

Arctic Bird Dog Association  
4Q Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting began at 1900, over Zoom.

In attendance:

Hilde Stapgens  
Chuck Stielstra  
Bud Rice  
Carol Hedges  
Jeanne Holifield

Jeanne recapped meeting minutes for July, which will be reviewed before next meeting and approved at that time.

Membership report:

93 total members as of end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Q. Totals have dropped in all categories.

Budget report:

- \$18000 in the account as of 11/14. No more anticipated large bills.
- Will contact insurance after the first of the next year so that it doesn't fall into 2022.
- Per Hilde, a couple of invoices missing:
  - o Dan Robertson, who was possible paid late for 2021, not for 2022. \$500 total needed.
  - o Training Fields, for 4 training days, \$300 each day
    - Bud states that these perhaps overlapped with event days, and BDA
- Hilde asks what our balance was this time last year, as compared to this year?
- Hilde also asks what is our final bird cost or this year?

Bird program:

Hilde would like to step away from managing the bird program. Chuck recommends asking for volunteers from the membership. Hilde is concerned about the full scope of the task not being understand:

- figuring out what the cost of the program is
- communicating with the vendor about availability
- getting order requests to the members with dates for pickups
- coordinating payment
- ensuring the pen is setup and ready for delivery and pickup dates
- organizing receipt of the birds at the airport and ensuring they get to BDA safely
- cleaning and closing down the pen at the end of the season

Chuck brought up the issue of the 91 chukars that died in transport this year. Blame can be placed on both the airline (temperature control) and the vendor, who used different shipping boxes than requested by ABDA, with less airflow.

Hilde states that both parties need to take equal responsibility for the issue, but neither has expressed willingness to do so. The vendor is the only source of chukars to the Alaska market. Bud states that, since both parties are necessary for the bird program to continue, that ABDA should move on from the issue, and ensure that the proper boxes are used next shipment.