

ABDA ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 January 2020, 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Host VP Hilde Stappgens; Secretary Bud Rice

Introductions:

Tim Gallagher, Hilde Stappgens, Rick Merizon, Derek Tomlinson, Ryan Mahoney, Trigg Davis, Bud Rice, Mike Chihully, Lulie Williams, Mike Kasterin, Joshua Brown, Mary Ruth-Gentry, Mark Davis and Liz Vasquez, Tom Fogarty, Meg Burgett, Judy Alderson, Rick Merizon (ADFG), Bill Ellis, Dori Hollingsworth, Carol Hedges

ADFG Brood Surveys (Rick Merizon): Annual Brood Surveys and BOG decisions. Use pointing dogs for 5 years on Brood Surveys in late July. NAVHDA also adding pointing dogs; hope to expand survey locations from former 4: Steese Highway Eagle Summit, Denali Highway, and Hatcher Pass for ptarmigan and Delta Junction area for grouse. Expanding to Kenai Peninsula and Chugach Mountains. Brood survey work with handler and dog and data recorder. Hope to use trails on Kenai and Chugach. Evaluations examine steadiness test. We count adults and chicks and gps the finds. 4 days for steadiness in June 2, 5, and at ABDA Fun Day June 12 and Chukar Challenge June 26. Brood surveys are the most productive project to inform hunters prior to the hunting season.

BOG process with COVID-19 update: The Region 4 was supposed to occur today, but BOG met to decide when to have next meeting. They will postpone all 2021 meetings to 2022. Region 4 meeting is scheduled to meet January 21-27, 2022 at Lake Lucille. The next Statewide meeting is now 4-11 March 2022. All proposals are to roll over. The due date for comments is 2 weeks before a meeting.

Minutes: Minutes moved and approved, (Mark Davis and Hilde Stappgens seconded).

Membership Status: Corporate members = HDR, Branvold Chiropractic, and Hilde Stappgens to join with Residential Mortgage. Family members at 27, and individuals at 42, for a grand total of 72 memberships.

Budget (Tim for Gretchen): Balance of about \$27,000

Calendar Events:

No participation at Cabela's or Sportsman Warehouse this year due to Covid-19.

We are to have pointing and flushing novice classes outside, but we have no instructor for flushing class yet.

Had 12 participants in pointing novice class last year, but no flushing novice class.

Derek will organize Family Fun Day on Training Fields for mid-June 2021.

Chukar Challenge is on June 26 and 27, with Master level on Sunday. One day for flushing dogs.

We Training Days in July on TF LLC.

Pointing Dog Hunt test practice on July 17 and 2 hunt tests on July 18 at BDA.

Spaniel Hunt test July 31 and August 1, Training Day on 14 August, all at TF LLC

Pointing Hunt test 15 August on BDA.

Last Spaniel hunt test on August 28-29 in Delta Junction.

General Membership Meetings: Usually at Cabela's conference room, but not recently due to Covid-19. We usually have a featured speaker, such as shotgun specialists, veterinarians, ADF&F, dog acupuncture and massage specialists, dog food experts, etc.

Board Elections and Bylaws:

Proposed bylaw allows virtual meetings to conduct association business. Trigg moved and Hilde seconded motion to approve. Approved unanimously.

We are also voting for new VP and Treasurers: Steve McVeigh and Hilde Stappens are running for VP and Carol Hedges for Treasurer. Mike Kasterin reported Steve McVeigh is having major shoulder surgery and will be out of commission for 6 months. Voice vote for VP was unanimous for Hilde Stappens.

Carol Hedges – Treasurer, no opposition.

Bird Status (Hilde):

Sold all 1400 birds by this afternoon. Do we want to increase our order from the vendor? We discussed first day to have birds available for training. We will definitely have birds available for Family Fun Day and maybe a week or two earlier.

Discretionary Expenses; Signage:

Gretchen Clark has one estimate for road signs and a sign for side of the trailer, but wants to get two more estimates before bringing a proposal before the club/Board. Mike Kasterin asked if we could pay for judges' travel and lodging. We have the budget to cover travel and lodging for judges within reason.

Leash Law, Title 17 in MOA:

Must have a dog on a leash on MOA lands unless in a remote location where others would not be bothered by an off-leash dog. Don't know what the penalty would be or if MOA would have

enforcement. Judy Alderson suggests members should read and comment on this proposal. She does not see how ABDA members could train their dogs on MOA lands. Trigg agrees the proposal is draconian. Can't even send a dog after a bumper in MOA. Judy and Hilde will supply a link to the comment page, written comments are due by 5 February. A link is on the ABDA Facebook page. Tim already sent a letter to MOA about this proposal on ABDA letter head.

Other: Gate to slow trespassing on BDA and TF properties. Some cameras have recorded activity. This is not an ABDA issue, but was mentioned in case members encounter a gate in the future.

Next Meeting:

TBD.