

## September 30, 2011 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Carol Stone at 3:00 p.m. immediately following completion of the Fall Club Trial.

Board members present were:

Carol Stone, President  
Kelley Eller, Vice President  
Karen Edwards, Secretary  
Robert Dodson, Director  
Brent McCoy, Director  
Roberta Williams, Hunt Test Secretary (by speakerphone)  
Tom Beeckman, Director (by speakerphone)

General membership present:

Jim Pearce

### **Officers' and Committee Reports**

#### ***President's Report***

Carol introduced Karen Edwards as the new interim secretary; herself as the new interim President; and Kelley Eller as the new interim Vice President. All three were approved by the Board in an email vote during the past week. (If possible, can we add that I called a special board meeting for the purpose of filling these vacancies and we conducted said meeting electronically? Would we call it a virtual meeting? Not sure how to word this, but there are some "personality" issues arising that questioned the validity of how we did this, which drove the e-mail I sent so want to make sure we make mention of a special meeting, which we did of sorts, by e-mail. I think you probably picked up on some of this in the meeting. I can fill you in in person or via phone on the details if you want.)

Vacancies in these positions were the result of the resignation of former President Kevin Luthenauer and Secretary Lois Luthenauer. There was also a vacancy on the Board as a result of Kelley Eller becoming an officer, and Carol proposed Trudy Kuka for the vacancy. Trudy is willing to serve. Tom moved, and Kelley seconded, that Trudy be elected to the Board. The vote was unanimous and Carol will notify Trudy of her election.

#### ***Reading of the Minutes***

Karen read the minutes of the last board meeting (7/30/11). Several additions and corrections were made as noted on the minutes. Robert proposed accepting the minutes as corrected, Brent seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

#### ***Secretary's Report***

None, since Karen has been in office less than 3 days.

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

The Treasurer was not present, but had sent along a report which was passed out at the meeting. The report showed a balance in the club Treasury of \$1,509.67. Kelly moved that the Board accept the report, the motion was seconded by Robert and passed unanimously.

### ***Fall 2011 Hunt Test***

Carol reported that preparations for the Fall hunt test are on track. Trudy Kuka has agreed to be the Chief Marshall; this was the last major position that needed to be filled. Gunners have been selected. Tom will work with Kelley on the ammunition needed, and Tom will order. Roberta has 15 boxes of poppers, and Brent will count the number of poppers on the trailer. Brent determined that poppers can't be reloaded any cheaper than new ones can be bought. Hazel Holcombe may have 9 boxes of poppers that she will sell to the club for \$5 per box. If any extra are needed, Carol will order.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### ***Insurance on Trailers***

Tom looked into whether this insurance was necessary. Given that trailers are covered by the owner's liability policy while being towed, and the AKC event policy provides liability protection while the trailers are on-site at hunt tests and other club events, this does not appear to be necessary. The insurance premiums are approximately \$600/year, and if we cancel now we are entitled to a refund of between \$250-300. Given the state of the club's treasury, Kelley moved and Robert seconded canceling the insurance immediately as a cost-saving measure. The vote was unanimously in favor. Carol will call Eric to get the policy canceled.

#### ***Date conflict for Fall 2012 Hunt Test***

There is no other appropriate location for the hunt test other than Hiwassee. After some discussion, it was decided that Kelley will talk to Jason Jackson, the area manager for Hiwassee, to see about getting a different date in the last half of September, to avoid the conflict with tests the same weekend as Alabama and Kentucky. The issue will be tabled until the next board meeting, after Kelley has information on whether or not Hiwassee is available on another date.

#### ***Rules Changes for Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year Awards***

Following Kevin's resignation, he passed all the collected **by** (should this be but?) uncollated information on to Carol. After Carol has a chance to review what has been received, she will pass it on to the Board members in time for review prior to the next board meeting. We need to decide on changes before the start of the next competition year.

#### ***Club Test at Chota September 24, 2011***

Carol reported on the completion of the Club Trial held earlier in the day. Thanks to the following:

- Judges: MH – Wes Costner & Hubert Helton; JH/SH – Bill Weaver & Thomas Art Gibson; Singles Classic – Mark Gibson & Robert Dodson; and Puppies – Robert Dodson & Kelley Eller
- Ken Wade, who dropped ducks off at Hubert Helton's house at 3 am this morning, so that Hubert could bring them to the test.
- Brent McCoy, who arranged for bird boys and brought the equipment. He & Thomas Art ferried equipment on RTV/ATVs.
- Teresa Akeson, a new member, who assisted Carol with sign-ups.

A total of \$435 was collected in entry fees, and \$400 was paid out to the Bird Boys, leaving a net profit on the day of \$35. Carol noted that this was only a profit because she forgot to make arrangements for a porta potty, which would have cost \$100.

Results were as follows:

*Singles Classic:* 17 dogs entered.

