

# Retriever Club of Alaska Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

4pm Teleconference

Members present: Harry, Mary, Joanne, Gwen, John D., Rich, Pete

Members absent: Kelli, Lise

Mary added new business: Point MacKenzie Ferguson/McQuay/Kehoe/Abbott property

Secretary Report: Jo motioned to approve and Rich seconded the motion.

Treasury Report:

- Mary doesn't think we can legally do an online raffle. She spoke with the State but did not get a definitive answer.
- Mary is working on setting up PayPal, will have to make a separate email account for RCA. Harry had looked into this previously.
- We may need an additional locker at 10th & M. Mary will check on availability.
- We have roughly \$45,000 in the Club bank account. (Not sure if this goes in the minutes)
- Both Federal and State taxes have been filed for 2020.
- Jo approved the Treasury report minutes and Rich seconded the approval.

President report:

- Harry reported that he spoke with Eric at the Forest Service. Eric will get back with Harry. The Forest Service has requested copies of our COVID-19 safety practices.
- The Borough has received our check for using the Point MacKenzie properties.

Field trials:

- Our first two field trials are entered and ready on Entry Express.
- Harry is in contact with our outside judges for the first two trials. We are hoping that they will be ok flying up here by trial time pending Covid-19 status.
- Harry checked in to the cabins at the "General Store" and they are already rented. VRBO is listed at \$147.00 per night. Joanne will check into cheaper options.

Hunt test:

- Pete has our first Hunt test all ready to go.
- Jo is ready with the second Hunt rest.

- The School House parking area is secured. Pete will check to see if we can use it on Thursdays. We will have to get a key for the rest rooms.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Kelli is working on a new club brochure.
- Joanne said she has lots of pictures for the brochure.
- Harry asked if we could put the raffle info on FB.
- We are still looking for a screen tent for the birds. Joanne said \$65-150 for one with no floor 8x8-10x10.
- Joanne is putting together a Hunt test judges seminar. Date will be announced. We are looking for a place to have it.
- Harry asked John Drennan to provide us with a list of all participants from the training classes for our records.
- We need to start looking for bird throwers / helpers for the upcoming events.
- Harry spoke with Betsy about the Club website and a back-up plan was discussed.
- Joanne to order 130 birds.
- Website – Betsy will give Marianne the password so we have two administrators.

#### Other Business:

##### Discussion on the A.E.D.'s

- The cheapest options were around \$1400.00 every 5 years. The batteries and pads need replacing.
- Joanne made the motion to purchase A.E.D. Rich seconded the motion.
- Harry will contact Lise, as she has agreed to handle the purchase.
- The Club needs a first aid kit. We will be looking into one.

##### Discussion about new wingers and holding blinds

- Joanne proposed that we purchase new wingers, specifically, Slinger Wingers.
- We currently have 3 Gunners Up and 2 Tangelo Tossers.
- The Tangelos are not preferred and it was suggested that we sell them. Harry asked if we could sell on FB.
- The Slinger Wingers are supposed to be safer, lighter, and easier to use.
- Jo made a motion to purchase 3 Slinger Wingers at \$840.00. John seconded.
- Motioned passed.
- We are looking into purchasing new pole stakes for our holding blinds. The current ones are heavy, and we are looking into lightweight.
- Pete volunteered to find a fabricator to make lightweight poles.

Point MacKenzie Ferguson/McQuay/Kehoe/Abbott property

- Lengthy and lively discussion was made on using the property at Point MacKenzie owned by Paula, Kevin, Gary and Dawn.
- Pete talked to Kevin about the property. The fee for using the property is \$100.00 per day, in addition, a porta potty is required.
- This expense would be in addition to the properties we are already using.
- John explained that the reason he was in favor was convenience and excellent grounds for Hunt test.
- Harry explained that we would be paying too much when we are already paying the farmers for fields. We have also added new fields, that are much larger. We have access to the restrooms at the School House pad, so that would be an added cost to pay for a porta potty on the “Ferguson “property.
- Joanne brought up a good point. For the last Hunt test of the season, if we have fields that are not cut, the grass may be too high. If the “Ferguson “property is available and cut, we would like the option to use at that time”.
- Jo suggested we need an updated map of Point MacKenzie, with all the farmers property that we use pinned.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34

Next meeting scheduled for May 11, Tuesday at 4pm.