

Board Meeting, Monday, 09/30/13
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: J. Michael Evans, Kelley Eller, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Brent McCoy, Guy Greer, Robert Dodson, Patti Gibson, Derek Dieterich, Lois Luthenauer.

Absent, excused: John Guinn

Absent, unexcused:

Other members present: Jim Pearce, Mark Gibson, Kevin Luthenauer, Sharon Greer

A quorum is 50% of the Board. A quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report. Michael reported that plans were proceeding for the club's Fall hunt test; more details to be discussed later under old business.

Secretary's Report.

- Last Minutes (R. Williams in Karen's absence) approved by email vote & posted online. Modification needed to reflect decisions to try a pilot program for a handler raffle at club trial and the use of voucher/incentives for the fall hunt test. Roberta will provide a paragraph on the discussion. With this change, Guy moved that we accept the minutes as amended, Lois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Karen will make the changes to the approved minutes and have them re-posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported a balance of \$11,707.42 in the bank account. He also provided a copy of the running totals for the year. A copy will be attached to the minutes for the records.

Old Business

Fall Hunt Test: Oct 19-20.

- A Head Marshal is still needed. Jim Pearce volunteered to serve for the fall test and was accepted. Michael told Jim that David Knott and Faye Norwood had already agreed to be site marshals, and Lois also said she would help out.
- There is a potential problem with one of the Master judges for the test. Scott Schafer emailed Carol and Michael asking to fly. Michael emailed him back and asked for estimates, including whether he would be renting a car on arrival. Mr. Schafer replied that if this was all just too much trouble for the club, he would just withdraw as a judge. Michael apologized and said he hadn't meant to offend him, but that he needed the estimates for the club board meeting tonight. Mr. Schafer did not respond. After some discussion, it was decided to call Chris Bodine to see

if he were still available and willing, and if he was, Michael will contact Mr. Schafer and tell him that he has been replaced.

- Our master test has a limit of 120. The Entry Express is finally all straightened out (there was a wrong date earlier, and originally it was not shown as having limits). 18 people have signed up so far for Master, 10 for senior, and 5 for Junior. We need approximately 80 master entries to break even, as we do not have the option to have only one master flight since we have posted limits.
- Mark and Patti will be doing the judges' dinner after all, which frees Derek to work more on the equipment committee. The menu will include pork and chicken.
- Patti and Karen will be doing lunches, and will help out with tee shirt sales as needed since Val McCoy may not be available on Sunday to do this.
- Guy was able to get a donation of 200 feet of rubber tubing for use in fixing the launchers. We will try them out this coming Saturday and fix as needed. The heat in the trailer is very bad for the rubber and they probably will all need to be replaced yearly unless we can figure out a better storage place for them.
- Michael has shooters lined up from the SWAT team for Saturday, and Hubert Helton and maybe Ken Wade will serve on Sunday. We will have the Master live flyers all on Saturday.
- Diane Fyfe has lined up bird boys for the test.
- Patti is handling judges' gifts. She has them on order and will get reimbursement from Chuck at the test.
- Kelley Eller will show Michael and Kevin Luthenauer how to kill the ducks Saturday morning.
- Porta potties have been ordered and will be delivered Friday afternoon.
- 4 wheelers: Mark, the Luthenauers (2), Michael, and Brent will all bring theirs along for running errands between the show office and the various test sites. Others would be welcome as well.
- Everyone who can, is urged to show up after noon on Friday to help with setups.
- Karen needs to notify the membership that reserved rooms are available at the Best Western in Dayton; these rooms will only be held until around the 9th or 10th of October. Members are responsible for reserving their own rooms.

Club Trial: The club trial scheduled for 9/21/13 was canceled because of heavy rain. However, the bird boys (a high school archery club) had already started up the mountain and was about halfway there. Robert Dodson moved that we donate \$200 to them to thank them for their efforts – this is half the \$400 they were offered for spending all day with us – and it was seconded by Guy Greer. The vote carried. Chuck will send them a check.

It doesn't appear likely that the Trial can be rescheduled. The Miller Farm is unavailable from now on because of previous hunting commitments, fall planting and harvesting. It takes 30 days advance notice to get TWRA pinned down, so it's too late for that.

Future Training days: Karen suggested that we have a training day at Roane Regional ASAP, and that it be more formal than our usual training days. Although this wouldn't

be a full club trial (no bird boys, no fees), it could feature frozen ducks, poppers, launchers, and start out with very long marks similar to a singles classic. Then proceed on with land setups that can accommodate Master, Senior and Junior dogs, and then on to water setups. The fields at Roane Regional have been mowed and are in great shape, and the entry road is dry. This would at least give club members the opportunity to get their dogs some practice with ducks, shooting noises, and being around other dogs before the fall tests started.

Only this coming weekend (October 5) seemed acceptable, as all the weekends after that until the end of the season are tied up with other hunt tests. We also have to contend with the Chattanooga field trial on Oct 5, but most of our club won't be attending that.

So, it was agreed that Karen would notify the Roane Alliance that we are going to use the park this weekend, and will get out a notice to all the members.

Insurance: Roberta has received an invoice from our insurance carrier. Half of the yearly fee is due on October 17, 2013. She gave it to Chuck for payment.

Incentives and Raffles: Because of the club trial being canceled, where we hoped to pilot the incentive program, Michael suggested that we table this program for now and try for a pilot in the spring. After minimal discussion, this was agreed upon by consensus. No formal vote was taken.

Nominating Committee: The bylaws say the nominating committee is supposed to include 3 members and 2 alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. We have not appointed any alternates, but decided that we would not do that unless one of the members had to withdraw. Lois Luthenauer is the chairman of the committee; she said she will have a meeting called and intends to have the results ready to turn in by the club test or no later than the next meeting.

According to the bylaws, she is required to have a meeting on or before November 15 and the nominations must be reported to the Secretary in writing before the 24th of November. Vacancies include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 board members (replacing Robert Dodson and John Guinn), the Hunting Test Secretary, and the AKC Delegate. The nominating committee is also asked to identify a person who will serve as Head Marshal for both AKC tests in 2014. Karen will then report to the membership and ask for any additional nominations before the end of December.

New Business:

None

Adjourn: Chuck moved that we adjourn, Guy seconded the motion, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Add Hunt Test Secretary to the list of positions that the nominating committee must identify nominees (Roberta Williams)

Approvals:

1. Guy Greer 10/3/13
2. Roberta Williams 10/3/13
3. Brent McCoy 10/4/13
4. Kelley Eller 10/5/13
5. Robert Dodson 10/4/13
6. John Guinn 10/5/13
7. Karen Edwards 10/5/13
8. Chuck Atchley 10/7/13