

ABDA General Membership Board Meeting Minutes
(16 April 2015)

The last GM meeting minutes were posted on the web site. No one had any objections or additions for the minutes.

- **Membership Status (Don):**

*There were 16 people in attendance at the meeting. We currently have 67 members, 6 new members this year. **Derek** is contacting people who have let their membership lapse. Don S. is getting the names to him.*

Ways to grow membership was discussed:

Educational programs at meetings, Training opportunities, show & tell of hunting trips, attend outdoor shows (this has been too expensive with little result in the past), attend functions at dog days at local sporting shops. Put fliers/notices of events up at sporting stores and gun ranges, Rabbit Creek, Birchwood, Grouse Ridge.

Send out a survey to the General membership to determine what type of activities/events they would most like for the club to do? Should we continue with the current events or change them to add more training days, hunting games (chukar challenge), clinics???

Make sure our events are well advertised, outside the web site. The novice class was not well advertised. Need to put up fliers at dog training facilities, gun clubs, sporting goods stores, send out notices to other clubs. We've gotten a good turnout from retriever clubs for the Challenge. Mike K. volunteered to assist with putting out fliers.

Have a presence at the Sporting Retail Stores, have a special demonstration at the stores on Saturday....A retriever club does this at Cabella's. Sportsman warehouse was suggested as a very strong potential sponsor and venue.

- **Budget (Don):**

The Current Balance is \$3,114.00, next quarter projections are \$4,585.00 with credits projected at \$6,240.00.

It was suggested we should come up with something out of the ordinary to do with sponsorship money other than just fund our fun. Pool several vets, so each could make a smaller contribution. Advertise by banners at events, on our web site, stickers on trailer. Fund educational events such as clinics and out of state judges. It was stated that if sponsor spends the money on advertising, then it is tax deductible for the sponsor. All agreed that trying to qualify for 501c-3 tax exempt status is too difficult for the club to attempt.

CALENDAR:

Chair people for the Fun Day, Derek; Chukar Challenge, James, need to study and edit the web site pages to make sure they are correct. Give to Don to make the necessary changes.

Camping at LLC grounds is possible the night before scheduled events.

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
13 June	Fun Day	LLC	Derek	<i>Dan will count this day for his novice class at no extra charge.</i>
27 June	Chukar Challenge	LLC	James	<i>Limit of 12-15 entrees each side.</i>
11-12 July	Pointer Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	<i>Hunt committee & judges submitted.</i>
25-26 July	Flushing Tests	LLC	Brian	<i>Needs to be done</i>
15-16 Aug	Pointing Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	<i>Lulie needs to do. Depending on July turnout, we will decide if this test will be cancelled.</i>
22-23 Aug	Flushing Tests	Chena Project-North Pole	Jeff	<i>Completed, 2 out of state judges, they are paying their own airfare.</i>
26-27 Sep	RGS Hunt	LLC		
6 Dec	Holiday Party			<i>Need volunteer</i>

- **General Membership meetings (3rd Thur/1st Month/each Quarter)**

Finding a different place for our general meetings was supported by all attendees. Sportsman's Warehouse was reported to have a good meeting room, Cabela's, and AIH on Viking.

July 16, 2015 MTG. will feature ADF&G- Rick Merizon, small game biologist- upland bird update. We are still working on a location. Considering a date change for the BP Center or pursuing one of the retail sporting stores.

Oct. 15, 2015 MTG. Discussion about asking Chuck M. to give a talk on first aid in the field and/or having a session on trapping. Could also ask the Trapper's association to give a presentation. Derek volunteered to bring his trap that was purchased for us to practice releasing.

- **Misc Topics:**

Training bird status

- *500 chukar ready to go, 650 chukar just hatched, another 650 chukar to hatch in a couple of weeks, 650 quail ready to go in May or June.*
- *Final payment for ordered birds is due June 1, to Don S. He will send out a notice to the membership.*
- *First bird delivery will be for Fun Day on June 13, 2015.*
- ***Derek & Don L.** to work on ABDA holding pen at LLC grounds.*

Other topics

Don stated that he would try to put instructions about membership renewal on the appropriate web page because of the problems experienced with renewing. Don will put the registration button on the Chukar Challenge page. There is no online registration for Fun Day. People just show up.

Dog Nutrition Program

Presented by Kim McCourtney, AK Mill and Feed. Kim has a degree in Animal Husbandry from Michigan State University. She has been a General Manager of a large farm, Dimond Animal Clinic, and currently for AK Mill and Feed. She talked about the effect of a dog's diet in the overall health, training, and performance of our dogs. Different performance demands require different nutritional needs. She talked about the labels, list of ingredients, what they mean and what to look for when purchasing. A list of various ingredients is often preferred than more singular ingredients to provide protein, carbohydrate or fat. In addition she talked about the manufacture of dog food and why some manufactures provide a better quality food than others. She gave each attendee a book on the Nutrition and Care of the Sporting Dog.

Kim was very supportive of our power as a group representing hunting and dog training interests. She encouraged us to use our influence to get support from the retail sporting community in promoting these activities.

Lulie Williams, for Judy Alderson