



September 2017

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2018 Officers, Board Members

President: Chris Brandl

Vice President: Mike Verdon

Secretary: Wayne Anderson

Treasurer: Roz Wilson

Board of Directors:

1 year: Mark Belford, Wayne Skochenski, Bill Halfrich

2 years: Eric Singleton, Mark Paschke, Ray Amundson

3 years: Linda Twiss, Wade Thurman, Liz Jerome

Field Trial Chair: Roz Wilson

Field Trial Secretary: Wayne Anderson

Hunt Test Chair: Travis Lund

Hunt Test Secretary: Paul Agranoff

BRG Representatives: Wade Thurman(2020); Roz Wilson(2019); Bill Halfrich(2021); Ray Amundson (2018).

Sept. 25 meeting notes:

Officers and directors were voted in. See updates above. In addition, Bill Halfrich is replacing Mark Belford as one of our BRG representatives.

Treasurer's Report: Roz Wilson reported excellent financial results for both the BRG August Hunt Test/Qualifying and September HCARC Field Trial. The Hunt Test/Qualifying event had net income of \$7198, all of which goes directly to BRG. The Field Trial netted \$5,100.

Field Trial Report: Field Trial chair Mark Belford said the trial went well, and thanked the club members who came out to work. Special thanks to Dawn Hass and Kim Shidla for preparing and delivering lunches during the trial.

We now have 80 members and still seem to have a hard time getting enough workers despite the financial incentives. (The updated roster was sent all members Sept. 24).

R.I.P John Blackbird

John Blackbird passed away suddenly earlier this month while running a hunt test at Blackhawk Retriever Club near Mondovi, WI. He was a long-standing member and active contributor with Hennepin County Amateur Retriever Club.

John also was active on a national basis in the hunt test arena. He was a board member, past president and judge for the Master National Retriever Club. He also was instrumental in the start of the Master Amateur Retriever Club.

His passing was a shock to all who knew John and he will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Karen and his extended family in the retriever world.

BRG Update:

Projects for this fall include:

1. Moving the storage cube north to free up more room on parking lot plus make access to the bird pens more convenient;
2. Adding a smaller cube next to the storage cube as a dead bird container for drying/storing birds. The BRG board is investigating installing a refrigeration system to cool down the birds. This should greatly improve the quality of dead birds and minimize losses due to spoilage during warm weather months.
3. Pursue moving the gated entrance along Hwy. 95 from the existing middle entrance to the east end of the property
4. Buy 2 new satellites, mounted on trailers, 1 for each grounds area, so they can be moved as needed during trials/events.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 30, 2018, 7 p.m., at Axel's in Loretto.