

ABDA Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013

21 in attendance

Welcome to new members George and Cindy McGahn who have recently moved here from Minnesota. They have Brittanys and have experience participating in field trials.

October meeting minutes were approved.

Big thanks to the McConnells for hosting a great Christmas party.

Treasurer's Report

Don Stewart reported starting balance \$9,341, currently \$8,986 for a net of \$ - 355. He noted that many members had not paid their dues yet. He provided an updated membership list. ABDA has approximately 60 members. Sherry Tomlinson would like members to update their email addresses.

WingShoot Alaska Dog Training Center – Trigg Davis

The location for training and events is being changed. They are expanding the brooder and flight pens. Chukar will be \$15 per bird. They are going to try pheasants but it depends on orders. Pheasants will be \$30 each. ABDA members can get a membership to WingShoot Alaska for \$30 per year. Cost for holding events is \$100 per event.

AKC Judging Seminar

Mike Kasterin has been working on scheduling an AKC judging seminar for both spaniels and pointing dogs. He reported that ABDA has 17 members who are hunt test judges but the last seminar was in 2008 and judges must attend a seminar every 5 years to continuing being qualified to judge. AKC charges approximately \$500 for the seminar. The seminar is mandatory for judges, but anyone may attend. April 6 and 7 were approved for the seminar. Location and cost to attend to be determined.

Sherry Tomlinson expressed the need to invite out of state judges for this year's tests. She would like to see them commit to providing some training while here. Bob and Julie Wickwire from Oregon were suggested. Don S. will check finances and report on how much the club can afford to spend on judges.

Judy Alderson will research pointing dog judges and their availability and Mike K. will follow up with spaniel judges. Derek T. would like Judy and Mike to provide the information to him by February 15th.

Website Upgrade

Don S. reported that Brian _____ is designing the website. His fee is \$1500, with \$750 paid in advance. It will take him two months to complete.

Design changes will cost \$50. Sherry T. would like a commitment from someone to maintain the website. Don S. volunteered.

By-law Changes

ABDA would like to change the annual meeting from October to January. Sherry T. will contact AKC and find out how we can do that. Don S. suggested contacting Stephanie Kane regarding if there would be any tax considerations associated with a change.

Novice Classes

Derek T. will contact Dale Sweetser and Dan B. to see if they will teach the pointing class. Mike K. will teach the spaniel class.

Hunt Test Secretary

Don S. will be retiring from hunt test secretarial duties and someone else needs to take over. Don will help whoever takes it on. James Ohlinger volunteered.

Fun Field Day

Derek T. will chair.

Chukar Hunt

Kathy B. and Lulie Williams will co-chair.

Pointing Match / Tests

Lulie W. reported there will not be a pointing match this summer, but there will be four hunt tests. Lulie will be chairman for the July tests and Judy A. will chair the August tests. It was suggested that August would be a good time to bring a judge up from Outside.

Spaniel Tests

Judy A. will chair the August 3 and 4 tests and Jeff Lipscomb will chair the August 24 and 25 tests.

ABDA / RGS Pheasant Shoot Fundraiser

Derek T. and Mike Griffin will co-chair the event.

Miscellaneous

Pam Stillman will check on getting ABDA logo decals.

Mike Lacey suggested the club get 500 club business cards which will be done by the April meeting.

Mike Griffin mentioned booth at the Sportsman Show, but it was decided not to participate in that event.

Mike G. would also like photos for the website. Email to him at griffinmw@gmail.com

Pam S. and Susan Petry discussed the Alaska Sporting Dog Club being formed with the goal of putting on performance events.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
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