

Arctic Bird Dog Association
Minutes for 2024 4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 19, 2024

Location: Zoom

In Attendance:

President: James Ohlinger
Treasurer: Jessie Chmielowski
Secretary: Dawn Gerety
Director: Chuck Stielstra
Director: Tim Gallagher
Website: Dana Stewart
Membership: Tina Veldkamp
By-laws: Isobelle Mahooney
Bird Program: Bill Ellis

Call to Order

President James Ohlinger called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the July 2024 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted, and the minutes were approved as presented.

President's Report

New Trailer: James is exploring options for a new trailer, with an estimated price range of \$7,000.

Holiday Party: James proposed hosting the Association's holiday party at his residence on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Eye Clinic: James will coordinate with Polar Eyes Vet to schedule an eye clinic. Date TBD.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance (October 2024): \$23,000. **Upcoming Deductions:** \$900 for Board of Directors insurance.

Standing Committee Reports

Bird Program (Bill Ellis)

2025 Roles: Volunteers are needed for bird shipment handling, pen maintenance, and other tasks. Bill Ellis will remain as administrator to oversee communications, paperwork, and payments. Bud Rice has volunteered to assist Chuck with vendor negotiations and bird shipments.

Task List: Bill will create a detailed list of responsibilities for committee reference.

Budget: Bill recommended introducing a fee structure to establish a contingency fund for unexpected losses.

Pen Maintenance: James will compile a list of necessary upgrades and repairs for 2025.

Bird Orders: Sales for 2025 will commence via email in late December.

Website (Dana Stewart)

New Website: Development is on track, with the site expected to launch before the new year. A test version will be shared with the Board for feedback.

Account Updates: Members will need to create new accounts once the site is live.

Membership (Tina Veldkamp)

No report.

By-laws (Isabelle Mahooney)

No report.

Events (James Ohlinger)

2025 Volunteer Roles: The Association is seeking volunteers for:

- Training the Pointer Novice Class
- Judging the Pointer Chukar Challenge

James and Randy are working to fill these positions.

Committee Formation: A committee will be established to oversee Flusher scoring for the Chukar Challenge.

Sportsman's Clause: A clause addressing handler conduct will be added to event paperwork and registration forms.

2025 Hunt Test Leads:

July Flusher HT: Mahoney's

Pointer HT: Ohlinger, Ellis

August Flusher HT: Lipscomb

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Website Sponsorships: Explore sponsorships for the new website to generate revenue.

Welcome Package: Create a membership "Welcome" package with stickers, patches, and/or a social media highlight. James will review available products.

Event Signage: Investigate costs to replace signs for Northern events.

Event Cooler: Replace the current cooler, which is in poor condition. James will seek donations or purchase a replacement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.