

REGIONAL MEETING

May 16, 2008

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

- Southern Colorado
- Platte Valley
- Roadrunner
- Western Colorado
- Elkhorn Valley
- Hidden Pines
- Panhandle
- Central Rockies
- Laramie Peak

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

- **THE FIELD REPS FOR REGION 13 CONDUCTED THE MEETING AND WILL REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE REGION TO THE NATIONAL.**

- **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Barb Newsome talked about Pass It On a program to get more involved with youth. Events cost \$5 and they have nice prizes. HRC is involved with SRS by setting up a booth for HRC for advertising and exposure.
- Talked about website for Region 13 and where to find it; what's available on it; and for clubs to use it as they need.

- **JUDGES HANDLER SEMINAR**

Pat Johnson needs to know if there is a need to have another seminar. Clubs are asked to let him know by the second weekend in June. Currently one is scheduled for July 12 in North Platte Nebraska.

Road Runner would possibly like John Klomp to do one down in their area in 2009.

It was proposed that we move the seminar around to different clubs in the region.

- **LOGISTICS FOR TWO CLUBS TO HOLD A TEST THE SAME WEEKEND**

We discussed this and made suggestions like for a club to join up with Central Rockies who does Upland tests to work together and have test the same weekend at the same area. The other club could run a regular hunt. Other clubs could do the same. More dogs may run upland. Dogs could run upland and regular hunt. This would free up a weekend for other clubs to choose from.

We also talked about two clubs holding a regular test the same weekend with one club doing the Saturday hunt and the other doing the Sunday hunt. This could work with using one of

the clubs grounds one year and then the other clubs the next year. They could also switch days every other year. Some clubs do more work but it's mostly the man power that is needed. This may give the region one less test but maybe at a better quality. This could also free up a weekend for other clubs to choose from.

It was also again recommended that clubs do not have two tests in the same year.

- **TWO CLUBS TO HOLD TEST THE SAME WEEKEND WITHIN OUR REGION**

The National rule is for test not to be held within 200 miles of each other on the same weekend. When we decided to add the additional field rep a few years ago, we also decided to try to keep test within the region from being scheduled on the same weekend.

We decided to amend this by being more flexible and to allow clubs to have tests on the same weekend at a greater distance since our region is so large but these need to be approved by the field reps. We need to use common sense in doing so. Something to consider with this is that our region is pulling from the same judges' pool. There are approximately 58 judges in our region but half of them are not active.

- **COMMUNICATION WITH JUDGES**

Confirm with your judges before getting the premium approved!

Let them know what expenses you are going to reimburse for them like gas and/or motel. State upfront what gifts you plan on giving them like a free entry, free social, judges dinner etc.

Let them know if they need to make their own motel reservation or if you are providing that for them.

Barb Newsome created a Handbook for the Hunt Chair and Hunt Secretary for Platte Valley. It has a lot of valuable information and guidelines for running a smoother test. It has an example of a follow up letter to your judges. It gives examples of the Hunt Forms. Barb and Lee Ann are going to review these and then make them available out on the regional website for everyone to use. We will let clubs know when it is available.

- **DISCUSSED REIMBURSEMENT TO JUDGES**

For those judges who travel a greater distance, they should be reimbursed more for gas expense. The national recommends that we reimburse either .44 or .48 cents a mile round trip. We would like to recommend that we reimburse their actual gas costs from receipts or some form of reimbursement per mile. Some clubs do not reimburse their own club members for judging but only those outside their memberships. It was suggested that we be sure to cover some fuel costs as being the most important item. Then if a club has monies for gifts and free entry can be offered. Free entries allow a club to give a gift up to a \$60 value but this only costs the club \$10 for UKC and HRC fees.

Our region has a large distance with many tests in it. Concerns of low entries!

DISCUSSED SWAPPING JUDGES IDEA OR JUDGING THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

This idea is about swapping judges between clubs with a guarantee that you come judge for me and I will come judge for you with paying no expenses or going to other club's test with the idea of judging the entire weekend for certain expenses being reimbursed but then you

limit yourself from judging at other tests for the year. This would promote the use of more different judges within our region.

Again with a limited judges' pool these ideas could be a problem with so few active in the region.

- **REMINDER TO GET HUNT DATES TO LEE ANN BY NOVEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR**

- Each club needs to get their 2009 test dates to the Regional PR person by November 1 so that we can get them approved by the Field Reps.

- If clubs plan to share a weekend during 2009 also let the PR know.

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. These dates will need to be approved by the field reps!

- **ONLY ONE RULE CHANGE THAT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NATIONAL MEETING IN JUNE PRESENTED BY WILLIE RATLIFF**

Current Rule Wording: Seasoned level

Blind retrieves should be through easy cover and relatively open water. A dry shot popper shall be fired by the handler in the direction of the blind while the dog is at heel prior to the dog's running the blind retrieve.

Proposed Change:

Blind retrieves should be through easy cover and relatively open water. (DELETE: A dry shot popper shall be fired by the handler in the direction of the blind while the dog is at heel prior to the dog's running the blind retrieve.)

JUSTIFICATION:

Under the current wording of the rule a dry shot primer has to be fired at the blind by the Handler. This may be a distraction to the retriever and make it harder for the handler to line his retriever up for the blind retrieve.

- **WE NEED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN THIS REGION**

- **NATIONAL MEETING IS JUNE 13, 14 AND 15.**

- Pat Johnson and John Klomp, Lee Ann and David Heldt all plan on attending. They will try to talk to Jim about some of the Region 13 ideas. Barb Newsome will also be attending as the Public Relations Committee Chairman.

- Proxies are the representation for our Region 13 clubs. These need to be filled out and sent in or given to your field rep so they can vote for your club. Any of the people attending can carry the proxy for a club. We have 13 clubs and hope to have all 13 votes. As president of your club, please take care of this.

- **UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR REGION 13 CLUB – NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE IN THIS REGION MAKE A PROPOSAL ON THIS TO TAKE TO THE NATIONAL.**

- Blanket Policy (all the region under one policy)

- Mostly it is the same people that go to these tests throughout the region, so in reality each club is insuring the same people.
- May appoint a group to investigate this.
- Check with the National level to see what other regions are doing about insurance and how they feel about the Umbrella policy.
- Last year Rick Hunter gave us the name of his Insurance Company. One concern we have is live ammo at the Upland tests. We need to check with the National level to see if they have a blanket policy.

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- **RAFFLE ITEM FOR NATIONAL MEETING IN JUNE 2008**

- The plan is to collect donations from each club and Lee Ann and Barb will buy something with the monies that they can take on the plane with them to the meeting in Memphis. Currently Lee Ann has \$150 donations. If your club would like to donate some money, make check payable to Lee Ann Heldt and mail it to her at 33681 County Road 13, Windsor, Co 80550. Please get these to Lee Ann by June 7th! You can also donate an item, just remember that it needs to be something that we can take with us on the plane.
- Ed Raszka is also donating a First Aid kit to the raffle at the National Meeting.

- **NEXT REGIONAL MEETING**

- The Regional Meeting for 2009 to be determined.