

The Retriever Believer

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2023



It's a new year. Time to rethink and redirect, make plans and set goals. It has been an educational journey acting as your digital newsletter editor. I've loved sharing in your successes, highlighting your brags and keeping the members apprised, the best I can, of the activities the club has to offer. Unfortunately, I can no longer satisfactorily perform the duties this newsletter entails and am passing the reins to another.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the club as the editor over the past six years. This adventure has allowed me to engage in an artistic outlet, learn about digital graphics and hone skills that will aid in the promotion of my dogs and business. I'm glad I was able to do my part to promote PSLRA, its members, and events, and am saddened that I cannot continue to do so as your editor. Wishing you all the best on whatever goals and dreams lie ahead for each and every one of you...

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Secretary's Minutes—September

PSLRA Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Angela at 6:45pm

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Zoom

In attendance: Jill, Angela, Jessica, Cindy and Jim, Diane, Brenda, Marcy, Becky, Colleen Doll Marlys, Katie

Not in attendance: Cindy Levine, Lisa, Linda, Rob

Officers Reports

- President – Angela none at this time
- Vice President – Marcy fill as progression
- Secretary – Jill closing specialty docs from AKC
- Treasurer – Cindy financials available upon request, financial are posted to board

Acknowledgements: Cindy sent Hunt test acknowledgements to Kristen for the newsletter.

Committee Reports by next occurring event:

- Event close out: Fall/Spring HRT – Jim disappointing/ half the entries from previous years, record numbers of scratches, first financial lost ever Cindy thinks. All driven by lack of entries.
- Event close out: Spring Agility Trial - Cheri nothing to report loss of \$300 per Cindy
- Event partial close out: Specialty – Angela

Angela is making some committee changes for 2023. She said that the volunteers for 2022 did an amazing job, the specialties weekend was ruff at times, too much stress for the show chair, Angela wants to follow other clubs platforms, chairs followed by volunteers that are not on the actual committee, sub-committees. She will elaborate more in the coming months.

Judge contract changes: judges will be encouraged to not socialize with exhibitors during judging day.

The show committee will evaluate what we pay for judges expenses etc., approval of foreign judges and their estimate of their expenses prior to judging assignment. All requests for reimbursements will be required to submit a club expense form to the treasurer.

Angela was concerned that there may have been some theft at the specialty weekend. club food and cases water were missing. They may have been taken during after hours of the show times. The refrigerator was rummage with breakfast supplies missing.

The board agreed with the show committee about increasing Entry fees (see below) for all specialties. The use of sponsor classes funds was clarified and will only be used for actually sponsoring classes.

We have the lowest entry fees of any specialties in our area. Just not feasible anymore. Proposing an increase to \$30, sweeps \$22. Angela reminded the board that we have had flat ribbons for the last four years for the classes.

Angela was concerned with Exhibitor behavior and sportsmanship in the ring and outside. The ring is for showing dogs only.

Hugh Maffett will be taking next year off from the show liaison position.

Angela updated the board on the 2023 National news. She said she will be representing



Secretary's Minutes—Sept (con't)

PSLRA as the president on the national committee and was appointing others in positions. Jill gave concern that the person suggested had no experience in running a b-match, supported entry, or a previous specialty. Angela assured the board that all volunteers were a good choice and that she would be overseeing the success.

- Health Clinic September 25 - Marlys: it is full 16 echos, 6 auch, 80 eyes estimate. We will not be breaking even because of paypal fees.
- WC – Marlys/Chantel checked into birds, need to pick date, Colin suggested that we run after a hunt test Don't want to run in fall because of water pond condition.
- Obedience/Rally – Possible fill by Kim Hayes and Chantel, Jill directed them to the president
- Supported Entries –
 - Wenatchee (October) – Katie, Jennifer S. we have all prizes, first day is money, second day Puyallup (January). — Jill taking suggestions for prizes. Marlys will be our 2023 sweepstakes judge
 - Bremerton (March) — Marcy haven't picked 2023 judges, but have picked 2024, no sweeps judges yet
 - Lynden (May) — Marlys Mary Jane will do sweeps for 2023
- Annual Banquet – OPEN no plan as of now. Marlys has a guest speaker.
- Rescue Report – Brenda sent report to facebook page,
- Membership
Rejoin: David and Kathy Gibson

Old Business

- Defibrillator equipment moved to October meeting
- Newsletter quarterly? Revisit with Kristen on what she would like to do.
- National update, National co-chairs Rob only approved one specialty
No judges picked yet, show starts on oct 1, judges selection committee, vote as soon as possible
14 judges for 2023/2024.
- LRC and annual ad for All Around Labrador did not make it to print.

