

**Arctic Bird Dog Association**  
**Minutes for 2025 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting**  
**Date:** March 12, 2025  
**Location:** Pizza Man, Eagle River & Zoom

**Attendance**

President: James Ohlinger  
Vice President: Randy Breaux  
Treasurer: Jessie Chmielowski  
Secretary: Dawn Gerety  
Board Director: Chuck Stielstra  
Past President: Tim Gallagher  
Website: Dana Stewart  
By-laws: Isobelle Mahooney  
Bird Program: Bill Ellis  
Derek Tomlinson  
Gretchen Clark  
Martin Stewart  
Lowell Burgett  
Trigg Davis  
Lulie Williams  
Burt Spence  
Glen Peterson  
Michael Kasterin  
Michael Fletcher  
Brian Stuart  
Steve Woods

The meeting was called to order by President James Ohlinger at 7:03 PM.

The minutes from the July and November meetings were reviewed. No corrections were needed. The minutes stand as presented and can be posted as approved.

**President's Report**

**New Trailer Purchase:** James purchased a new trailer for \$8,200.  
**Pen Repair:** New netting needed; James will take measurements.  
**Sportsman's Clause:** James will finalize and distribute.

**Upcoming Events**

April 3: NAVHDA Social in Eagle River  
April 13: Canine First Aid Class at Birchwood  
May 10-11: NAVHDA Shotgun 101 Clinic at Birchwood  
April: Eye clinic (TBD)  
May 17: AKC Virtual Spaniel Hunting Test Seminar for Judges & Handlers

**Vice President's Report**

**Eagle River Training Field:** Lease for ABDA needs amendment beyond 2025.  
**Robertson Fields:** Approval confirmed for training, Flushing Hunt Tests & Master Pointer Chukar Challenge.  
- Field closure dates needed for weed control spray.  
- Determine camping feasibility during Flushing Hunt Tests and permit requirements.

**Scheduling & Communication:**

- Need a comprehensive AK clubs calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.  
- Update Alaska Performance Dogs with ABDA's event calendar.

**Field Safety:**

- **Defibrillator:** Derek will research acquiring one for training fields.
- **CPR Class:** Michael Fletcher volunteered to hold a class (date TBD).

**Shooting Clinics:** Randy will look into organizing a gunners clinic.

**Porcupine Avoidance Class:** Suggested during Family Field Day. Need dead porcupines for training.

**AKC Rulebooks:** Need to have at all ABDA events for reference.

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Current Balance: \$28,688
- Payments to the Association will only be electronic (no checks/cash).

**Bird Program:**

- **Bird Flu Concerns:** Vendor conducts regular testing; risk primarily with waterfowl.
- **Chukar Vendor:** Supplying adult flying birds.
- **Pen Readiness:** Birds arriving early; pen must be fully repaired by delivery.
- **Bird Fees:** Consider adding PayPal fees to bird costs.
- **Bird Pick-Up Process:** Need a new system to track retrievals and prevent miscounts. BOD to discuss.
- **Access Issue:** Move Trixie pen to property line?

**Website:** No report.

**Membership:**

- **Current Membership:** 87. James will assemble welcome kits with stickers & patches.

**By-laws:** No report.

**Events:****Chukar Challenge:**

- Event lead & judges confirmed.
- Flushing score sheet needs finalization.
- Discussion on requiring membership for entry or increasing non-member fees. Need past event data on members vs. non-members.

**Pointer Novice Class:**

- Registration is open. 'Paw Room' rental space is limited; relocation to Eagle River fields may be needed depending on weather.

**Family Field Day:**

- Fee increased to \$20.
- Day-of bird purchases: \$30 (if available).

**Hunt Tests:**

- Entry fee increase to \$100 due to rising AKC and bird fees and.
- Encourage members to become qualified judges; online tests available.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.