- First place: Daisy and Mark Gibson
- Second place: River and Hubert Helton
- Third place: Callie and Jim Pearce
- Fourth place: Sonny and Faye Norwood
- JAMS: Lefty and Robert Dodson; Jethro, Katie, and Shadow with Kelley Eller; Carley with Derek Dieterich; Getterdone and Wes Costner; Cy and Grant Rains; Rio and Carol Stone; Ella and Gove with Brent McCoy; and Bella with David Knott.

*Master Test:* 12 dogs entered, 11 passed. Passing were Lefty with Robert Dodson; Shadow and Jethro with Kelley Eller; Getterdone and Wes Costner; River and Hubert Helton; Carley and Derek Dieterich; Callie and Jim Pearce; Daisy and Mark Gibson; Sonny and Faye Norwood; Ella with Brent McCoy; and Bella with David Knott.

*Senior Test:* 5 entered, 3 passed. Passing were Chase and Guy Greer; Ella and Gov with Brent McCoy.

*Advanced Junior Test:* 3 entered. Passing were Raven and Carol Stone, and Cy with Grant Rains.

*Junior Test:* 3 entered. Passing were Flame with Curt Akerson and Chase with Guy Greer.

*Senior Puppies:* 1<sup>st</sup>. place, Cy and Grant Rains

*Junior Puppies:* 4 entered. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Edge and Mark Gibson. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bandit and Mark Gibson

(Karen – I think for brevity, we might only want to note how many entered. Roberta makes note of all passes by name in the newsletter, and you could also forward to Shelia to include on the web site)

### ***Nominating Committee***

Carol announced that there are still 1 primary and 2 alternate positions to fill on the nominating committee for board/officer elections. This is a result of corrections needing to be made to the constitution of the committee appointed at the last meeting, because of a re-reading of the Bylaws.

Doug and Sheila Nelson volunteered to serve on the nominating committee, and had reported to Carol that past President Kevin Luthenauer had asked if they would serve. Also, Derek Dieterich has indicated that he is willing to serve on the committee. Roberta suggested Hubert Helton as another possible. The Board discussed that under the one family / one vote policy in the Bylaws, probably only one member of a particular family should serve on the committee. (Good call – you picked up on a lot!!!!)

Kelley moved and Robert seconded a motion that Doug Nelson should be appointed as the remaining primary member, and Derek and Hubert should be the alternates. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-1.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Committee must have a meeting before November 15 and must provide a slate of officer and directors to the Secretary by November 24.

## **New Business**

### ***Cost Savings.***

As a cost savings measure, Carol discussed the possibility of the Club not paying for hotel rooms and meals (insert “at the Judge’s Dinner” – don’t want to confuse this with the lunches we do provide during the test for workers) for people working at the Fall Hunt test, other than the Hunt Test **Chairman** (replace Chairman with Secretary). This has been a big cost in past tests. Robert moved, and Brent seconded, that until the club’s finances improve, that we suspend payments for motel rooms and meals except for the Hunt Test Secretary. The vote was five in favor, with Roberta abstaining because she is the Hunt Test Secretary.

### ***Committees***

Carol brought up the fact that the Club is relying on too few people to do all the work. The recent resignation of the President and Secretary and the death of club stalwart Jim Holcombe has underlined the fact that there are not enough people who know all that is necessary about running the various club events. Carol suggested the possibility of establishing committees for the various events – each one headed up by an experienced person, but with other people who will learn by assisting and will be able to ensure continuity. Robert suggested that a subgroup of the Board members be appointed to look into and propose a possible committee structure. Areas to be covered include Testing, Equipment, Training/Seminars, Membership, Awards Banquet, Summer picnic, etc. Tom agreed to head up such a subgroup with Roberta and Kelley assisting. They will bring a report and recommendations to the next Board meeting.

### ***Early Dues Payment***

Brent moved that we **ask** (offer the opportunity) for 2012 dues to be paid early, and post a sign to that effect at the Club hunt test. He pointed out that dues come straggling in throughout the year and it would be nice to have them earlier rather than later. Tom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Karen pointed out that the Bylaws say that the Treasurer is supposed to mail out a statement in January about dues to each member, and that hasn’t been done. We all agreed that this needed to be done this coming January, and that it could easily be done via email. Carol and Karen both volunteered to help the Treasurer in getting this done.

### ***Hunt Test Dedication***

Brent moved, and Kelley seconded, that the Fall hunt test be dedicated to the memory of charter member Jim Holcombe who died this past Tuesday (September 20). The motion passed unanimously. Robert will get a photo from Jim’s wife Hazel and changes will be made to the catalog.

### ***Future Meetings***

Carol announced that she will try to set up the next several Board meetings in advance and send us dates so we can make plans to attend. She intends to rotate locations so that no one has to drive long distances all the time to attend.

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There being no other business, Kelley made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Robert. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Edwards  
Secretary