New Business

- Hotel expense no nyes jill made motion, cindy seconded, to reimburse Hugh for nonrefundable hotel room
- Cheri Wildes has resigned and will do website maintenance until December 31. Board needs to discuss further on how they want to proceed.

Dogzibits take over paypal's items. Tabled for further discussion.

- Liz Gibson resignation from HT, not willing to be chair for 2023, no suggestions for a chair. Maybe someone from Rainier will be interested.

Brenda mentioned that Tami Frazer has five totes that she got from Nina Mann's that have sweatshirts club logo, etc. What are we going to do with it?

Trophy management: what the future looks like if you are a trophy. Do we do away with trophies, how and where do we store them? This topic has been an ongoing thread for years!

Open Discussion

Next Meeting – October 19, 2022
Adjourn 8:05

Secretary's Minutes— November 16

AGENDA

PSLRA All Membership Meeting, on Zoom
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Board Members present: Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett, Becky Dannaker, Rob Parkins, Brenda Hubbard, Cheri Levine, Katie Somers, Diane Sullenberger, Jessica Baker, Jim and Cindy Olson, Lisa McGlothlen, and Jill Mahoney.

Board members not in attendance: Jan Cameron

Club Members in attendance: Stephanie Harris, Bea Ferguson, Colleen Doll, Kimberly Dotson, Leslie Douglas, Jennifer Hajny, Diann Sullivan, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Tami Giles-Frasier, Turena Koontz, Tamaria Hartman, and Vicky Hoskinson. Marcy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Officers Reports:

- President – Marcy let everyone know the Board had voted and approved Becky Dannaker, to be acting VP, to conform with the bylaws, after Angela Rogalla resigned as President in early October, and Marcy had stepped into position of President.
- Vice President– Becky. Update on breeder hoarding situation from last month in NE Washington. Becky has phoned the Coeur D'Alene sheriff's office, looking for pedigree information on the 40 Labs, taken into care by Pasado's Safe Haven. Her calls have not been returned yet.
- Secretary – Jill, not present until the end of the meeting. No report
- Treasurer – Cindy, reminded members she presents a full financial report to the Board each month. Copies are available to any member upon an email request to Cindy.

Acknowledgements: Marlys Swanson gave the following acknowledgements for September's health clinic, to Brenda, as Marlys was unable to attend this meeting. "A big thank you To Lisa McGlothlen and her husband Wayne, Stacey Gnyp, Cathy Hakola and Barb Pilkington for all of their help." Also, Diane Sullenberger would like to acknowledge Bea Ferguson, PSLRA's Sunshine committee, for the lovely cards she and Todd received following surgeries.

Committee Reports:

- Supported Entries –
 - Puyallup (January) — Jill, no report
 - Bremerton (March) —Marcy, all is on track, judges are selected. She encouraged members to come out as it's a fun show.
 - Lynden (May) — Marlys, no report, not present
 - Wenatchee (October) – Katie, all went well. She thanked Marlys and Cathy Hakola for all their help, as Katie didn't attend.
- Fall Agility Trial - Cheri. The trial went very well, good number of entries, and all had a lot of fun. Next Spring's trial is on track but the fall trial may need to be cancelled due to the Lab Nationals being held in our area.
- 2023 Nominating Committee –Tamaria, all is on track. Any additional nominations from the floor will take place at the Club Christmas party at the Dannaker's home on 12/17. Marcy expressed gratitude to the whole nominating committee for doing such a timely, great job.
- Annual Banquet – Jennifer Hajny shared she and Mary Jane are working out the details. It coincides with the January show in Puyallup, our supported entry. Venue is not selected as yet; details forthcoming and they'll need a registered head count, to be able to place the banquet food order.
- Rescue Report – Brenda, no report
- Membership –Jill, hadn't logged on yet. Marcy shared new member is Susan Bell.
- Fall/Spring HRT –Cindy Olson shared that new member Susan Bell, who raises Golden Retrievers, will take on the chairmanship for the fall/spring HRT's. Duck costs are up by about \$2-\$2.50 per bird. May continue to have issues procuring birds.
- 2023 Specialties –Stephanie, obedience and rally will be chaired by Kim Hayes. Please reach out to Stephanie or

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Katie with any questions.

