

ABDA Meeting Minutes Special Meeting - February 20, 2014

A special meeting was called by President Derek Tomlinson regarding bird committee findings and recommendations and event/training location. Members were notified via email. 19 members in attendance.

Event Location and Training

Training Fields, LLC (LLC) has been formed by six individuals and has obtained a long-term lease with option to purchase 75 acres at Pt. MacKenzie. The location is within the former Falcon Ridge property owned by Gary Thompson. ABDA will have access to the grounds for ABDA events and ABDA member training on a limited basis. The cost to ABDA is \$3,500.00.

The LLC will provide ABDA with guidelines for use which will be posted on the ABDA website.

The following is a summary as outlined by Dan and Barb Brandvold and Trigg Davis:

ABDA will have access for ABDA events as scheduled beginning on the June 14 Fun Day.

ABDA members will have access for training on Saturdays when no ABDA event is scheduled beginning June 21 through August, 2014. Member training time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In order to have access at any other time, ABDA members may use the grounds as a guest of an LLC member and the LLC member must be present.

There will be no camping on LLC's grounds except for when a two-day ABDA event is scheduled.

NOTE: Access to the training field is adjacent to Gary Thompson's residence. Gary T. is not affiliated with the LLC and/or the operation of the LLC training field or birds. Therefore, ABDA members are not to contact Gary directly for scheduling or placing bird orders. ABDA members are to respect his property and privacy when going to or leaving the LLC location.

Following discussion, Judy Alderson made a motion that ABDA establish a relationship with Training Fields LLC for a fee of \$3,500.00, or as negotiated by the Officers, for access to Training Fields LLC's property for ABDA events and member access as scheduled by Training Fields LLC. Second by Don Stewart. Motion passed.

Bird Committee Report

Dan Brandvold reported on behalf of the committee as to how ABDA will deal with birds this year.

The LLC will provide guidelines for bird orders and these will be posted on the website.

In summary, bird orders/bird care will not be a business venture, but will be handled by volunteers. Orders will be taken for chukar and quail. Due to the increase in bird shipping and handling fees, cost per adult birds will be approximately \$8.50 per quail and \$16-17 for chukar. Estimated cost per bird for ABDA members will be \$15 each for quail and \$20 for chukar. Members can order birds in blocks of 50 at a time (members can then share as they choose if they are not going to use all 50 birds themselves). ABDA will collect all orders and payment for all by March 3, 2014. Don Stewart will prepare a spreadsheet to track bird orders. If birds die during shipping, the mortality percentage will be spread equally between purchasers. There may be opportunity for additional orders, but that will be determined by the availability of birds and shipping considerations. The committee is working with Alaska Mill & Feed to obtain a group/ commercial rate for feed.

The procedure for placing orders and making payments will be posted on the ABDA website.

The birds will not be kept at the LLC site. The procedure for using ordered birds will be the member that placed the order must contact Dan and/or Barb Brandvold before 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings in order to have birds for use on Saturday training days. They will box up the birds (minimum of 3 per box) and have them to the training site by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Birds must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Birds that are delivered to the training site at the request of the purchaser, must be claimed- no exceptions. Birds not claimed by the purchaser will no longer be available to the purchaser and the number of birds requested for that Saturday will be deducted from their total number of birds.

ABDA will be responsible for ordering birds for ABDA events. Derek T. noted ABDA needs 400 birds for ABDA events and made a motion that ABDA order an additional 150 birds (250 were previously ordered for \$500.00) and to pay the balance owed for the birds in the amount of \$7,500.00. Dan B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Derek T. also announced no birds will be available for individual sale following the conclusion of an ABDA event (i.e. hunt tests, etc.). If there are birds remaining from those brought to the event site, they will be returned to the caretaker for use in future ABDA events.

RGS will order and pay for 200 birds for the September Upland Hunt.

Following discussion, Judy Alderson made a motion to accept the recommendations of the bird committee as written. Second by Don Stewart. Motion passed.

Fees

Following discussion of increased costs for ABDA:

Don Stewart made a motion to increase annual membership dues to \$50.00 for individual membership and \$75.00 for family membership, effective on each member's renewal anniversary. Lulie Williams second. Motion passed.

Derek Tomlinson made a motion to increase event entry fees from \$60.00 per entry to \$75.00 per entry for AKC events and the Upland Bird Challenge. Second by Mike Kasterin. Motion passed.

Fun Day

The ABDA Fun Day is scheduled for June 14 and Derek T. has ordered 50 quail for the event. Cost has yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Kathy Buesseler