

Arctic Bird Dog Association
Minutes for 2024 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting

Date: July 18, 2024

Location: Quidos Pizza, Anchorage & Zoom

In Attendance:

President: James Ohlinger
Secretary: Dawn Gerety
Director: Tim Gallagher
Website: Dana Stewart
By-laws: Isobelle Mahooney
Bird Program: Bill Ellis
Martin Stewart
Ryan Mahoney
Lulie Williams
Brian Stuart
LeeAnn Stuart
Torie Baker
Tom Noble
Mike Kasterin
Steve Woods
Jeff Lipscomb
Rose Munafo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President James Ohlinger at 7:08pm

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting was reviewed. No corrections were needed. The minutes stand as presented and can be posted as approved.

President's Report

Safely Moment: How to remove an injured dog in the field? There are emergency slings made for this purpose, such as the Fido Pro Airlift Dog Rescue Sling, a packable lightweight harness designed to carry a dog on your back.

Assistance: We are looking for someone to take over replies to the general inquiry email address.

Merchandise: Take advantage of our partnerships with Cabela's and Bass Pro Embroidery for ABDA logo merchandise.

Thank You: To 49th State Kennel for donating swag for event prizes. Located in Palmer/Wasilla.

Gunnar's Choice Award: For the first of this tradition, a ribbon award was presented at the last Flushing Hunt Test. If the award continues, more ribbons will need to be ordered. The cost of ribbons is high, and it was discussed to create a hat as the award instead.

CPR Class: Still collaborating on a CPR class with other Alaska clubs. TBD.

Respecting Property Rules: Highlighted the importance of respecting property rules and boundaries at Robertson's and BDA training fields. Any violations affect all members and future operations at the fields.

Holiday Party: James is looking for a venue to host the event.

Vice President's Report (James Ohlinger)

Event Planning: Planning for 2025 event dates needs to begin soon to avoid conflicts with other club events. James is creating a draft 2025 event calendar.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report (James Ohlinger)

Current Bank Balance: \$32,000

Jessie successfully moved all renewal insurance dates to a calendar year instead of the middle of the training season.

Standing Committee Reports

Bird Program (Bill Ellis)

Bird Pick Up: New bird shipments are expected to arrive over the next couple of weeks. There are expected to be 800-900 birds hosted in the pens by the end of the month. Members are encouraged to pick up the birds they purchased to decrease the pressure of feedings and captivity.

Assistance: Bill is seeking volunteers for bird feedings. Please contact him for scheduling and details.

Transition: Bill announced that this is his last season managing the Bird Program.

Website (Dana Stewart)

Website Update: The BOD approved spending up to \$4,500 on an updated ABDA website using the existing contractor. The update begins this fall and should be live by the new year. Comments and suggestions are encouraged now to be taken into consideration for the new site.

Membership (James Ohlinger)

Membership System: The transition to a calendar year registration system is on hold due to the required bylaw changes. Instead, memberships will be encouraged to join at the new year.

Membership Incentive: One thought is to make event spots available first priority to members before non-members. To be discussed.

By-laws (Isabelle Mahooney)

No report.

Events (James Ohlinger)

July Flusher Hunt Test: Thank you to Ice & Ryan for stepping up when the outside Judge did not arrive.

2nd Chukkar Challenge for Pointers: There are still a few spots available to sign up.

August Hunt Tests for Pointers and Flushers: Registration is now open on the website.

Unfinished Business

New Enclosed Trailer: This is on hold until the spring and until the budget is better reviewed.

New Business

Association Signs: Another set of Association signs is needed for the Delta Hunt Test events. Jeff and James will look into costs for production.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.