

# Agenda

## 4Q ABDA General Membership Meeting

(30 November 2017) 6:30PM Cabela's Conf room

- Welcome- sign-in- recognition of members: 3 brand new members present!!
- Total attendance 20 members
  
- Handouts and Member Feedback (3X5 Cards): N/A
  
- Last GM meeting minutes review and approval: **MOTION:** Stacey Dean moved and Joanne Hanscom seconded to approve the minutes of the 3Q GM meeting as posted. Approved.
  
- Membership Status

Quarter	Total	Individual	Family	Corporate
1	84	51	29	5
2	85	50	30	5
3	93	55	33	5
4	92	53	34	5

- Budget Status (Brian): We currently are in good standing with the available funds.
  
- 2017 Calendar Review (Tim):

Outreach events went well; plan to repeat Cabela's and Bass Pro events pending information on merger of the two companies. Sportsman's Warehouse in Wasilla will be contacted to see if they are having an event, we will not be at the Anchorage Sportsman's Warehouse location next spring as we did not achieve objectives there in 2017.

Our AKC judges are good for another 5 years after last Springs AKC seminar. The hunt tests during the summer went well, but the pointing dog tests continue to search for more participants. The specialty test was intended to give more experience to novice handlers but did not seem to reach the intended audience. In 2018 pointing dog side will seek another avenue to increase participation. Flushing dog tests went well.

Novice classes are very successful. Dan Brandvold will teach another pointing dog class in 2018 and James Ohlinger will teach the flushing dog class. Mike Kasterin is thanked for teaching flushing dogs for many years.

We will not be offering a flushing clinic in 2018 but the 2017 clinic was well received.

Family Fun day and the Chukar Challenge continue to be very popular events. We have the highest turnout ever at Family fun day in 2017. Both very successful events to be continued next year.

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
11 Mar (11-4)	Spring Great Outdoors Day	Cabela's	Tim	Promote ABDA membership
25 Mar (11-4)	Dog Days	Bass Pro	Mike K	Promote ABDA membership
6 May (10- 3)	Outreach and Membership Drive	Sportsman's Warehouse	Mike G	Promote ABDA membership
8-9 Apr (9-5)	AKC Judging Class		Derek	8- Flushing(15); 9-Pointing(6)
16 Apr-21 May	Flushing Novice Class		Mike K	6 participants
16 Apr-21 May	Pointing Novice Class		Dan B	17 participants
10 June	Family Fun Day/ HT Performance Demo (Mike K)	LLC	Dennis B	69 Registrants
17-18 June	Flushing Clinic: Paul McGagh /Vicky Thomas	LLC	Derek	16 Registrants
24 June	Chukar Challenge	LLC	Bud	10 Flushing 16 Pointer
8 July	Pointer Specialty Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	9 Registrants
9 July	Pointer HT (2)	LLC	Lulie/Judy	#1-8 Registered #2-6 Registered
15 July	Training Day	LLC		
29-30 July	Flushing Tests	LLC	Joanne	Bud and Lulie to assist 6 Saturday 7 Sunday
5 Aug	Training Day	LLC		
12-13 August	Pointer Tests	LLC	Hilde	6 dog minimum for tests
26-27 August	Flushing Tests	Chena Project-North Pole	Jeff Lipscomb	?? numbers
3 December; 3pm	Holiday Party	13019 Rosser Dr, Eagle River	James O	

- 2017 General Membership meetings (7 pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur/1<sup>st</sup> Month/each Quarter)

Date	Location	Topic	Speaker	Coordinator
19 Jan	Cabela's	Falconry	Dutch Overly	Mike K
20 Apr	Cabela's	Dog Nutrition	Kim McCourtney (AK Mill and Feed)	Tim
20 Jul	Cabela's	Dog Massage/Health	Amanda Miller	Judy
30 Nov	Cabela's	Bird Populations	Rick Merizon	Bud

- Misc Topics:

- Board Elections: President, Secretary, Member at Large positions (Tim): Seeking nominations for three positions on the Board to be elected at the January 2018 GM meeting. A slate of nominees will be sent prior to the meeting per the bylaws.
- Training bird status (Don): ABDA is currently seeking a source of birds that will equal the excellent bird quality we had in 2017. Many thanks to Don Stewart for his efforts in transporting and caring for the chukars. We can predict the price of birds will go up in 2018, members will be informed about bird ordering procedures in January.
- LLC Topics (Liaison- Derek): ABDA rents private land near Point MacKenzie to train on and to hold events on. We are working on having pointing dog hunt tests on a different private property to provide variation for dogs running hunt tests. Members will be informed as to training days available to members on the private acreage.
- Corporate Sponsorship Program Update (Bud Rice): Working on several more sponsors; we currently have 5 corporate sponsors.
- Facebook: (Judy/Stacy): Questions from members regarding having an ABDA group facebook page that would provide for members to talk to each other. Our current FB page is a %page+that only provides for one way posting. If an administrator for a group page can be found, ABDA can explore expanding FB presence to both a page and a group site.
- Event Planning Guide (Tim): The 2018 calendar is being developed and final dates for hunt tests etc should be available in mid-December to members for planning purposes. Joanne Hanscom has already volunteered to coordinated some flushing tests for 2018.

- Next GM Meeting is 18 Jan 2018, 6:30 pm, at Cabela's conference room.

SPEAKER: Rick Merizon, small game biologist for Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Rick updated the membership on the status of game bird populations statewide. Ptarmigan populations statewide are generally good except in western AK and the AK peninsula where they are at some sort of record lows. Suspected cause is a series of cold wet June weather which kills small chicks which can not thermoregulate. There is a peak of ruffed grouse populations in south central and sharptail numbers are extremely high statewide. Brood surveys have been very effective in monitoring populations and sharptail brood sizes and density in several areas have doubled over 2016. There are 7 proposals before the BOG for their February Dillingham meeting that affect small game/bird populations. Comments are due Feb. 2.