

REGION 13 ANNUAL MEETING

May 13, 2011 in Snyder, Colorado

IN ATTENDANCE: [SCHRC] Don Ley, John KLOMP, [HPHRC] Fred Lysinger, [WCHRC] Derrick Tonus, Willie Williams, [RRHRC] Bill and Diane Archer, [PVHRC] David Heldt, Lee Ann Heldt

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Reminder that Hunt test dates need to be approved 6 months prior to the test

Reminder to get the Proxies to your Field Reps. If you send them directly to Claudene, let Lee Ann or your Field Rep know that you have sent them in. All Colorado, New Mexico, and Cheyenne proxies should name John Klomp as their rep, and all of Nebraska, and Northern Wyoming should name Pat Johnson as their voting rep. John will call the club Presidents to see the status on the proxies.

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.

1. Discussed points from and email of Pats (policies were handed out) (attach Lightning and Gun safety policies)

I know all of you get the resource CD from HRC every year and I just wanted to add a few comments on something's I seen last year as a whole in our part of the region. This is nothing major just some friendly reminders. We had a few test last year when thunderstorms rolled in during the test and I thought the clubs handled everything quite well so I have included the lightening safety policy letter for you to go over with your clubs at a meeting before your test. If I am there I will have a strike alert lightening detector with me and it come in handy, a couple of times last year we had to put a hold on test when this occurred. Like I said there were no major issues with this policy and all of the clubs involved did a great job with this.

I have also included the firearms safety policy letter for your hunt committees and judges in your club. Over the last couple of years I have seen incidents grow in our whole region as well as when I travel to other regions. I have even seen problems at the grand. When we are on the line with our dogs we can get caught up in the moment and lose focus for just a second that's when something can happen. It only takes a second for something bad to happen. We just need to make sure that we are adhering to the firearms safety policy as clubs, hunt committees and judges. This is the one thing that sets us apart from the other organizations and clubs. I think for the most part our region does a really good job at this. It just takes one really bad incident to get our privileges taken away. Enough said on this.

The other thing I have been noticing is some violations of our national sponsors. Over the past few years I have seen other dog food companies advertised at our events, along with different electronic collars. Purina and Tri Tronics do a lot for us by supplying dog food and collars for our events. When we have this dog food it should be made available for everyone that has a dog running to get a free bag for each dog entered. Tri Tronics gives us free collars to use for our raffles to raise funds for our clubs. The same goes for banners; if it is a company that is a direct competitor with one of our national sponsors we cannot display banners or promote their product. I have banners for our national sponsors along with John Klomp if we are at an event we will ask that the club help us display their banners. If you have a company that you all wish to help raise money for your club as long as they are not a competitor of one of our national sponsors then there is no problem according to the National sponsorship letter. I know a lot of the clubs get various calls and pictures donated for the raffles this is not a problem since we do not have a national sponsor that makes calls and donates them to us anymore.

I just want us all to be aware of a few things when we are putting on our test as well as out judging. Like I said before our region does a really good job on putting on events and the way they are ran. I just wanted to give everyone a friendly reminder on some of the policies set forth by HRC. Pat Johnson

2. John went over the lightening policy and stated that he will let everyone know if there is a lightening within 6 miles as we will need to stop the tests and get to safety.
3. John talked about the upcoming elections. We have to running for Vice President. Rusty and Kevin.
4. Discussed how some of the regions may be restructuring.

New issues in our region:

Southern Colorado has concerns about using pigeons on land as they have had Pros not entering due to this. It was stated that Pros do not want to run at tests unless only ducks are used. Other clubs said that they cannot get pigeons so therefore they just use ducks which also keeps the Pros coming. It was stated that "A club should do what they believe in as a club!" Would amateur handlers still come if Pigeons are used? Lee Ann will send out to clubs to see if we can get some feedback on this. Someone mentioned that they did know of someone who did not want to come and that it probably was due to pigeons being used.

John mentioned that Bill Autrey had a heart attack.

Discussion was brought up about doing a "Western Swing" to attract Pros from down south. The ideas would be to try to set up several weekends in a row of tests in our region to get them to come out and have the opportunity to run them.