

## **Arctic Bird Dog Association**

### **Minutes for 2024 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting**

**Date:** Dec. 4, 2024

**Location:** Pizza Man, Eagle River & Zoom

#### **In Attendance:**

President: James Ohlinger

Vice Pres: Randy Breaux

Membership: Tina Veldkamp

Website: Dana Stewart

By-laws: Isobelle Mahoney

Director: Tim Gallagher

Torie Baker

Scott Breitsprecher

Gretchen Clark

Trigg Davis (Zoom)

Mark Engan

Scott Ivany (Zoom)

Mike Kasterin

Ryan Mahoney

Will Quesenberry

Bud Rice

Martin Stewart

Brian & LeeAnn Stuart

Abel Veldkamp

Lulie Williams

Steve Woods

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President James Ohlinger at 7:08pm

#### **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Randy Breaux would like to add the substitute judges who stepped up for the July Flushing Hunt Test when the outside judge cancelled. This will document the judges so that participants can get their AKC points due. The Hunt Tests were judged by: Derek Tomlinson, Randy Breaux, John Bruggerman, and Jeff Lipscomb. Ask Dawn will amend the July Minutes.

#### **President's Report**

- **Safety Moment:** James presented the importance of rugged travel kennels, such as Ruffland, backed up by anecdotes of damage done to cheaper kennels. Other safety items he recommended that hunters have in the field include saline solution, an orange dog vest for visibility, Musher's Secret balm to toughen up paw pads, and a first aid kit.

- Membership: Tina has been calling members to renew lapsed membership.
- New website is coming soon. Members will need to create new user ID and password.
- Dawn Gerety has volunteered to take over the general inquiry email address ([info@arcticbirddog.org](mailto:info@arcticbirddog.org)).
- James will order ABDA hats to have available for judges, members, and the new Gunner's Choice Awards.
- Gunner's Choice Awards: This is a new award being presented at Flushing Hunt Tests. The winners in 2024 were Ailis (Tim Gallagher) in July, and Kai (Mike Kasterin) in August.
- Bird Update: A committee will be set up to do bird wrangling, etc. Bud Rice and Chuck Stielstra will work with the game bird breeder and Alaska Airlines, and run delivery from the airport to the farm. Bill Ellis can continue to help with administration til May, when he will transition to the committee or new volunteer. He'll send out an email to members to open 2025 bird orders around Jan 1.
- Chukar Challenge:
  - We may form a committee to create a new score sheet for the Flushing event, where rules are being changed. We'll address this in spring.
  - We'll add a Sportsmanship Clause to the rules. Some members recommend we use the clause already developed by the AKC under Misconduct Rules for their events. James will get this added to Chukar Challenge registration process.
- CPR Class: James will reach out to other dog clubs for a joint class.
- Eye Clinic: Dr. Kevin Snyder with Polar Eyes Clinic has agreed to do an eye clinic. Cost will be about \$30 per dog for eye certification. James will share info with NAVHDA clubs and collect names of those interested.
- Christmas Party: will be at the Ohlinger home on Dec. 14, 2024. He and Ice Mahoney will draft an invite to be emailed to members.

### **Vice President's Report**

- Novice Class: Need to set the dates. Possible instructors for pointer class are Jessie Janowski, Meg, and Dale. Flushers class can be Ohlinger; need another person to help out. Randy will set up the classes at Alyeska Canine Trainers.
- Family Fun Day: June 14. Ohlinger family can host this event
- Chukar Challenge: Dates are tentative June 21/22 and July 26/27. Bud Rice will host again.
  - Pointers: Judges might be Dale Sweetser, Jessie Janowski, and Kevin Ricke.
- Hunt Tests:
  - July Flusher HT: Mahoneys will host. Working on judges now.
  - Pointer HT: Ohlinger/Ellis. Lulie and James would like to resume a July HT.
  - August Flusher HT: Lipscomb will host.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jessie sent reports to James prior to meeting. Our current bank balance is about \$23,000, after the Training Fields LLC is paid about \$900.
- In 2024, the club basically broken even, with revenue matching expenses.
- Chukar Challenge and Novice Classes generate a lot of our income.

