

Whistling Wings Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Renton, WA

The meeting was called order by President Doug Burt at approximately 7:13 PM following dinner. Present by personal attendance were President Doug Burt, Treasurer Jerry Leitch, Secretary Toni Pace, Immediate Past President Sam Pace, Board Member and Hunt Test Secretary Robin Marshall, Board Member Jeff Hunter, and attending by phone Colin Ching.

President's Report & New Business:

- We need to recruit drivers to pick up birds the last weekend in May. Ducks for the retrieving flights will need to be picked up in Spokane, and chucker for the Upland test will need to be picked up in Gervis.
- The antifungal seminar is scheduled for May 18-19, but thus far there is only one formal sign-up.
- Hunt test workers are still needed. Lee Marshall has agreed to run Tory as a Finished Test Dog both days in June.
- Bill Hillman Seminar:
 - Cost will be \$300 per person and 30 people minimum are needed in order to be able to schedule the seminar
 - Tentative timeframe: late June/early July (Of note: There is an AKC hunt test June 29th and 30th at Peppers that could lower participation because of the conflict)
 - Holly Krohn inquired of Doug about whether or not Whistling Wings members would get first opportunity to attend. Her concern is that if the club loses money and its own members are not able to get in, then the club could be subsidizing registration of nonmembers at the expense of the club members.
 - Colin Indicated he had spoken with Jim Martin in Gervis. When the Bill Hellman seminar was held there, the club did not lose money:

The presenter paid for birds and had five days donated, and three people each bid \$1000.

- The possibility of having one or more sponsors donate gear that could be used for a raffle to help cover the costs, was discussed.
- We need to get answers from Bill Hellman to a couple of questions:
 1. Is there a cost differential between participants and observers?
 2. Will everyone who pays \$300 get to run their dog?
- Whistling Wings' 1st Fund Day and BBQ (with minimal dog running - it's not a Training Day) is scheduled for later this month: Sunday, April 28th.
- Whistling Wings' first-ever event for Wounded Veterans and Wounded Active Duty Military will be Saturday, July 20th at Jerry's Place. Jeff Hunter, who is leading the effort, indicated there will be short marks and he is attempting to identify dogs that members can make available, as well as the number of likely participants
- The Board voted to approve the Club issuing Letters of Recommendation to HRC for Michele Garuik and Doug Burt to begin apprenticing as judges in Started. Doug will sign Michele's letter, and one of the other club officers will sign the letter of recommendation for Doug.

June Hunt Test

- In order to safely accommodate Upland on Saturday, there will be one flight of Finished on Saturday and two flights of Finished on Sunday.
- The Board approved a slate of judges and requested that Robin submit them to HRC for approval so that the premium can be posted On HRC and Hunt Secretary.com.
- Jerry indicated that we are covering our costs on the event (approximately break-even) and making profit on our raffle, auction and meals. As a result, the board approved the following:

- Hunt test entry fees will be \$50 for Started, \$60 for seasoned, \$70 for Finished and \$70 for Upland
- We will hold a Banquet/Raffle/Auction on Saturday night. The raffle will include the Gunners-Up winger and a Garmin winger transmitter/receiver
- The Purina dog food has been ordered
- Sam will contact the vet (Dr. Koppa) to see if she is available. He is concerned that she may not be available because of her recent cancer surgery, and the fact that she is scheduled for a knee replacement.
- Doug indicated that neither of the 4H equestrian students, nor the 4H canine students, will be available to assist us with our June Hunt Test. Doug is pursuing students in the JROTC programs at both Snohomish and Auburn High Schools.
- In addition, Jenna (Bev Gettling's granddaughter who lives in Sammamish) will work and is attempting to recruit other workers. The board agreed to pay her a finder's fee for any workers she is able to bring in, and Jerry will all coordinate the implementation of that.
- Judges' gifts: Doug is going to see if he can get some 20th anniversary T-shirts made that could be used as judges' gifts.

Quad Upland

Unless we are able to put something together with Cascade HRC for either a Regular Hunt Test or Quad Hunt Test(s), the tentative plan is for a WWHRC Quad Upland in August

Bev Gettling

Bev, (Former Board Member, Club Secretary, Hunt Test Sec. and Current HRC Region 14 PR Rep.) lost her husband, Chuck, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Initially, the club had planned to send Bev flowers, but after Jerry made some inquiries a \$100 gift to the Snoqualmie Valley Rifle Club was made in Chuck and Bev's honor. The Board ratified the action implementing the honorarium.

Training Days

President Doug led a discussion regarding the purpose of training days, with the primary focus being on the purpose of training days and how best to proceed.

After noting that our training days are well-attended and people seem to enjoy them, Doug indicated that if the purpose of our Training Days is to better-equip dogs to do well in the field (both in competition and in hunting) then perhaps we should include more drills, and fewer scenarios, in order to help people/dogs improve.

On the other hand, if it's more of a fun day geared toward providing the opportunity to simply run test scenarios that many people do not have the ability to set up because they lack sufficient equipment, and that is a higher priority than focusing on significant improvement in the capabilities of dogs, then continuing the current direction may be well-advised.

Doug also discussed the possibility of a picnic trial day that would be run exactly like a test (judges, winger operators, judging sheets, etc.), except that handlers would be able to use their e-collars.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Toni Pace

Toni Pace, Secretary