

Agenda and Minutes

ABDA General Membership Meeting

(16 July 2015)

- Welcome- sign-in- recognition of new members
Attendance was 30 people in person, 3 persons on teleconference line and 1 speaker. Location: Cabela's conference room
- Membership Status (Don):
 - 71: 44 individual and 27 family
 - 19 renewals and 20 non-renewals
- Budget Status (Don): budget status report available as attachment as of 7/15/15. Current club balance is \$4457.
- Calendar Review (Tim):

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
13 June	Fun Day	LLC	James/Don	20 Registrations
27 June	Chukar Challenge	LLC	James/Dan	24 Registrations
11-12 July	Pointer Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	10 Registrations
25-26 July	Flushing Tests	LLC	Brian Stewart	
15-16 Aug	Pointing Tests	LLC	Judy/Lulie	Soliciting a minimum of six dogs per day for the tests
22-23 Aug	Flushing Tests	Chena Project-North Pole	Jeff	2 Colorado Judges
26-27 Sep	RGS Hunt	LLC		Under discussion
6 Dec	Holiday Party	Gallagher's Residence	Tim	

- General Membership meetings (7 pm; 3rd Thur/1st Month/each Quarter)

Date	Location	Speaker	Notes
15 Jan	Carrs (Muldoon)	-	

16 Apr	Carrs (Muldoon)	AK Mill and Feed- Kim McCourtney- dog nutrition	
16 Jul	Cabelas	ADF&G- Rick Merizon, small game biologist- upland bird update	
15 Oct	Cabelas	Dog First Aid for Home and Field- Dr. Chuck Muschany	

- Misc Topics:

- Pointer Hunt Test Results (Judy)

The test was a success although there was a low turnout. One master hunter title was earned (Lulie Williams) which is a huge achievement within Alaska. Don Stewart indicated that we have the necessary commitment of a minimum of 6 dogs per day committed to run at the August tests so they will be held as scheduled.

There was a brief discussion about including small Munsterlanders in the AKC hunt tests. Since they are not yet an approved AKC breed, they can not officially participate in the tests, but ABDA can help to figure out a way to include them in training or mock test events.

- Training bird status (Don)

Birds ordered for ABDA were 490; birds for RGS were 200. Next year the bird ordering will be basically the same as this year with the assumption that the Ashers will still be raising birds and with the addition of a website page for ordering birds. Birds will only be available to ABDA members.

- ABDA clothing and articles coordinator (Don)

The club is looking for a volunteer to take on the ordering and management of our logo inventory. Hats have been the most popular item in the past. There needs to be a new look and new ideas on how to handle orders and for possible new items to have. Members are encouraged to email ideas to the webmaster on the ABDA website.

- LLC Topics (Liaison- Derek)

Derek was introduced as the liaison; no discussion at this time.

- Alaska Mill and Feed dog food order (Tim)

At the last GM meeting, there was discussion of a possible bulk order of dog food through Alaska Mill and Feed. An email will be forthcoming from Tim regarding placing this order.

- Ticks- Tularemia (Bud)
Bud mentioned the presence of ticks in Alaska on hares and small mammals such as voles that can carry tularemia and can be attached to our dogs. Tularemia is transmissible to humans. He urged everyone to look at the article links sent out by email earlier in the summer and be aware especially when in the interior of Alaska.
- Training event: Small Game Biologist, ADF&G, Rick Merizon
Mr. Merizon spoke on research and trends in upland birds in Alaska

Submitted,
Judy Alderson
Secretary

Attachment: Budget status as of 7/15/15