty and the Committee Report had been sent in with the Secretary Report. The Event Chairman Pete Probasco had requested this handler write a letter of apology to the Board. He and Lise' sent a certified letter which was returned to us. Pete expressed that the handler must be held accountable to the Club before allowing to run again next year. Kelli asked how we could enforce with AKC. Pete and Lise' will check with AKC. Mary believes it's a club issue now and not something AKC can help with.

The handler was fined by AKC so Joanne said we need to drop the issue if nothing back from AKC to back up the Club disallowing the handler to run. Joanne made the motion to let it go, and Mary 2nd. Motion passed.

Hunt Test Plaques – Lise' would like to award handlers a plaque when a dog titles. They would have to be members in good standing with the club. Mary said she didn't believe that they should be awarded since a few years ago the board voted to do away with Field Trial trophies due to the expense. Harry asked her to find out prices and how many dogs titled before we decide. Lise' will get the information so the subject was tabled.

Brochures – Kelli has been working on the brochure and sent a copy to all for approval. Harry asked her to check with PIP for a quote since they have been doing our printing for years. She also is checking into other printers for quotes.

Membership 2022 – Betsy had asked if the membership fees would go up for 2022 because she would like to get it on the website. The motion was made to keep the fee at \$40.00 by Joanne, and Lise' 2nd Motion passed.

Bookkeeping Software – Mary said her computer was having serious problems and would have to buy a new one. She said the version of Quickbooks she uses is so out of date it can no longer be loaded onto another computer. She said the options were to do a monthly online version for approximately \$12.00 a month which is what she is going to do for her own business, or the Club could purchase the actual software for \$400.00 which could then be given to a new Treasurer or Club President for safekeeping. Joanne said she would prefer the board approve a software purchase, but Mary said to let her test out the online version she will be using first until the next meeting. The issue was tabled.

Boat for Sale – Pete hasn't listed the club boat for sale yet. He suggested \$150.00 OBO. Joanne made the motion for that price and Mary 2nd. Motion passed. Pete will take pictures of the boat and send to Mary who will post on Facebook.

Next meeting will be September 21, 2021 at 4:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm