

ABDA ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

4 June 2020, 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Host VP; Secretary Bud Rice

Introductions:

Hilde, Bud Rice, Andrea P. and Tom Doolittle, Rose Munafo, Bill Ellis, Mike Kasterin, Bruce Dale, Dan Branvold, Mike Chihully, Tim Gallagher, Lulie Williams, Gretchen Clark, Jeff Lipscomb. Hilde Stappens opened meeting. Mostly talking about Family Field Day, Novice Classes, and Chukar Challenge.

Bird Status:

300 chukar were delivered and fat and healthy. Another 300 are coming before the Chukar Challenge. Thanks to those who helped fix bird pens: Mike K, Bill Ellis, Bob Buch, Derek T, and Denny. The net ceiling is week where it connects to boards at Gary's pen. Trigg will check on birds during the week. Tom D will fix nails at bird pens.

Novice Classes:

Dan's thoughts on inviting novice class members would be best at next training day after the novice class is done. Next training day is July 11. Dan would like to use June 27 for novice class members to shoot a bird over dogs who recently completed the novice class. This would require approval by the ABDA Board and the Training Fields LLC.

Family Fun Day:

Should we have an organized event or hold only a training day? We changed the Family Fun Day to a training day on June 13, and members can buy up to 3 chukar for training on TF-LLC. Events are open for registration on the ABDA web page and noted in FB posts. We need pre-sign up (without fee for the upcoming training day), so we know who is coming and when they want to train. Participants can bring one other person to help train, but galleries would not be allowed. Family groups may be allowed, but they must remain as a pack. We need a field Marshall for each field, who will control when participants enter the fields and to assure safety. Jason offered to help since he was to run Family Fun Day until COVID-19. Hilde will email waiver to each participant. We will make each potential gunner watch the AKC gunner safety video. We had a big discussion on who can be in the field with a trainer and their dog. Others can gun for a trainer so long as they maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance. We need to post signs to remind people of 6-foot minimum distance. Web site, FB, and emails will ask participants to designate 3 preferred one-hour slots for their training. Need bird wrangling, tent set up, and 4 field Marshalls. We discussed parking locations for use of fields 3, 4, 1 and 3-annex. Mike Chihully is

willing to be field Marshall for field 1. Barb and Dan will put water out. Bud and (Bill?) will wrangle birds.

Chukar Challenge: Pointers have 15 signed up for the standard challenge, and 8 for master level. Bud to send Hilde Dan's latest write-up for the Master Challenge, involving braces of pointing dogs. We will have a random draw for braces. We need additional bird planters for the Master Challenge because the Robinson Field is huge. 3 Spaniel teams have signed up. Spaniel owners are waiting for firm dates. Bud noted the date now is June 20, but we need a person to run the flushing dog field and scoring. Hilde noted that people could be refunded if they cannot make a new date. Mike Chihully expressed interest if we hold it.

Hunt Tests:

Pointing judges from outside (WA) are still interested in coming if quarantine limits are lifted in both AK and state of origin. Otherwise, we would use local judges. The Saturday before would be a training day if we cannot get outside judges. Spaniel hunt tests now have judges and dates. Galleries would not be allowed behind handler, judges, and gunners. We will not have group lunches. Participants are to bring their own food. Looking forward to spaniel events in August. Jeff Lipscomb and Mike Kasterin are back-up local judges. Mike Chihully would be willing to judge both days if he is needed.

Next Meeting: As needed.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM.

Action Items:

- 1) COVID-19 protocol updates
- 2) Waiver to include COVID-19 concerns
- 3) Field Marshall assignments and maps with parking and field training areas.