

ABDA ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6 May 2020, 6:30 PM to 7:40 PM

Host VP Secretary Bud Rice

Introductions:

VP Hilde Stappens arranged to admit invited participants: Lulie Williams, Bud Rice, Dan & Barb Branvold, Joanne Hanscom, Rose Munafo, Mike Kasterin, Mike Chihully, Tim Gallagher, Derek Tomlinson, Chuck & Carol Stielstra, Trigg Davis, Bob Buch.

Training Bird Status:

Hilde Stappens ordered 1200 birds from Western Wings LLC of Reno, NV this year, up from 1,000 birds last year. Western Wings has successfully shipped birds to NAVHDA. Joanne asked where birds came from. Reno, NV. Bird shipment was booked by May 1. The first shipment should arrive in early June. We still need to patch the holding pen at Gary Thompson's before the birds arrive. Need bird pen netting up on ceiling and patch walls/skirting, and put up feeders and waterers. We also need to patch up bird boxes. Bob Buch is willing to help put up skirting with one other person. Bob (632-6385) needs to do this before May 20 (We are looking at May 16 & 17). Derek, and Dennis Bromley are also interested in helping. Boxes need to be fixed, and screen doors are working loose. Tim asked about the wait list for birds, and Hilde reported we have 3 people on the wait list for birds. Chuck offered to help transport birds in his covered trailer. Hilde gladly accepted.

Novice Classes:

Can hold on State land near ER, but may need to wear masks and continue social distancing. Need waiver for participants. Update expected from Governor on Friday 5/9 and update from Mayor soon thereafter. Hilde just emailed today to inquire about continued interest in novice classes, and 3 already confirmed interest in the pointing class. James Ohlinger cannot teach novice spaniel class because he needs to quarantine for potential call out to work on N slope. Joanne suggested we hold off on novice flushing dog class. We can refund 4 entrants until future notice. Derek suggested we cancel the novice flushing dog class at this time because other potential instructors are busy this season.

Family Fun Day:

Should we have an organized event or hold only a training day? Governor is opening the potential for larger gatherings up to 50 people. 6-foot distances are still required, but masks are optional. Email to go out to members to ascertain level of interest for pointer stations. Mike Kasterin thought they might have demonstrations, but he is concerned to have too many

people in close proximity. Derek is ill and cannot help with Family Fun Day, and also has pups. Mike Chihully is interested in coming and helping with Fun Day. Derek is concerned that young people are not adept at social distancing with family groups. Dan suggested we allow only one person/handler per dog and not other family members. Someone suggested we could have one adult with a young dog handler/trainer. Mike Chihully said he would come up to pickup birds and train in the fields or help with the Fun Day as needed. We voted to ask James Ohlinger to do a survey monkey for the Fun Day, and Tim Gallagher suggested we have Stacey Dean as backup person to administer the survey.

Chukar Challenge: Pointers have 12 signed up for the standard challenge, and 8 for master level. No Spaniel teams have yet signed up. Spaniel owners are waiting for firm dates. Bud noted the date now is June 20, but we need a person to run the flushing dog field and scoring. Hilde noted that people could be refunded if they cannot make a new date. Mike Chihully expressed interest if we hold it. Chuck Stielstra is available to assist where needed. Chuck suggested we hold events within the mandates.

Hunt Tests:

Pointing judges from outside (WA) are still interested in coming if quarantine limits are lifted in both AK and state of origin. Otherwise, we would use local judges. The Saturday before would be a training day if we cannot get outside judges. Spaniel hunt tests not yet signed off on by AKC, but panels are approved with judges from WA. Galleries would not be allowed behind handler, judges, and gunners. We will not have group lunches. Participants are to bring their own food. Looking forward to spaniel events in August. Jeff Lipscomb and Mike Kasterin are back-up local judges. Mike Chihully would be willing to judge both days if he is needed.

General: Carol will supply a handwash station for any/all events she attends.

Next Meeting: June 3 or 4 before June events at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned around 7:40 PM.

Action Items:

- 1) COVID-19 protocol updates
- 2) Waiver to include COVID-19 concerns
- 3) June GM Zoom meeting with updates
- 4) Patch bird pen at Gary Thompson's