

ABDA Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2015

Attendance: 21 Voting Members: 13

(Before the meeting was called to order, a demonstration on getting dogs out of various types of traps was given by Derek Tomlinson and Mike Kasterin.)

Call to order at 7:10PM by President Derek Tomlinson

New members Danielle Jerry (ES) and David Irons (Brit) introduced themselves.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the October 30, 2014 GM meeting (George McCann moves, Judy Alderson seconds). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Don Stewart)

Current balance: \$4800.00 approx

Notes: A check written to Ashers for birds for \$3660 has not been cashed yet. This is the balance of the 50% down payment for birds ordered by club members. In addition, we owe the LLC \$3500 for the year which can be paid in increments, and in June we owe insurance costs of \$600. At this time, we have very little cushion in the account. Income will be generated by some more dues and by our training classes this spring, which have historically brought in about \$3000. We may need to think of some other income generating activities.

Training classes/locations:

Jim McConnell is working on a location for training classes, and for a potential training area nearer to Anchorage. Eklutna is not available to us this year. He is looking at the Beech Lake area or Mirror Lake area and is looking for fields as well as lake/pond for water work. He will keep the club apprised of progress.

Proposal before the Board of Game regarding use of hunting dogs:

Trigg Davis summarized Proposal # 194 which will be considered by the Board of Game at the March 2015 meeting. This proposal would prohibit the use of hunting dogs for upland game after October 31 of any given year in the southcentral region. Members are encouraged to comment directly to the Board of Game and need to do so by Feb. 27, 2015, in order for their comments to be considered. Specifics on how and where to comment will be sent out by email to all ABDA members. Testimony can also be presented at the Board meeting March 13-17 in Anchorage. More information is also available on the website for Alaska Department of Fish and Game under Board of Game.

Birds

The Ashers in Talkeetna are raising birds for the club and the LLC this year; there are 1270 chukars and 400 quail on order and being raised for us. The process for obtaining birds for this year is to order them through ABDA (Don Stewart) with a 50% down payment. Chukar cost \$16 and quail cost

\$13. There is no refund on deposits for birds; a bird order is a minimum of 20 birds with additional increments of 10 birds available.

Contact information for Don Stewart: email dons0112@hotmail.com and checks can be mailed to ABDA, PO Box 90914, Anchorage 99509

ABDA will be building some sort of holding pen to hold birds at the LLC for our events and for use in training. Ashers will be delivering birds at no charge on five dates this summer to coincide with our events. Other deliveries or pick up of birds will need to be arranged separately. There will a charge for other deliveries by the Ashers or birds can be picked up at their farm in Talkeetna at no charge.

Events

Chairpersons were assigned for the 2015 events.

Fun Day: Derek Tomlinson

Chukar Challenge: James Ohlinger

Pointing tests: Judy Alderson and Lulie Williams (NOTE: a potential conflict with a NAHVDA event was noted for the August 8-9 pointing dog tests. These may need to be rescheduled.)

July Flushing tests: Brian Stuart

August Flushing tests: Jeff Lipscomb (to be held in North Pole)

Seminar

There is a possible pointing dog seminar to be presented by Pineridge Kennels in June. Trigg Davis is working on this.

Election

A slate of candidates was presented to the membership and was voted into office. The new Board:

President: Tim Gallagher

Vice President: Dori Hollingsworth

Treasurer: Don Stewart

Secretary: Judy Alderson

Member at large: Bud Rice

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Submitted by Judy Alderson, Acting Secretary