- Trailer: In July, the club voted that James should buy a newer trailer. He has shopped and finds that a 16 ft. dual axel will cost about \$8000. He will proceed with his shopping.
- Signs for “northern” group: Lulie Williams motioned that we spend about \$200 to get new signs made for our events at Delta Junction. Gretchen Clark seconded. None opposed, the motion passed.
- Coolers: James will repair some coolers and donate them for the northern events.

### **New Business**

- Kathy Fiedler helped acquire ~\$1000 worth of door prizes for the Chukar Challenge. Dana reminded members that we can offer Sponsor Membership to businesses that donate to the club. Randy reminded us that we can't offer “advertising” to sponsors, as that is against IRS rules for our club, but we are allowed to recognize sponsors, fundraisers, and donors on our website.
- 2025 calendar with suggested dates for events is posted on the website.
- GM Meeting door prizes were done.
- James bought a tractor and has done some work at Training Fields, LLC. He's looking into some grass seed.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Tim Gallegher and his dog Ailis were invited to the National Flushing HT at Purina Farm in Missouri in 2024. There were about 30 dogs of all levels present, and Ailis received a high point award. Tim shared with us some lessons learned on how they run their HT events.
  - Lots of similarities to what we do here.
  - They ran 30 dogs in 5 hours. Efficient.
  - Kept the hunt test field pretty short, 40 yards wide by 80 yards long.
  - Only ran 2 dogs in sequence, then back to the start line. So birds were being reset frequently.
  - Kept birds in cages in a pop-up blind at the start line. One person bagging birds and other person setting them in the field, so things ran quickly. Used chukar.
  - Birds were not dizzied when planted. Just kept moving so birds didn't escape. Birds were just set into big tufts of cover.
  - Gunners were quick to pull themselves out if needed, and backup shooter was right with the group in the field, ready to substitute.
  - Judges were efficient, not much writing notes or discussion. Just numbers & math.
  - Dogs and handlers were at the start line, ready to go at their turn.
- Paige Wallace, DVM recommended items that are important to carry in a field first aid kit for dogs.
  - She would be happy to teach a class for our club if we want. She would go into depth on items to carry in the field, as well as items to take on a trip for less emergent care.
  - Some medicines will need an exam & prescription from your vet, such as carprofen, gabapentin, metronidazole for giardia, Endozorb (anti-diarrhea), Sirrenia (anti-nausea), Apomorphine (vomit-inducing) for toxicity (put into eye, then rinse it out after vomit)
  - Most common injuries in field are feet and eyes.
  - Metronidazole dulls a dog's sense of smell up to 3 weeks.

- Immodium can be used for diarrhea, but not the best option because you can overdo it.
- Fluids for dehydration. She teaches how to administer this in class. Dogs feel better quickly. Also good for toxicity and heat stroke.
- Iodine (retail). It needs to be diluted (to light amber color) or it will burn. Flush out cuts before you staple them.
- She doesn't use Super Glue, because it seals in dirt and could cause abscess. Staplers are cheap, easy to use. Space out the staples so the wound can drain. Still need to get to a vet, but this buys you time to get there.
- Eye wash or sterilized water to flush debris out of eyes. Eye antibiotic without steroid (steroid makes an eye scratch worse). Need prescription.
- Topical antibiotic (Animax) is good for scrapes, cuts, and ear infections. Clean the ear out first with ear cleaner.
- Charcoal for toxicity. After you induce vomiting, give charcoal to absorb more toxins. Get pet-specific charcoal.
- Probably won't get oral antibiotics from vet. They are too specific to ailment and size of dog.
- Raw, bloody noses: use Vaseline or Animax ointment at end of the day. Neosporin not great, doesn't let skin breathe, so it's last resort. Antibiotic sprays are good too.
- Cheap set of clippers, to shave around wound. Will keep down infections.
- Cheap first aid kits on Amazon are a waste; mostly bandages. Build your own kit, or some vets sell them.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.