

Arctic Bird Dog Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 11, 2024

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

- Hilde Stappgens
- Carol Hedges
- Tim Gallagher
- Dana Stewart
- Tina Veldkamp
- Jessie Chmielowski
- Chuck Stielstra

The meeting was called to order by President Hilde Stappgens at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

The emailed file of minutes from the last meeting was reviewed. No corrections were needed. Minutes stand as presented and can be posted as approved.

Secretary Report:

The Secretary was not present.

Treasurer Report:

- Yearly financial totals indicate a surplus.
- Concerns were raised regarding losses in certain areas. Discussion ensued on changes and potential new ideas, including the possibility of surveying members.
- Confirmation that all dues for 2023 have been paid.
- Follow-up required on refunds related to the bird program.
- Clarification sought regarding a \$1500 expense in the financials, possibly related to seminars.
- Suggestions made to improve financial tracking of events through PayPal, specifically in how the events are titled, i.e., with dates.
- Treasurer to receive website registration closing info for cross-referencing with financials.

Committee Reports:

Nomination (Tim Gallagher):

- Confirmation received for Secretary position nomination: Dawn Gerety.
- Suggestions made for filling President and Vice President positions. Discussion about one person filling both roles and that was thought to be excessive.

Events (Hilde Stappgens):

- Gunners clinic: TBD
- Novice Pointing Class - Dan has agreed to do
- Novice Flushing Class - no info yet, is there enough interest?
- Family Fun Day - suggested dates June 7-8/ Chair person is needed
- Chukkar Challenge - Bud Rice will chair
- 2nd Chukkar Challenge: TBD
- Flushing Hunt Test - James Ohlinger can Chair July 13-14
- Pointing Hunt Test - Sue Davis can Chair Aug 17-18 but is not available for lessons, clinic, etc that happens the Friday before which brings in income to offset paying for the judge. Question is to try and have events on Friday?
- Delta Hunt Test - Jeff Lipscomb can Chair

Bird Program (Chuck Stielstra):

- Recommendation to secure a contract with current vendor, Diamond Wings for \$14 per bird. *Notes: The vendor can supply up to 2,000 birds. The birds won't need to be raised and they will be good flyers, and ABDA can get them when needed. They will be heavier and increase shipping costs and fitting 18 instead of 20 per box. Costs to members looks like \$26/per bird.*
- Chuck to register as a Known Shipper with Alaska Airlines Cargo for efficient bird transport.

Hilde proposed allocating \$100 funds to reimburse Chuck for Alaska Airlines Known Shipper registration. Carol motioned to approve, motion carried. Chuck proposed purchasing Chukkars from Diamond Wings at \$14 per bird, motion carried.

Website (Dana Stewart):

- Tina and Dana came up with shared live document on the website to track membership notes between memberships and renewals. Dana will update Bill Ellis which memberships are eligible for being involved in the bird program.
- Hilde: several people paying on the website are not able to complete a purchase and show as "pending". Is there a glitch? Dana will look into.
- Dana asked about returning to doing hunt test registration for the pointers on the website? Hilde provides input: if we go back to registration on the website they can do until the Tuesday before the test. However the online registration forms need to merge into a format required by AKC which we have not been able to do and have been doing manually. If we can integrate our online form with what AKC needs, we can bypass the need for a hunt test secretary and give people an additional week to sign up. Which also correlates to more entries. Dana will look into how to move forward utilizing the website.

Membership (Tina Veldkamp):

- Renewal efforts underway.
- Chuck brings up discussion on transitioning to calendar year membership. Hilde agrees and says that can only happen if there is a change to the bylaws. Someone should pursue details.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Chuck thanked Hilde for her leadership as President.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.