

REGIONAL MEETING

May 19, 2006

- **CLUBS THAT WERE REPRESENTED AT THE REGION 13 ANNUAL MEETING**

- Southern Colorado
- Platte Valley
- Central Rockies
- Roadrunner
- Western Colorado
- Platte River
- Panhandle

- **REGION 13'S ANNUAL MEETING OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

- **HRC RULE PROPOSALS**

- Reviewed the six proposals for rule changes HRC National.
- Discussion was made on them by all the clubs that were present.

- **REGIONAL MAKEUP OF REGION 13**

- Region 13 may be split into two regions, 13 and 13a with an additional Field Rep. Currently Region 13 is a large geographical area. There are 13 clubs in this region with the new additional ones. They are: Arkansas Valley, Central Rockies, Colorado Hunting Retrievers, Elkhorn Valley, Great Plains, Panhandle, Platte River, Platte Valley, Roadrunner, Salt Valley, Southern Colorado, Western Colorado, and Laramie Peak.
- The new proposal would be that Region 13 be Colorado and New Mexico with possibly the Texas Panhandle Club joining this Region. Region 13A would be Wyoming and Nebraska clubs.
- With this division there would be a new Field Rep and Running Rules Rep and a Public Relations Rep.
- Another option would be to not split and just have two Field Reps for Region 13 since the geographical area is so large. This would cut the gas expenses for the HRC.
- Additional thoughts about splitting or not splitting, if we split we wouldn't have to worry about coordinating tests dates with each other, whereas if we remain one region and have two Field reps, then we would still coordinate dates around each other. Remember that we do have members from Denver area that travel to Nebraska tests and visa versa to run test and/or judge. If we don't plan around each other, both would lose quite a few participants.
- With two Field Reps we could hold two Judges/Handler seminars per geographical area and two annual meetings if needed.

- **JUDGES/HANDLERS SEMINAR**

- With the region being so large and only one seminar held per year, it makes it difficult for some to attend depending on the location of the seminar. Having them in February also can have weather conditions involved for attendance. It has been suggested to change the date to some time in July or have two seminars per year.

- The idea of the February Seminar is that judges are refreshed for the up-coming Spring tests.
- If we do split into two regions, each region would be required to have a judges seminar and that may take care of the issue.
- **IDEAS ON GETTING MORE R-13 MEMBERS TO THE HRC ANNUAL MEETING TO REPRESENT REGION 13.**
 - Again this year we discussed about raising dogs fees \$1/dog at Hunts. It seems that this is not what clubs want to do.
 - The National level has funds that could help us to send someone to the National Meetings in June each year. This needs to be looked into to see if they will be willing to help us. (John Klomp will ask the Executive Committee about offering Region 13 money for someone from our region to go to the National meeting.
- **HRC SUPPORT FOR NEW CLUBS**
 - When new clubs start up in a region, there is a stipend available of \$500 from the National HRC. This can be used to help them in there Preliminary test.
- **UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR REGION 13 CLUBS**
 - At one point in time, John Tillema had looked into an Umbrella Insurance Policy for Region 13 instead of each club having their individual club insurance. Mostly it is the same people that go to these tests throughout the region, so in reality each club is insuring the same people.
 - It is approximately \$800 now for insurance coverage. We could get a discounted rate if we all went together under the Umbrella coverage.
 - May appoint a group to investigate this. John Tillema is going to look into this insurance coverage again. He will call his Denver agent and get a history of HRC's record for claims.
 - Check with the National level to see what other regions are doing about insurance and how they feel about the Umbrella policy.
- **RAFFLE ITEM FOR NATIONAL MEETING IN JUNE 2006**
 - Wade Carpenter is doing a duck and goose call matching set for Region 13 to take to the National meeting in June for their raffle. Each club is to pay \$25 to Lee Ann Heldt to cover the costs for Wade. If there is extra monies, will may have them etched.
 - Also Platte River has donated a lab throw blanket.
- **CHAT FORUM FOR REGION 13 ON THE WEBSITE**
 - It was discussed about adding a chat forum to the Region 13 Website to be used only for good faith and good will. The consensus is to not have one. It may be only a grip session with only a few using it.
- **HUNT TEST DATES TO PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSON BY NOVEMBER 2006**

- Each club needs to get their 2007 test dates to the Regional PR person by November 15. This should avoid scheduling conflicts and allow participants to plan their hunt dates for season.
- If a club is changing their Hunt Weekend from the previous year, contact the Regional PR prior to sending in the paperwork to UKC to ensure there are no conflicts with other clubs.
- Clubs need to encourage their members to attend other clubs hunts and especially the new clubs in our region.

- **NEXT REGIONAL MEETING**

- The Regional Meeting for 2007 will again be held at the Platte Valley's Spring test on the Friday night before the tests.