- Obedience/Rally – Kim Hayes/Chantel, not present, no report
- WC – Marlys/Chantel, not present, no report

Old Business

- ◆ Defibrillator equipment – Linda Maffett said she needs to do some more research, so more information next month. Cindy Olson shared other clubs have found renting one is much more efficient and cost saving than purchasing one.
- ◆ 2023 National Specialty – Rob Parkins, a joint planning meeting with Mt. Rainier Lab Club will take place in December. Joanne Hanscomb will be the hunt test chair. She will be forming a committee and needs volunteers, so please reach out to Rob, if you're interested, and he will put you in touch. The Specialty show needs volunteers. Contact Rob or Stacey Parsons

New Business

- Review Litter listing requirements committee – Marcy, has been asked by several members to form a new committee to review our litter listing requirements and to update it. Tami Giles-Frasier shared a recent, very negative experience she had trying to get her litter listed, after following all requirements. She applied when her litter was 2 wks old and the litter didn't get listed until they were 8 weeks old, after a Board member volunteered to intervene and help her. Two officers stepped in and got it cleared up.
- Review board positions and maximum number of board members on the board committee - Marcy asked for volunteers to review Board positions/terms/minimum and maximum number of Board members
- Tacoma Kennel club's offer to specialty clubs – Marcy, for supported entry, would be next July. The Club usually does 4 supported entries so the Board would need to vote to do a 5th. May be bad timing as it's only 1-2 wks. before our Specialty and it would need a chairperson.
- Sportsmen's show- Brenda, the 2023 show is later than ordinary, Feb 1-5, 2023, rather than the 3rd week of January. Cindy Meyer just volunteered to chair it, but we will need a co-chair. Contact Brenda if you're interested. We were not present last year for the 1st time in approx. 25 years, due to not enough volunteers, when there had been a recent covid uptick.

Next Meeting Christmas Party –December 17, 2022, at the Dannaker's lovely home in Duvall.

Meeting adjourned by Marcy at 7:27 pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Hubbard, filling in for Jill Mahoney



Challenge Trophy Winners

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

For permanent possession, each challenge trophy will be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog (ownership must be identical) nor at consecutive shows. Winner will retain trophy for one (1) year and ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS SAFEKEEPING, ENGRAVING OF NEW PLATE AND TIMELY RETURN.

KISS SPECIALTY FRIDAY:

BEST OF BREED, WITH FIELD TITLE

Linda C. Walkley Memorial Challenge Trophy." Barb and Don Ironside, Fawnhaven Labradors, offer an Intarsia Labrador Head Wall Hanging. To be eligible the BOB dog or bitch must have a WC, or higher, field title.

Not awarded

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR

Challenge Trophy, Labrador figurine mounted on a walnut base offered by Blu Top, Chibry, Songline, Sunnydaze and Wyntercreek Labradors

Won By Lisa Nordstog and Janet Peters. Snowberry's Bad To The Bone

ANNUAL CONFORMATION SPECIALTY SATURDAY-SUNDAY SHOW

BEST OF BREED:

Best of Breed All-Around Trophy in Memory of Ron Perry, offered by Sharon Edwards. For eligibility the dog or bitch winning Best of Breed must hold an American Championship and at least a CD and JH.

Not awarded

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

"CH Chelon Margaret Thatcher JH WC Memorial Challenge Trophy. Framed Artwork by Teresa Albert donated by Terry & Walli Rourke Interlocken Farm.

Won by Angela Rogalla and Marlys Swanson Brae & Artesian's All Barley No Hops

BEST HUNTING RETRIEVER IN SPECIALTY:

Labrador Print framed and engraved, offered by Koa Labradors.

Won by Bea Ferguson GCH CH B-Mor's Max-A-Million SH RN CGC

FIRST PRIZE, HUNTING RETRIEVER DOG CLASS:

"Can CH SR Davoeg Hiltonhall Sammy Beau SH Memorial Challenge Trophy." A bronze Labrador head mounted on a wooden base originally offered by Chuck & Sharon Hilton, Hiltonhall Labradors. Retired in 2008 and redonated by Don & Barb Ironside, Fawnhaven Labradors. To be eligible dog must have a conformation championship & SH or MH title.

