

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

Date: January 18, 2024

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

- Hilde Stappgens
- Carol Hedges
- Dawn Gerety
- Jeanne Holifield
- Mark Davis
- Dan Brandvold
- Ryan Mahoney
- Tina Veldcamp
- Sue Davis
- Tim Gallagher
- Randy Breaux
- James Ohlinger
- Jessie Chmielowski
- Jeff Lipscomb
- Derek Tomlinson
- Martin Stewart
- Dana Stewart

The meeting was called to order by Hilde Stappgens at 7:05pm.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were provided. Motion to approve by Dan Brandvold, seconded by Carol Hedges. Voting to approve was unanimous.

President's Report (Hilde Stappgens):

- Acknowledged her last meeting as president.
- Recognition to individuals who contributed to her successful tenure, including the Board of Directors (BOD).
- Expressed gratitude to all the committees, new committees, and chairs.

Secretary's Report (Jeanne Holifield):

- No report provided.

Treasurer's Report (Jessie Chmielowski):

- Jessie is BOD appointed as interim treasurer until general membership vote.
- Total cash inflow: \$43,768
- Cash outflow: \$40,113
- Remaining balance approximately \$3,600.
- Cash in the bank: \$25,000.
- Reminder for the Bird Program committee: Submit receipts for reimbursement.

Committee Reports:

1. Nominating Committee (Randy Breaux):

- Proposed nominees: James Ohlinger (President for one year), Dawn Gerety (Secretary), Tim Gallagher (Past President/Director).

2. Events Committee (Randy Breaux):

- Novice Classes: Attendance down; if enough interest on the pointing side, Dan & Barbara will host another class.
- Gunners Clinic: May change its name and mission, possibly combining it as shooting, safety training, and a social event.

- Family Fun Day: Scheduled for June 18, 2024, includes training and bird sales (pending bird resources).
- Chukar Challenge: Scheduled for June 22-23; details being finalized.
- Flushing Hunt Test: Scheduled for July 13 & 14 at Pt. Mckenzie; looking for someone to chair.
- Pointing Hunt Test: Scheduled for Aug 17-18. Potential for a practice day training with a Judge.
- Delta Hunt Test: Scheduled for Aug 24 & 25, chaired again by the Lipscombs.
- 2nd Chukar Challenge: Scheduled for July 20 & 21 (pending bird resources).

Notes: Flushing side - Several clubs outside of Alaska are expressing interest in hosting a Zoom-style judging seminar thru AKC to update judge credentials. Contact Randy for more details.

3. Bird Program Report (Hilde Stappgens):

- Over 40 members have pre-ordered birds.
- 1500 birds ordered from the same vendor as 2023 at \$14 per bird.
- Price this year to ABDA members: \$26 per bird.
- Vendor requesting a deposit for 2024; members ordering birds will pay a down payment.
- Notes: Vendor is supplying adult birds which will most likely affect shipping costs.

4. Website Report (Dana Steward):

- 2024 information is being entered online as available.
- Questions raised about electronic release forms; forms need to be at events for insurance purposes. Will explore ways to provide and capture the forms electronically.

5. Membership Report (Tina Veldcamp):

- Working on contacting past-due memberships and new members.

6. Pointing Hunt Test Report (Sue Davis):

- Has judges for the hunt test and is securing a location for a field.

Unfinished Business:

- Voting Jessie Chmielowski as treasurer to complete the term:
- Motion by Randy Breaux to approve.
- Seconded by Carol Hedges.
- Unanimous approval.

New Business:

- Elections:
- Three nominees, none running opposed.
- Jeff Lipscomb motions to close nominations and vote on all three simultaneously with no nominations from the floor.
- Seconded by Jeanie.
- All in favor except James Ohlinger, who opposed closing the nomination.
- The slate is elected as proposed.
- ABDA Facebook Questions Results:

Three questions presented with corresponding answers:

How many different breeds are represented by our members? 20

Which single breed of hunting dog is represented the most by members: English Springer Spaniel

Amongst the 3 categories of breeds (pointing, flushing, retriever) which one has the most

Individual breeds represented: Pointing

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion by Dana to adjourn and seconded by Hilde.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm