

ABDA Board Meeting 7-07-2021 @ HDR Office, 2525 C Street

Started shortly after 5 PM

Present: Tim Gallagher, Hilde Stappens, Bud Rice (Notetaker), Chuck Stielstra, & Derek Tomlinson. Treasurer Carol Hedges is on vacation at her cabin.

Treasury: Balance of \$41,590.01, ending July 3, 2021. Detailed financial report from Carol Hedges was emailed out a few days previously, and President Gallagher remarked these were the best such reports he has seen in the last 8 years. We have paid half of bird payments to date. We need to spend another \$6,300 for chukars.

Members: 77 memberships, with 43 individuals, 31 family, and 3 Corporate sponsors, including Branvold Chiropractic, HDR, and Residential Mortgage (Perspectives in Time). Web master Brian needs to remove Mill and Feed and Performance RV. Chuck S may approach Performance RV for reupping sponsorship.

Events: No Cabela's/Bass Pro Dog Days this year.

Flushing dog training continues on Thursdays on the ERE Field rented by ABDA.

Pointing dog training continues on Tuesdays on ER Fields. This is an opportunity for mentoring trainers.

Family Fun Day at TFD LLC on 10 June with Jason Croft as co-lead with Derek Tomlinson was a huge success. Jason may take lead in future. The new lunch location worked well.

Chukar Challenge on June 26 & 27. Only Master Pointing Dog Challenge on Sunday the 27th. Derek Tomlinson, Mike Kasterin, and Mike Chihully managed and judged the flushing dog challenge this year. Dan Branvold judged the pointing dog first and second days, and Dale Sweetsir delayed his safari to help judge for the Master Chukar Challenge on Sunday. Bud obtained blanket awards from Sue Davis. Car speed through BDA needs to be 5 mph, but some participants sped through the area on way to the Robinson Field. We also need to require all gunners to review AKC shooter safety video. We also might want to limit the number of entries to 2 or 3 dogs per day initially so that all interested participants have an opportunity to partake in the events.

10 July Training Day at TF LLC

17 July Pointer Training and Training Day at Bird Dog Acres

18 July Pointer HT and Training Day at Bird Dog Acres; entries closed on 7/6.

31 July and 1 Aug Flushing HT and Training Days at TF LLC

14 Aug Training Day TF LLC

15 Aug Pointer HT & Training Day at Bird Dog Acres

21 Aug is possible flushing dog clinic at TF LLC with John Cooperman. Information is forth-coming. Estimated cost is \$100.

28-29 Aug Flushing Dog Tests at Delta Junction

__ December Holiday Party TBD (Chuck Stielstra will volunteer his home if a more central location does not become available.) Hilde Stagens suggested we could recognize member accomplishments at the annual party as other clubs do. Or hold a brag session for \$5 entry! Board member agree with the idea to make member recognitions at the annual holiday party.

The Board recognizes that we need a communications director to handle emails, web changers and the ABDA FaceBook page. We will seek volunteers and upcoming GM meetings.

The next GM meeting is on Thursday, 15 July at Cabela's meeting room. Agenda will review the Board meeting business. Zoom capability may not be available.

Bird Program: We fixed bird pens at Thompson's in late May/early June, but a door opened and released over 100 chukar after the second delivery. Gary Thompson rounded up over 100 birds and returned them to the pen and secured the screen doors. Lori Wharton also gathered birds. We think about 130 chukar were recovered. Hilde counted birds last Monday in the pen and found we were spot on with numbers. We have received 600 birds so far this year from our vendor. Two chukar were missing from one delivery box. Three birds died shortly after delivery and one was delivered dead. Sue Davis 2 birds were left in Trixies.

Board of Game Proposals: The Board of Game did not meet this winter due to Covid-19. Members could submit proposals for next BOG meeting until 31 May 2021. The next meeting will include proposals submitted for this last session that

was cancelled. A key proposal of interest is to extend the ptarmigan hunting season along the Denali Highway from 15 February to 31 March and reduce the bag limit to 5 during winter months.

Volunteer Recognition Considerations:

Tim Gallagher suggested we be judicious but positively minded in recognizing volunteer efforts. Brian Stuart and Dale Sweetsir are recognized recipients this year after years of excellent volunteering. Stagens said we need to consider the fairness issue and the giving of money; gifts with ABDA logos would be better. James Ohlinger and Lori Wharton have also helped ABDA greatly with organizing the ABDA trailer and feeding A BDA birds during week days, respectively. Tim G moves that event chairs have the authority to recognize excellent volunteer help for up to \$100 for ABDA logo equipment, and Chuck seconded. This passed unanimously.

TF and BDA LLC Issues: We need new catchy 5 mph speed signs through BDA and TF. Derek has ideas and the lead to address this concern.

Discretionary Expense Requests: Derek will check with a company to update event directional signs and costs. We will address costs in an email. He will investigate magnetic ABDA signs to put on vehicles. We may need a high quality first aid/medical kit, for humans and dogs. Derek will talk with Dan and Barb for appropriate contents. Chuck will assist with vet recommendations for a dog first aid kit. Jim Benson has \$40 metal bird cages. We have 4 in possession and would like a total of 20. Bud will coordinate with Benson to acquire these for ABDA.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.