Won by Bea Ferguson GCH CH B-Mor's Max-A-Million SH RN CGC

FIRST PRIZE, BRACE:

"BISS Can Ch Bayviews Gusta Wind CDX Am/Can WC and Can Ch Bayviews Ramblin Rose Am/Can CD NA NAJ JH AM/Can WC Memorial Trophy" a pair of coldcast bronze Labradors from Heredities, offered by Carole Jensen, Idella Labradors.. Retired in 2011 and redonated by Nancy Clark, Seasac Kennels

**Won by Chantel Nahoopi GCH CH Koa's In A New York Minute CD RI BN JH
BCAT TKN CGC WC Koa's What's One More RN WC Retired this trophy**

Announcements

2023 Calendar of Events

Sept 30-Aug 8 Labrador Week (See Flyer in this Issue)

Aug 1

SW WA Fairgrounds

More events scheduled? More details?? Shows? Sweeps? Specialty? National event? Hunt test? WC? Match? Meeting? Are you the chairperson? If so, please send your information to:

newsletter@pslra.org

so it can be included on our calendar of events.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form. Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:

Membership: membership@pslra.org



Fall Hunt Test Acknowledgements

“ Another PSLRA hunt test on the books, 65,000 tons of mud, about 120 orange ribbons, rain, hail and more rain...AAA towing out of mud for our truck and camper trailer...but despite all that it went very well!

Many thanks to all the folks and kids who came to help. I had some really great workers this weekend. Thank you to our judges, Susan Bell, John Kinnard, John Gammon, Dave McPherson, Linda Johnson, Liz Skillingstad and Lee Salmon.

I really appreciate all of the PSLRA members that helped us get through the “Mud Fest Test”



Random internet muddy Labrador photo inserted for visual effect...but the vehicle photo is

ACTUAL FOOTAGE!

*Thanks to our
DEDICATED CREW!!!*

Fall Hunt Test Acknowledgements



Thank you for all of your help and support to make our
PSLRA Hunt Test a grand (and dirty!) event!

Liz Gibson
Cindy and Jim Olson
Jean and Chuck Fowler
Anne and Don West
Liz Skyllingstad
Dianne and Randy Clark
Scott Corely
Katie Mearns
Anne Swindeman
Michelle Voss
Ron and Roxanne Heller

Sharon Collins
Cheri Levine
Cindy Freeman
Terrie Sato
Mark Keen
Cindy Meyer
Mike and Rhonda Fore-
man
Chantel Nahoopii
Bhargav Iyer

National Labrador Week

Labrador Week Schedule 2023

Saturday - September 30, 2023

Set up, decorations and RV/Camping arrivals

Sunday - October 1, 2023

MRLRC Specialty #1

LRC Obedience & Rally #1

Welcome Social

Monday - October 2, 2023

MRLRC Specialty #2

LRC Obedience #2 & Rally #2 & #3

LRC Agility #1

LRC CC Evaluation #1

Tuesday - October 3, 2023

PSLRA Specialty

LRC Agility #2

LRC Board Meeting (Host Hotel)

LRC Workers Party

LRC Members Meeting

Wednesday - October 4, 2023

LRC Regional Specialty

LRC Judges Education

LRC Scent Work Trial

Thursday - October 5, 2023

LRC National Day #1

LRC Judges Mentoring Ringside

Banquet

Friday - October 6, 2023

LRC National Day #2

Saturday - October 7, 2023

LRC Hunt Test - Junior Stake (Double Header) & WC

Sunday - October 8, 2023

LRC Hunt Test - Senior Stake (Double Header)

LRC CC Evaluation #2



COUNTRY CLASSIC'S PEARL OF MY HEART

OAP OJP OFP NAP NJP NFP CGC TKN

MAISIE

IN MAY 2022 AT THE SNO-KING AGILITY CLUB TRIAL MAISIE TRIPLE QUALIFIED IN ONE DAY EARNING HER NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED TITLE AND AGILITY FAST NOVICE PREFERRED TITLE, PLACING FIRST IN EACH. THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND IN MAY AT THE CHUCKANUT DOG TRAINING ASSOCIATION TRIAL MAISIE QUALIFIED IN HER JUMPER RUN, PLACING SECOND, AND EARNING HER NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED TITLE.

