

3Q 2023 Arctic Bird Dog Association
General Membership Meeting
July 20th, 2023

Meeting began at 7:08

In attendance:

- Hilde Stappens
- Randy Breaux
- Jeanne Holifield
- Gretchen Clark
- Tim Gallagher
- Carol Hedges
- Jessie Chmielowski
- Dan Branvold
- Dana Stewart
- Mike Kasterin

• Last board meeting minutes review and approval:

- Mike Kasterin motioned to approve. All approved.

• Budget Status (Carol): \$

- Approximately \$40,000 in club account, due to not having paid the bird vendor yet, or having paid for event expenses yet.

• Secretary's report – N/A

• General Topics:

- Birds and pen set-up - Chuck Stielstra
 - In Chuck's absence, Hilde provided updates on bird orders, which have been mostly fulfilled. Chuck had asked for anyone wanting birds to email him.
 - Tim asked about having birds available for the second Chukkar Challenge. Per Hilde, she believed that Chuck had covered this. Mike Kasterin was able to deliver birds to members on the Peninsula.
 - Hilde stated that the Club was at the mercy of the bird vendor and wondered about the possibility of having someone local raising and selling Chukkars. Mike Kasterin suggested that pigeons might be better. Hilde shared that she raised some birds during the winter and would not do it again.
- Website - Dana Stewart
 - The sponsor page is available on the website.
 - A second email is available for family membership purposes. Questions should be directed to Dana, who will reach out to current family membership holders.
- Events – Randy Breaux & Hilde Stappgen
 - Reminder about the upcoming 2nd Chukkar Challenge (rescheduled due to weather for August 5th) and Gunner Safety Clinic. Hilde asked about housing for the presenter for the Gunner Safety, and if it was arranged. Randy confirmed it had been.
 - Looking for feedback on judge that was here for last hunt test, and how members felt about the experience. Also open to all feedback on any club events, good or bad.

- Hilde advised that the rescheduled Chukkar Challenge still has room for participants. Dan Branvold and Bud Rice will be the event arrangers. Dan stated that, if there are low numbers of participants, dogs could be run twice. The first run would be for score, and the second would be for training. Hilde asks if participants could choose which run would be scored. Mike Kasterin asked if there would be enough birds for the event; Hilde stated that Chuck Stielstra said there would be, between orders placed and members wanting to sell birds back that would go unused otherwise.
- Dan Branvold pointed out that, on the day of the Chukkar Challenge, the only field available for membership training purposes will be Field One.
- Randy asked how many members would be attending the Gunner Safety Clinic. Dana Stewart stated at least 6, maybe 7, had signed up. Registration closes on Wednesday, 7/26.
- Dana asked about sending emails out regarding the Gunner Safety Clinic, and the field availability on 8/5. Hilde suggested instead creating a page on the website just for updates.
- Hilde advised that in the future, Hunt Test chairs must be club members.
- Randy is looking into locations that would be appropriate for a future in-person club meeting. Dan suggested the BP Energy Center for the next General Membership meeting in November. The cost would be \$25, there is good connectivity and is centrally located.

New business:

- Further discussion of birds, the possibility of pheasants as an option for local sourcing.
- Dana asked what purpose would the Gun Dog Supply (sponsor) gift certificates be serving, how would they be given out? Hilde states that they would be given out at the next social event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57.

Next GM Meeting: November 16th, 2023, Location: Zoom.

ABDA 2023 Events, rev. 3/21/23

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
Training				
19 Apr - 23 May	Pointing Novice Class	ACT/Eagle River	Dan & Barb Brandvold and Dale Sweetser	
20 Apr - 25 May	Flushing Novice Class	TPR/Eagle River	Gretchen Clark	
30 April	Gunners' Clinic for Spaniel Hunt Tests	Birchwood Shooting Park	Mike Kasterin	
10 June	Family Fun Day/Training Day	TF LLC	Randy Breaux	
17 June	Chukar Challenge (classic) & Training Day	TF LLC	Bud R	
18 June	Chukar Challenge (Master)	Robertson Field	Bud R	
8 July	Training Day	TF LLC	<i>needed</i>	
8 & 9 July	Flushing HT and Training Day	Pt Mac	Lindsay	
15th July	2 nd Chukar Challenge/Training Day	BDA LLC	Bud	
29/30 July	Gunner Safety Clinic (All ABDA gunners)	TF, LLC	Jeff Lipscomb	
19 Aug	Pointer HT & Training Day	BDA LLC	_??_/Sue Davis	
20 Aug	Pointer HT & Training Day	BDA LLC	_??_/Sue Davis	
26-27 Aug	Flushing Tests	Delta Junction	Jeff Lipscomb	
__ December; 3pm	Holiday Party	<i>TBD</i>	<i>needed</i>	