

# ABDA ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

15 April 2021, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Host VP Hilde Stappgens; Secretary Bud Rice

## **Introductions:**

Hilde Stappgens, Chuck Stielstra, Barb and Dan Branvold, Ryan Mahoney, Trigg Davis, Bud Rice, Mike Chihully, Tom Fogarty, Carol Hedges

**Minutes:** Minutes moved and approved, (Barb Branvold moved and Trigg Davis seconded).

**Membership Status:** Corporate members = HDR, Branvold Chiropractic, and Hilde Stappgens with Residential Mortgage. Family members at 31, and individuals at 45, for a grand total of 79 memberships.

**Budget (Carol Hedges):** Balance of about \$35,000, but bird expenditures are coming. ABDA has payed about a third of bird costs, including shipping.

## **Calendar Events:**

We are to have novice classes started outside pointing (4/13) and flushing (4/15). Both classes are full with 10 students.

Derek Tomlinson will organize Family Fun Day with Jason Croft on Training Fields for 12 June 2021. We have 2 registrants so far. We are not yet sure about Covid-19 rules and whether lunch would be available.

Bud Rice will organize the Chukar Challenge on June 26 and 27, with Master level on Sunday. One day for flushing dogs. Blanket awards are on order with Sue Davis. Dan Branvold is not yet sure if Dale Sweetsir is available as second judge for Master Pointer event, but he should know in 3-4 weeks.

We have a Training Day on 10 July on TF LLC to help new members.

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

Spaniel Hunt test July 31 and August 1 at TF LLC, led by Mike Kasterin and Joanne Hanscom

14 Aug is a Training Day at TFLLC with a Brittany expert

Pointing Hunt test 15 August on BDA, led by Hilde Stappgens and Lulie Williams.

28-29 August the last Spaniel Hunt Test is in Delta Junction, led by Jeff Lipscomb.

ABDA is still working to get judges approved for the last two hunt tests.

The December Holiday party is yet to be decided.

Hilde Stappgens noted we have rented the fields near Eagle River High School for 2 days a week from April through October, which we can use for training during this period. An instructor can open the gate. The public is allowed to walk around the field and loose dogs are common, but this is still a good place to meet and train as ABDA members.

Tom Fogarty indicated he likes the calendar and asked who can train on free fields during hunt tests. Any member can train on fields not being used for the hunt test, and other members can be made available to help train, shoot birds over dogs, and etc.

**Bird Status (Hilde):**

ABDA sold all 1400 birds. No other Chukar are available. The second deposit for ordered birds is due by mid-May. Invoices are out and members can pay via PayPal or check.

**Board of Game Proposals (Bud):**

BOG proposal 76 is proposed to extend the ptarmigan season from 15 February to 31 March along the Denali Highway and reduce the bag limit to 5 birds/day and 15 in possession. The public can submit proposals to be considered by the BOG next meeting if they are submitted by May 1.

**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. Barb Branvold suggested we have green colored arrows for areas open for training during events and red arrows for fields being used.

**Other:**

The Anchorage leash law has been tabled for now. The Animal Control Board wants people to physically control their dogs on municipal lands at all times. E-collars would not suffice.

Carol Hedges asked who owns fields used for ABDA events. Training Fields LLC and Bird Dog Acres LLC are owned by groups of people who lease them to ABDA and others. Owners can invite people to train with them on these properties. The Robinson Field immediately west of the entrance to Farmer's Road is owned by Mr. Robinson who allows ABDA members to train their so long as events by retriever clubs or others are not occurring there. The ERE Field is available to ABDA members after the novice classes end until the end of October. This field is located off of Hiland and Wolf Den roads.

**Next Meeting:**

15 July, the third Thursday of the month.