

1Q 2023 ABDA General Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
January 19, 2023

Meeting commenced @ 7:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Hilde Stappgens	Randy Breaux
Tim Gallagher	Mark Davis
Carol Hedges	Jeff Lipscomb
Gretchen Clark	Derek Tomlinson
Mike Kasterin	Trigg Davis
Chuck Stielstra	Jeanne Holifield

Previous meeting minutes approval:

- July 2022:

Carol motioned to approve, Chuck seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

- November General Membership meeting:

Hilde noted some corrections needed:

- Unfinished business – bird shipping costs should include vendor freight and also airline freight.
- Volunteers for classes – Dan Branvold will be assisted by his wife and Dale Sweetser
- Pointer novice class – the Pointer class uses the Eagle River field on Tuesdays, in addition to the Flusher class using it on Thursdays.

Derek motioned to approve; Jeff seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Membership Status (Hilde):

Total of 88 members: Individual 59, Family 28, Corporate 1

Budget Status (Carol):

Key points:

- Income increased in 2022 by \$5,000, primarily due to hunt tests and trainings, but also due to an increase in overall bird program income of \$2,200. Cost to the members increased, (which were offset by an increase in the cost of shipping).

- Expenses increased in 2022 by \$3,300 overall, largely due to bird costs, which increased by \$3,700 alone. Overall, there was a \$1,700 loss on birds in 2022, which included a loss of some birds in transit and freight for bird transport.

- Judging expenses (food, housing, transportation) were up on the Pointing side, but lower on the Flushing sides. Per Hilde, this included a cost of additional training, which possibly brought in additional funds. Carol stated this could possibly be analyzed over the course of the next few months.

- Total hunt test expenses were up on both sides by \$2,300. Carol cautioned that the club spent more on gifts and gratuities than was planned, and that the club was “one bird pen failure away from losing money.” This would result in having to repay members for lost birds. Per Hilde, there is no insurance for this; the club is self-insured.

- Real estate leases/land costs were down for 2022.

Currently there is \$24,000 in the checking account, and \$10,000 in the PayPal account, for a total of approximately \$34,000.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

General Topics:

Bird program: Chuck hopes to have a better estimate on birds next month. He plans on talking to Carl (bird vendor) in person, to discuss availability.

2023 Event dates and chairs (see calendar - bolded items need chairs):

Still needed:

- Flushing Novice Class (Gretchen volunteered)
- Chairperson for Family Fun Day
- Flushing Hunt Test
- Training dates.
- Sue Davis will be chairing the July and August Pointing tests, but is asking for a co-chair.
- Jeff Lipscomb will be chairing the August Flushing Hunt test.
- Looking for someone to organize a holiday party (December).

Election of Vice President and Treasurer

The ABDA nominating committee was Burt, Tim and Gretchen. Currently, there are no nominations for treasurer, but Carol graciously agreed to stay on for a few months. Any candidates in the future will be board-appointed.

The nomination for Vice President is Randy Breaux. Hilde asked (three times) for additional nominations from the floor. No nominations came from the floor. No opposing votes for Randy Breaux, who was elected as Vice President.

Unfinished Business:

None, but Hilde requested feedback on future meeting spaces, and suggested perhaps a purely social meeting, possibly at Cabela's, with food/snacks.

- Trigg voiced that he would continue to utilize Zoom meetings.
- Gretchen stated that she believed new members would not come to Zoom as readily as in-person. Derek agreed.
- Chuck stated that meetings should take place in a hybrid fashion. Tim agreed but voiced concerns about the previously attempted wi-fi in Cabela's and expressed an interest in a hands-on class in trapping.
- Carol offered that, by not keeping up with the other clubs in a social fashion, that the club would become obsolete.

Possible club speakers/meetings:

Chuck noted that Rick Merizon had accepted another position and might no longer be available to speak with the club. He offered to check with Rick to see who might be available in the future. Randy asked if any topics posed interest, or if there were any speakers possibly lined up. Tim offered to review past speakers and topics with Randy.

Mike suggested that someone speak to last year's July hunt test participants, to make sure there was still interest. He also stated that Derek has been trying to promote group meetings this winter amongst the Flushing group, at the Kaladi location in Jewel Lake. Derek noted that Rose is unable to attend on Saturdays.

Hilde confirmed that Rose had submitted the Hunt Test Secretary paperwork for this year's events.

Chuck asked if anyone had any updates to the changes to the Muni's leash law. Hilde stated that the proposed changes allowed for off-leash training to hunting dogs. Leash's must be on the owner's person, and the dog must be wearing an e-collar.

Mike asked Hilde if she foresaw a need for a future judges seminar in Alaska. Discussion ensued about on-line judging training class. Hilde stated would be possible for club to host an in-person class, if trainer became available, and costs were not prohibitive.

Gretchen noted that the Ladies' 5-stand sessions would begin at Rabbit Creek again; details will be posted on the website.

Next GM Meeting: April 20th, 2023, Location: Zoom and maybe in-person at Cabela's, depending on member preference and feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ABDA 2023 Events, rev. 12/23/22

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
Training				
18 Apr - 23 May	Pointing Novice Class	<i>ACT/Eagle River</i>	Dan & Barb Brandvold and Dale Sweetser	
20 Apr - 25 May	Flushing Novice Class		<i>needed</i>	
10 June	Family Fun Day/Training Day	<i>TF LLC</i>	<i>needed</i>	
17 June	Chukar Challenge (classic) & Training Day	<i>TF LLC</i>	Bud R	
18 June	Chukar Challenge (Master)	<i>Robertson Field</i>	Bud R	
8 July	Training Day	<i>TF LLC</i>	<i>needed</i>	
8 & 9 July	Flushing HT and Training Day	<i>Pt Mac</i>	<i>needed</i>	
15 July	Pointer clinic & Training Day	<i>BDA LLC</i>	<i>needed</i>	
16 July	Pointer HT & Training Day	<i>BDA LLC</i>	<i>??_ /Sue Davis</i>	
29/30 July	Gunner Safety Clinic (All ABDA gunners)	<i>Pt Mac</i>	Jeff Lipscomb	
19 Aug	Pointer clinic & Training Day	<i>BDA LLC</i>	<i>needed</i>	
20 Aug	Pointer HT & Training Day	<i>BDA LLC</i>	<i>??_ /Sue Davis</i>	
26-27 Aug	Flushing Tests	Delta Junction	Jeff Lipscomb	
<i>__ December; 3pm</i>	Holiday Party	<i>TBD</i>	<i>needed</i>	

GM meeting dates:

April 20th, 2023 July 20th, 2023 November 16th, 2023

