

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Date: Saturday, February 28. Time: 3:00 pm.

Present: President, Keith Richardson; Trustees - Brooks Carmichael, Lori Rezzardi, Art Armbrust, Dean Crabbs; Harvey Franco; Associates – Mike Aldrich

Absent: Trustees: James Messer, Peter Kainz, Mike Patrick, Don Kidd, Mark Verdoorn, Kirk Bomer, John Lunseth, Bob Reynolds; Associates - Chris Streitenberger, Joe Orendorf

The meeting was called to order.

Dean started meeting with a weather report of current conditions and forecast for the week. He said everybody expected to be here are here. Folks here won't feel comfortable leaving until Thursday. Building consensus to go day by day and try and get it done if we can.

Judi wants to know what we want to do because she can't keep coming out for 4-5 people for dinner. She said he could do lunch. Around 4PM all folks will be coming to the clubhouse to see what we are going to do. Need to get a consensus of people who will be here if they will be eating here and have them commit to eating here.

The other side is if we cancel now we are looking at \$15-20K in the hole. One of the judges will be here today and one just arrived in Ft. Smith. We are committed to pay the judges expenses regardless of if we run or not.

Dean proposed for the club to play it day by day. We will try and be ready to go in the morning. But if it looks dangerous we won't go. Dean asked Red if it was feasible to put birds out in the morning instead of the afternoon. We would follow right behind them. Dean will ask Brad when the meeting is done.

For the all age the judges said they don't have a single dog around with birds and they are worried about having another day where dogs don't have birds.

The judges indicated that at the end of the stake if there was no clear winner with birds, they would call back those dogs completing the course for a run-off. If there was a clear winner the second day there would be no call back. They had a clear Champion the second day so no call back was necessary.

The judges will need to be consulted on what they want to do.

What we do is give the best estimate in the evening of what we are going to do, but preference is to have people at the clubhouse around 8:00 so they have time to get horses ready to run at 9:00. Would also need to plant birds in the morning. Agreed.

Dean called Judi and asked if she would be willing to do lunches and she agreed. Dean asked how many people would make this cost effective, she said 15-20 people for lunch. Dean asked Judi to just do lunches through the rest of the time NGSPA will be here. Judi will keep the dog wagon stocked and prepare lunches. Dean asked her to keep track because if lunches went under \$100 a day the club would reimburse her.

Dean also called Brad with F&G to see if they could plant birds in the morning. Brad will see what he can do and get back to Dean.

No decision was made at this meeting, it was for input, and the final decision was to be made by Dean, Field Trial Chairman, and Mike, Stake Manager after hearing input from the group at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.