

# Agenda and Minutes

## ABDA General Membership Meeting

### Cabela's Conference Room, 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK

( 21 November 2019)

- Welcome- sign-in- recognition of new members (14 members present & ADFG Small Game Biologist for 15 total, Mike Chihully attended via speaker phone.)
- Last GM meeting minutes review and approved

MOTION: Chuck Sielstra moved and Derek Tomlinson seconded to approve GM minutes from July, 2019 meeting.

MOTION PASSED.

- Membership Status (Tim):
  - 78 : 46 individual, 28 family, and 4 corporate
  - Totals down slightly from 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, which is due to bird orders in first quarter and events in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Budget Status: Current Balance not presented as Treasurer was not present. ABDA plans to order 1200 chukar from K&L Quail next year.
- 2016 Calendar Review (Tim):

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
12 Feb (7-9 PM)	Ladies Night	Sportsman's Warehouse	Stacey Dean	Did not happen as Stacey was sick
27 April	Dog Days	Cabela's/Bass Pro	Joanne Hanscom	
15 April-21 May	Flushing Novice Class	Outdoors	James Ohlinger	8 participants
15 April-21 May	Pointing Training Class	Outdoors	Dan Branvold	11 participants initially but family groups with 18 dogs total. Used treat marker training to good effect.
15 June	Fun Day	Training Fields LLC	Derek T and Denny	50 registrants. People liked stations for training.

29 June	Chukar Challenge	TF LLC	Bud Rice	18 pointing dogs and 15 flushing dogs. Started early (6AM) with pointing dogs due to hot temperatures up to 90F. This event cleared about \$900 this year, mostly due to lower costs for birds. Interest in a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day with braces on day 2. Dan Branvold and Dale Sweetsir would judge day 2 for pointers somewhat like NSTRA events. James O is also interested in braces with flushing dogs, but Derek and Mike thought not many experienced dogs would participate in day 2 for flushers; perhaps 5-7 braces. Day 2 braces would be longer runs at about 30 minutes.
6 July	Training Day	TF LLC		
20 July	Pointer Specialty Test	Bird Dog Acres LLC	Lulie/Hilde	AKC Judge Wayne Yamashita from OR helped participants understand what judges are looking for and how to train dogs for tests. 20 dogs
21 July	Pointer Hunt Test	BDA LLC	Lulie/Hilde	8 master level dogs
27-28 July	Flushing Tests	Robertson Filed	Mike/Joanne	19 Junior teams 18 Senior teams 9 master teams
3 August	Training Day	LLC		
17-18 Aug	Pointer Tests	BDA LLC	Lulie/Hilde	2 tests in one day. Judge Cindy McCann left early to attend home near fires in Willow area.

24-25 Aug	Flushing Tests	Delta Junction	Jeff Lipscomb/Tom Meyer	Tom Meyer Judge
December	Holiday Party	TBD	TBD	No Host, so not happening this year

- 2016 General Membership meetings (7 pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur/1<sup>st</sup> Month/each Quarter, except later for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to avoid hunting season conflicts.)

Date	Location	Speaker	Notes
16 January 2020	Cabela's	AK Trappers Assoc. ?	Elections
16 April	Cabela's	Dr. Priddy Dog Surgeon	
16 July	Cabela's		
19 November	Cabela's		

- Misc Topics:
  - Training Bird Status – Hilde: We will order 1200 Chukar from K&L Quail in January, which will be first notice of sales. We had holding pen failures last year and much of this has been repaired, but more footing boards need to be placed next spring before birds arrive. Bob Buch helped install some boards and we have enough boards to complete around the pen.
  - Hunt Secretary will be used for hunt tests, but the ABDA web will be used for Fun Day, training classes, and chukar challenge sign ups.
  - Board of Game Proposals: Bud deferred to Rick Merizon of ADFG, who reported proposals for AK Regions III and V of potential interest to ABDA members. Proposal #91 in Region III calls for limiting the bag limit for all grouse in subunit 20D (near Delta Jct) to 5 grouse/day. This was proposed by the Delta Advisory Committee (AC) because road hunters fail to differentiate between species and take too many ruffed grouse. The Board of Game meeting for this meeting will be in Pikes Hotel in FBX from March 7 to about March 14. Rick agreed ruffed grouse numbers are down, but

sharptailed grouse numbers remain high. Written comments to BOG are due by 14 February to be considered. Area V covers the west coast of AK such as Bethel, Nome, and Kotzebue. Proposals #14 and #15 propose to reduce season and bag limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18 near Bethel because numbers are plummeting much like they did in SW AK in and near Unit 9. Rick noted lack of snow and heavy rains during brood seasons have caused high mortality rates.

- LLC/BDA Topics (Derek/Bud) Bud noted some dogs are not controlled and we had a dog fight resulting in an injury to a dog before a test. Visitors need to control their dogs per BDA ground rules. They need to be leashed, collared, or kenneled when not working in a field with their master.
- Gunner Training Program (Mike Kasterin) - We will hold another training day at Birchwood Range next spring.
- Next GM Meeting is 16 January 2019 at Cabela's at 6:30 PM in their meeting room. Speaker is TBD, but we will hold elections for Secretary and President. Tim offered to serve as President one more year.
- Training Event: Rick Merizon presented a synopsis of small game populations around the state. Rock and willow ptarmigan populations are up in Interior AK (e.g. Eagle Summit). Delta and Eagle Summit brood numbers increased from 2018. Ptarmigan numbers along the Denali Highway are also up from 2018. ADFG had 17 volunteers help with brood surveys. They covered 24 km along the Denali Highway and 21 km in Hatcher Pass area. Brood survival was very low in 2018 due to snow in June (~3 chicks per brood), but brood survival was high in 2019 at about 7 chicks per brood. Rick noted a tick hopped onto his wife from their dog, which Rick collected and turned into a lab for ID. This was a dog tick brought in to AK from outside. There are about 5-6 non-native tick species found in AK. Native ticks occur on hares and squirrels. Rick handed out graphs showing ptarmigan brood survey results from 2016 to 2019 along the Denali Highway. He also handed out a pamphlet on ticks found in AK and an update on small game hunting regulations in Unit 14 (near Palmer-Wasilla areas and N in Talkeetna Mountains).