IN JULY AT THE WA STATE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB TRIAL MAISIE ADDED TO HER TITLES ONCE AGAIN, THAT OF OPEN AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED AND OPEN AGILITY PREFERRED PLACING FIRST IN EACH.

AND FINALLY AT THE SAMOYED CLUB TRIAL IN NOVEMBER, MAISIE EARNED HER AGILITY FAST OPEN PREFERRED TITLE WITH ONE MORE FIRST PLACE. THIS LITTLE YOUNGSTER AND I ARE HAVING THE BEST TIME LEARNING TOGETHER INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE RING AND I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF HER EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS LAST YEAR. BRING ON 2023!

SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE THOMPSON



Koa

Super Proud of my “kids” thru March and April.

Am/Can GCH Koa's In A New York Minute
CD BN RI Am/Can JH BCAT CGC TKN WC

came out to play at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers on Sunday. She was **Best Opposite** and **Best of Breed** owner handled and went on to an **Owner Handled Group 3** (this is her 20th Group placement between Regular and NOHS groups) . Not bad for 6 weeks pregnant. This puts her at 60 points towards the 100 needed for her Bronze Grand Championship and at 235 towards the NOHS Bronze level. And now she's the proud Mama of 5 girls and 2 boys born Easter Sunday.



Her kids had a great time in the field, all earning their **PSLRA Working Certificates**.

Koa's What's One More RN WC – Party
Koa's Pour Me Another One WC – Diesel
Koa's Little Black Dress WC – Fendi

So proud to continue to work towards an All Around Labrador! On to the Hunt Tests and back to the conformation ring once hair grows back.

Submitted by Chantel Nahoopii

Bayview Sweet Caper Rose Mtl

Owned by Mike and Lisa Hastings

Bred by Kim Tyler



NEW MASTER HUNTER
MASTER NATIONALS QUALIFIER

Introducing New RUBY Grand Champion

UMBIS/MRBIS/BISS RUSH UWPO AP4 VPA CA RATN RACEE UWPCH ROM UCD RGCH

SUNNYDAZE FOR PEEP'S SAKE

CD PCD BN RE FDC CA BCAT THDN RATN CGCA CGCU TKE SPOT-ON



Brach

Proudly presented by Sundog Labradors

2022 YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS

BEST IN SHOW VETERAN X 3

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW VETERAN X 2

TOTAL DOG INVITATIONAL QUALIFIER AT PREMIER NATIONAL

SIX GUN DOG GROUP PLACEMENTS

FIVE TOTAL DOG AWARDS

NEW TITLES: ROM, UWPCH, UWPV, UWPO, AP2, AP3, AP4, RACEM, RACEE, DASH, RUSH

DAM OF UKC'S 2022 #2 RANKED LABRADOR!

URBIS RUSH UWPS VPE UJJ AP3 UWPCHX URO1 RACEE RATN CA
GRCH SunDog Don't Call Me Nymphodora TKI CA CGC BCAT Spot-On

UKC's 2022 Top Ten Standings

#1 Female Labrador
#2 Labrador Overall



TONKS

2022 Show Highlights

Reserve Best in Show under Larry Hansen
SIX Group 1, 21 Group Placements for 2022
1st Labrador in UKC history to earn the RUSH title

Most Weight Pulled Per Body Pound x 9
NINE Total Dog Awards

18 New Titles:

- Grand Champion
- United Junior Dock Jumper (UJJ)
- Precision Coursing Elite (RACEE)
- Precision Coursing DASH and RUSH
- United Weight Puller (UWP)
- United Weight Pull Champion (UWPCH)
- United Weight Pull Champion Excellent (UWPCHX)
- United Weight Puller Versatile (UWPV)
- United Weight Puller Outstanding (UWPO)
- United Weight Puller Superior (UWPS)
- Advanced Puller 2 & 3
- Versatile Puller Novice (VPN)
- Versatile Puller Advanced (VPA)
- Versatile Puller Excellent (VPE)
- Rally Obedience 1 (URO1)
- AKC FastCAT BCAT



I solemnly swear that I am, up to no good

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*New year—a new chapter,
new verse, or just the same
old story?*

Ultimately, we write it.

The choice is yours.

Alex Morritt

