

ABDA Board Meeting 11-11-2020 VIA ZOOM

Present: Tim Gallagher, Hilde Stapgens, Gretchen Clark, Bud Rice, Chuck Stielstra, & Derek Tomlinson joined later.

Treasury: Gretchen reports balance at about \$27,000, nete balance at end of the year and includes PayPal balance. Three outstanding checks at about \$120. Next expense is bird deposit. Members: 27 family, 42 individual, and 2 corporates (HDR and Brandvold, Residential Mortgage needs to fill out new form).

Events: Pointing Novice class had 12 participants. Fun Day became a training day for members. Some members disappointed with no family, but others did not show due to Covid-19. Chukar Challenge was a big success, and we will do it again with Master Challenge for pointing dogs. Training Days worked, but ABDA needs to be more proactive in encouraging ABDA members participate in training days. We need a POC for new members showing up to train their dogs. Need a safety briefing for training days like with Fun Day, especially for novice dogs and trainers. We need to develop mentors for new members during training days. Flushing events went well this year. Mambo got three of 4 Master level legs. Tim suggests we have a class about AKC rule book standards. When can one recast a dog to find a bird? What happens if a bird falls way out beyond 200 yards and off course?

Next General Membership Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 19. Bud to ask Rick Merizon to give a summary of small game survey results and likely BOG proposals.

Nominating Committee: We had some discussion about whether the nominations should be one person for each position or more than one. Nominating committee is Mike Chihully, Mike Kasterin, and Lulie Williams. Tim suggested we let the Nominating Committee complete their canvassing for positions.

Bird Program: This last year was the best in many years. Lori Wharton and Chuck Stielstra helped with transport form the airport to the ABDA pens. Need to fix holes in pens that were damaged by a mink before we move chukar into the pen. We sold all birds in 5 days, so Hilde thinks we should order more and change the charge per bird. Most funds come from membership, novice classes, and training day, \$800 for Chukar challenge last year. We will charge \$20/bird next year and

increase bird order to 1400, up from 1200 last year. 600 chukar will be held for ABDA hunt tests and other events. Hilde proposes to cap individual orders to 30/member to give all members a chance to order birds. Remaining birds can be ordered if left over. We had three people order 60 birds apiece last year. Tim suggests we inform members at the next GM and via email the timing and plan for the bird program. Western Wings will send a request for deposit later in November.

Bylaws: Add to the Bylaws that we include attending meetings in person virtually satisfies the language in current bylaws that persons attend in person. We voted 5 in favor of including virtual means to participate in meetings and one opposed. Tim thinks this is unnecessary. The Board proposes this amendment to the Bylaws to be voted on by the membership with a notice, etc.

Chuck moved that the Board accept virtual meetings as acceptable for conducting membership meetings and voting until we can formalize a bylaw change at the next meeting. All Board members approved this motion.

ABDA needs to adjust its schedule of events to sync with owners of TF and NAVHDA events to avoid conflicts. Chuck suggested we put out a tentative schedule and ask members to point out conflicts.

LLC/BDA Topics: Bud noted BDA is considering a gate to be shared with TF to keep out trespassers that have been observed by Gary Thompson and Hilde during hunting season after most training has been completed.

Discretionary Expense Requests: Gretchen proposed professional signs for ABDA, and Bud suggested we put big signs on the trailer too. Gretchen will research sign costs.

Other: Hilde noted we need more help for members to continue training follow-up after novice classes. Tim suggested we ask for volunteers at the Meeting to help members with training and ask members what they need.