

REGION 13 ANNUAL MEETING

April 30, 2010 in Woodriver, Nebraska

IN ATTENDANCE: Panhandle [PH]; Platte Valley [PV]; Southern Colorado [SC]; Great Plains [GP] Elkhorn Valley [EV] Salt Valley [SV] Pat Johnson [Field Rep] - Lee Ann Heldt [R13 PR]

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder to get hunt tests dates to Region 13 Public Relations Rep by November 1st of each year.

Reminder to get the Proxies in to your Field Reps for the Annual Meeting in Memphis. If you send them to Claudine, email your Field Rep and let them know that you have done so. All Colorado, New Mexico, and Cheyenne proxies should name John Klomp as their voting rep and all of Nebraska, and Northern Wyoming should name Pat Johnson as their voting rep.

We have traditionally provided a gift for the raffle at the National Meeting in Memphis. We would like to see clubs **donate \$20** towards this as we have done in the past. **If you would make a check payable to Lee Ann Heldt and either give it to her at the Regional Meeting or mail it to 33681 County Road 13, Windsor, CO 80550**, we would greatly appreciate it. Last year we bought an Avery gift certificate and Avery added, I think, another \$150 to it. It turned out to be something like a \$400 gift certificate. It was the most popular item there. We had to put another basket next to it as one basket wasn't big enough to hold it. It was the basket that I put the majority of my tickets in!

1. Discussed points of interest from last year's Region 13 meeting.

A. Change location of the Regional Meeting – decided to have two with one in the Northern area and one in the Southern area.

B. Rule Changes last year had to do with taking the Upland tracking out.

C. Late Entry Fee – to encourage early entries so clubs know how to plan. It was decided that clubs need to educate their members on this before imposing a late fee.

D. Life Time Membership – Barb to discuss at the National meeting

Jim Reichman said that the wheels were already rolling on this but if I wanted, that I could go ahead and take credit :o) They didn't have any other input than that.

E. Youth Judging Apprentice Program. Barb Newsome

I tried hard on this one but the EC was not only concerned of too much distraction to judges, but also liability. They suggested that we can accomplish the same goal by getting our youth more active on training days and fun hunts. For example, ask the youth to set up a training day or a fun hunt. Or, when setting up a training day, ask a youth who is there what he/she suggests to set up. When doing a fun hunt, ask the youth to judge. Begin him/her w/Started dogs along with an experienced judge and move them on up the ranks as we would in a regular hunt test. Have them use a judge's notebook.

F. New Apprentice Judges – the idea was to have a place to be able to find all -Region 13 apprentice judges on one list so that they get utilized. Claudine has actually taken care of this for all regions out on the HRC website under Judges.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed that HRC needs to work on the Upland test. It needs to have more understanding that it's more like a finished dog test and be judged as so. Tracking test can be part of the Upland test but some want to take it out! There was a rule proposed about this but it didn't pass. Upland tests are good in our Region but seem to be watered down at the Grands. It was mentioned that Upland tests can be ran in conjunction with a regular test on the same day.

Pat talked about how we need to get back to the HRC philosophies of wearing more Camo at hunt tests. As judges we need to be sure to tell your handlers that -they need to come to the line with more Camo. It may take a couple of years to get this turned back around.

It was stated that HRC needs to understand that "if they want rules, they need to make them rules." Not just recommendations. Some things are left at the judges' discretion and should probably be made into a rule.

We talked about some handlers arguing at the line with the judges and we don't want to see that happening. We need to wait until after the ribbons and then talk in private to the judges.

Southern Colorado is going to have a Snake Clinic on June 12 and 13. It will cost \$35 for and HRC dog.

The judges' seminar next year will be in Lincoln.

It was stated that South Dakota is not in our region although Pat helps out as Field Rep up there and their Field Rep also helps Pat.

Jim Davis said Thank you to Lee Ann and Pat for all they do in the region.

Hunt Committee needs to be checking length of the marks as each stake. It was mentioned that some seem to be longer. Pat stated that most judges have a view finder that they use so that they know how many yards their marks are. It is a good idea for the judges to be sure to do so.

Next year Pat plans to have another Region 13 Annual meeting at the Great Plains Hunt Test.