

Agenda and Minutes

ABDA General Membership Meeting

Cabela's Conference Room, 104th Avenue, Anchorage, AK

(21 Jan 2016)

- Welcome- sign-in- recognition of new members (26 members present)
- Last GM meeting minutes review and approval

MOTION: Move to approve GM minutes from Nov 19, 2015 meeting.
MOTION PASSED.

- Membership Status (Don):
 - 75 : 49 individual and 26 family
 - 17 renewals and 5 non-renewals
- Budget Status (Don): Current Balance =\$7223.30; Projected Balance (1 April 16) = \$2,163. Outstanding check for \$4730 to bird supplier for members deposits received to date.
- 2016 Calendar Review (Tim):

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
12 Mar	Cabela's Spring Great Outdoors Day		Tim G.	Promote ABDA membership with dogs, handlers, and handouts
TBD	Flushing Training Class	TBD	Mike Kasterin	
TBD	Pointing Training Class	TBD	Dan Branvold	
11 June	Fun Day	LLC		
18-19 Jun	Flushing Dog Clinic	LLC	James Ohlinger	With Trainer Dan Murray
18-20 Jun	Pointing Clinic	LLC	Lulie	Bring Robert Hall back?
18 June	Training Day	LLC	-	
25 June	Chukar Challenge	LLC		

9-10 July	Pointer Tests (plus fun test)	LLC	Lulie/Judy	
16 July	Training Day	LLC	-	
23-24 July	Flushing Tests	LLC		
6 August	Training Day	LLC	-	
13-14 Aug	Pointer Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	
27-28 Aug	Flushing Tests	Chena Project- North Pole		
December	Holiday Party	TBD	TBD	

- 2016 General Membership meetings (7 pm; 3rd Thur/1st Month/each Quarter)

Date	Location	Speaker	Notes
21 January	Cabela's	AK Trappers Assoc.	~30 members present
21 April	Cabela's		
21 July	Cabela's		
22 November	Cabela's		Not 3 rd Thursday due to active hunting season and Thanksgiving

- Misc Topics:
 - ABDA Constitution and Bylaw Changes (Don):
 - A motion was approved to change bylaws concerning board selection and timing: Proposal approved all officers of the Board will have 2 year terms instead of the current 1 year terms. There will be an election held every year with the President, Secretary and Member at Large to be elected in even years and the Vice President and Treasurer elected in odd years.
 - Board Elections (Don): Based on the just adopted changes in Bylaws, the group nominated: Tim Gallagher for President, Judy Alderson for

Secretary, and Bud Rice for Member-At-Large. No other nominations were submitted. Don circulated ballots to members present, and all nominees were elected.

- Training bird status (Don): Needs to know how many birds would be needed for flushing and pointing clinics and the dates. So far we have a total of \$21,510 in bird orders from Ashers for chukar and quail. ABDA has no mark-up on bird purchases and simply acts as pass-through and organizer for ABDA members.
- Expanding ABDA presence at community events (Tim): Tim and others will be present at Cabela's on March 12. Are there other locations and events ABDA can attend? One member suggested the Alaska Sportsman Show at Sullivan Arena in April.
- LLC Topics (Liaison- Derek): Nothing to discuss.
- Board of Game Proposals (Bud): Two proposals could affect bird dog hunters: #5 and # 69. Proposal 5 would require hunters to salvage all edible meat from small birds, including breast, legs, thighs, back, heart, gizzard, etc. Proposal 69 would prohibit the use of domestic dogs for hunting in order to prevent introductions of canine born diseases to wildlife. Rick Merizon of ADFG was on hand to help us understand the intricacies of the proposals. Bud has prepared a draft letter for President Tim Gallagher to sign and submit to BOG by the due date of March 4, 2016. We discussed ABDA opposition to the proposals, offered our basic reasons, and asked for other rationale to support our positions. Members agreed and thought these proposals would not pass the Board. Dan Branvold noted that he knows of no other states that prohibit the use of domestic dogs for hunting of small game. He thought proposal 69 was absurd. We agreed to add his comment about other states to the letter.
- Bird Brood Surveys (Rick Merizon . ADFG): Rick noted he gave a couple of presentations on brood surveys in ANC and Palmer and his coworker did in FBX. They have about 7 volunteers with trained bird dogs to help with summer brood surveys in Interior and about 5 so far for the Alaska Range and Hatcher Pass areas. The idea is to assess chick survival and project likely hunter success in the coming season. The focus is on open field birds such as rock and willow ptarmigan and sharp-tailed grouse. Rick hopes to expand the brood surveys to forest grouse in the future.
- Alaska Mill and Feed Food Purchase Program (Tim):
 - ABDA Wholesale Account is set up for discounted purchases of: Canine Caviar, Blue Buffalo, Nutro, Iams, and Eukanuba.
 - Frequent Buyer Program: Orijen and Acana
 - AKC Breeder Program: Sign up on Orijen and Acana web sites.

- Next GM Meeting is 21 April 2016 at Cabela's meeting room.

- Training Event: Shared Trails Alaska Trappers Association . Southcentral Alaska Chapter (Richard Persons, Chapter President) . He showed an updated DVD version of the ATA Shared Trails presentation by Pete Buist and the ADFG DVD vignettes on how to release dogs from various trap sets: Conibear. Foothold spring traps, and snares. Afterwards, we handled traps that ATA members brought in.