

**ETRC Board Meeting, March 15, 2014**  
**Daryl Miller Farm, Sweetwater, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Brent McCoy, Derek Dieterich, Robert Dodson, Ken Wade, David Knott.

**Absent, excused:** Guy Greer, Patti Gibson, Lois Luthenauer

**Absent, unexcused:** None

**Members present:** Jim Pearce

A quorum is 50% of the board members. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 2:52 p.m.

**Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Michael Evans. Michael talked about the difficulties he is having finding one final master judge. Any suggestions appreciated. He needs a 4-point judge. Once the entries are open, he wants Karen to send out an email to the membership immediately letting them know, since Master entries are filling really fast these days. With Kevin Luthenauer's recent health issues, Michael asked Karen to contact the Luthenauers to see if he is going to be able to be in charge of getting ducks for us again this spring. If not, we need to find a replacement quickly.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards.

- The last meeting was on February 22, 2014. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website early March. David Knott moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Robert Dodson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The MNC ballot marked NO on the proposed rules change by Sooner and Tulsa Retriever Clubs) was mailed on February 24, 2014.
- ETRC election results and membership list were sent to AKC on 3/6/14.
- Dues reminders (emails) sent out March 1-3, 2014 to all 2013 members who have not yet renewed for 2014.

No further secretarial report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Atchley. Chuck reported that we have \$10,252.21 in the treasury.

**Old Business:**

1. **President's Honorarium.** A \$150 gift certificate was supposed to be presented to Michael by Past President Brent McCoy at the banquet. However, we all forgot until afterwards. Roberta mailed this award to Michael, with thanks from the Board, on February 24, 2014. Let's all give Michael a round of applause for the wonderful job he did for us last year and for agreeing to keep us on for another year!

2. **1<sup>st</sup> Club Trial:** See the attached report, which is incorporated into the minutes by reference. It was a successful trial and the weather was wonderful.
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Club Trial April 19, 2014.** Guy Greer had suggested that he bring along his new meat smoking truck to the next Trial at Chuck Atchley's farm. Chuck thought this was a great idea as did the rest of the board. Karen will send out an email to the membership about the trial, and will mention that a pot luck lunch will be scheduled. The club will reimburse Guy for the meat that he buys, and people will be asked to chip in with a dish to share. Michael has the trailer and will take it to the trial; Diane Fyfe has already arranged for bird boys. Jim Pearce will line up judges again.
4. **ETRC Spring Hunt Test.** Michael reported that other than the judging issues, plans seem to be progressing normally. Mark Atwater, an excellent photographer, will be coming to take pictures. Michael has reserved 17 rooms; anyone who wishes one needs to call the hotel quickly as these usually go rather rapidly. There was some discussion about a raffle, but no one volunteered to take this on and without a raffle sponsor, this is not likely to happen. Kevin Luthenauer had agreed earlier to be the duck guy, but given news this week that he is having more health issues, this may be in doubt. Karen agreed to contact the Luthenauers to see if he was going to be able to handle the duck procurement / wrangling, and if not we need to get someone else moving on this very rapidly.
5. **Tee shirt / other item sales.** Our inventory is very low, and Val McCoy, who has been super busy with other kid related things this past year, wants to pass this job on to someone else. Michael asked Brent if she would agree to make one more order for us, in time for the Spring trial. Brent said he would ask. Derek Dieterich will make another sticker order; we sold the last ones at the Club Trial earlier in the day.
6. **ETRC Fall Hunt Test.** Hiwassee is holding our tentative dates as is AKC. Chattanooga is holding a field trial on October 3; and October 10 is Middle Tennessee's hunt test. This will be a major topic of discussion at a board meeting following the April club trial.

#### **New Business:**

1. **AKC Field Trial Rule Change:** We have received a notice / ballot from AKC on a proposed rule change for field trials, that would facilitate more Amateur-only stakes. Although we don't run field trials, some of our members do – and we are a member club so are entitled to vote. After some discussion, Karen moved that we vote "yes" on this proposed rule change; David seconded; and the motion carried. Michael instructed Karen to sign as the club representative for this one and send it out.
2. **New Members:** 6 people joined the club today for the first time, and three more renewed their past membership. Applications for new members were read and sponsors assigned. Ken moved that all 6 be approved as provisional members pending sponsor endorsements and a final vote of approval at the August picnic / business meeting. Brent seconded the motion which passed unanimously. New members and their assigned sponsors are:
  - a. Darryl and Heather Wilkerson; sponsors Hubert Helton and Ken Wade

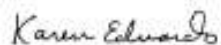
- b. Cullen Trew: sponsors Roberta Williams and David Knott
- c. Billy Ray: sponsors Michael Evans and Chuck Atchley
- d. Cameron Stewart: Derek Dieterich and David Knott
- e. David Didier: Michael Evans and Brent McCoy
- f. Terry Warwick: Ken Wade and Hubert Humphrey

3. **Dues snafu:** One member rejoined twice this year. After some discussion about how to handle this, Michael asked Karen to contact the member and see whether he wanted a refund, wanted to consider the second payment as covering 2015, or wanted to make a donation to the club.
4. **Non-profit designation:** David Knott brought up that his company, Merck (and potentially other area employers) have a policy to grant time off for work for certain tax-exempt organizations. Our club is not on the list posted by IRS, although Middle Tennessee and Northeast Tennessee are included. We do have tax-exempt status, but are not a 501c(3) organization. After some discussion, David agreed to contact Middle Tennessee to see if he can find out from someone how they managed to get on the list and whether it is because they pursued 501c(3) status or not. Michael volunteered to contact some Northeast members to get the same information. We have looked into becoming a 501c(3) before, and it involves a \$500 application fee and annual reporting (or fines), and is more paperwork than we want to handle. However, if there is some other designation, or if we should be on the list under our current status, it would be good to make this happen.

**Any other new business?** None.

**Adjourn.** There being no other business, Karen Edwards moved that we adjourn; Ken Wade seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Typo on Derek's name as a sponsor (David Knott)
2. Added missing sponsors on two new members (Chuck Atchley)

Approvals:

1. Ken Wade, 3/19/14
2. Brent McCoy, 3/19/14
3. Robert Dodson, 3/19/14
4. Derek Dieterich, 3/19/14
5. Patti Gibson, 3/19/14
6. David Knott, 3/19/14
7. Karen Edwards, 3/19/14