

## **Picnic and General Meeting, August 16, 2014 Fern Hill Farm, Lenoir City, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Patti Gibson, Derek Dieterich, David Knott

**Absent, excused:** Robert Dodson, Ken Wade, Brent McCoy, Guy Greer, Lois Luthenauer.

**Absent, unexcused:** None

**Other Members present:** Fay Norwood, Jim Pearce, Dianne Dieterich, Wendy Knott, assorted children

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. Eight families were represented, and the current membership stands at 57 individuals/ families. Therefore, a quorum was not present for the General Meeting but was present for the Board meeting (more than 50% of the Board was present).

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. following several hours of swimming, farm tours, ping pong, general socializing, and way too much wonderful food. Thanks to everyone for bringing dishes to share, and to Patti Gibson for buying meat and buns which were paid for by the club. For those who weren't there, you missed some especially delicious desserts (banana pudding from the Dieterichs, dense chocolate brownies supplied by J. Michael's wife, Roberta's special trifle, and an amazing blueberry crumble pie with fresh whipped cream supplied by Wendy Knott.

### **Officer's Reports**

**President's Report: Michael Evans.** Michael deferred his President's report until the discussion on the Fall Hunt Test.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on June 18, 2014, with an email discussion and meeting on June 22-30, 2014. Minutes for both these meetings were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since early July. Derek moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Chuck Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. No further secretarial report.

**Treasurer's Report: Chuck Atchley.** Chuck passed out a handout showing the income and outgo for 2014 through August 15, and the current balance of \$13,262.57. See attached.

**Election of New members: Michael Evans.** Since there was not a quorum of the membership, we were unable to take action on the 8 new members who have joined since the February Banquet. They will continue as provisional members until the date of the next Banquet in February 2015.

### **Old Business**

**Fall AKC Hunt Test.** Michael reported that we have the date finalized with both AKC and Hiwassee, although it is unclear whether Jason at Hiwassee has finalized the paperwork that has to be sent to the Regional TWRA office for our use of the grounds. Roberta volunteered to call Jason to see if this has been done and if not, what we can do to help expedite the process. Michael noted that he, Carol Stone, Roberta Williams, and Karen Edwards had worked with AKC both on the phone and online to get our dates of October 18 and 19 finalized.

Michael is working on trying to pin down judges but has not had much success to date. He has 3 out of the 4 Junior / Senior judges committed – Jeannine Hayes, Don Hatfield, and Lynn Gelbman. Don and Lynn are qualified to judge Master and have said they will do so in a pinch, but much prefer doing Junior / Senior. Michael has contacted 14 Master Judges so far and has had turndowns from all of them. They are either going to the Master National as exhibitors or have other commitments. After some discussions, it was decided that Michael will keep trying and will attempt to have all judges lined up in time for a September 1 opening date. This is only two weeks away. Karen will contact Carol Stone and ask if she would be willing to work with Michael on lining up judges as well.

Our limit for Master entries is currently set at 60 dogs. With only 60 Master entries, we will at best break even on costs for the test. However, if we set the limit at 120, and only 65 sign up, we will lose lots of money because we will still have to have two flights, with two extra sets of judges' expenses. So far this fall, all the clubs that have opened have filled immediately, so we may be missing a chance to have a more lucrative test if we were to raise our limit to 120. On the other hand, our test might not fill since we are during the Master National and most of the pro trainers who swell the numbers of Master Dogs will not be coming to our test. Lidell at AKC has told us that we can open at one number, and if entries warrant we can add additional flight(s). We decided to open at 60, and if entries fill within several days, Michael will renew efforts to line up more Master judges and we will increase the limit to 120. If it takes two weeks to fill up 60 spaces, however, we will not change our limit.

Other test business:

- (1) Gunners: Michael has 5 gunners lined up for Saturday. Sunday will be a problem; Hubert Helton, Michael, and Ken Wade have been filling in on Sunday but both Ken and Michael will be running Master dogs and Hubert is not likely to be available. More gunners are needed for Sunday.
- (2) Judges' Gifts: Patti Gibson will take care of this.
- (3) Judges' Dinner on Friday Night: Patti, Derek, and Karen will take the lead on the dinner.
- (4) Thunder Sticks: Lois and Kevin Luthenauer were authorized to buy 6 of these for our use this fall. We have not had any reports whether this has happened yet. David Knott will contact Lois and if these are not already on order, David will get them ordered so we can have them in time for the test.
- (5) Ducks: Karen will contact Lois and Kevin to see if they are going to be taking care of the ducks again this fall.
- (6) Lunches: Karen will take the lead.
- (7) Motel Reservations: Michael will call the motel and make 18 reservations. One is for Roberta, 6-8 are for the judges, and the balance will be available for members. These will be held until October 16, but members will be responsible for calling for reservations themselves and asking for the special rate.
- (8) Portapotties: Derek will call and make arrangements.

**Fall Club Trial.** This is set for Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the Darryl / Sharon Miller Farm near Sweetwater. Karen and Michael will line up members to judge; Karen will contact Diane Fyfe and ask her to line up 10 bird kids, total of \$400; and David will bring the trailer up from Hiwassee and return it to Hiwassee after we are done. He will notify Jason of the dates for

doing this. The insurance letter from this spring covers us for the entire year, so that is already taken care of.

**New Business:**

***ETRC Nominating Committee.*** It's that time of year again! Our bylaws require that the nominating committee consist of 3 members, only one of which may be from the Board of Directors. The Committee has to be appointed not later than October 31, and must meet before November 15. Names and agreements from nominees must be presented in writing to the Secretary by November 24, and the Secretary must post the names not later than December 1. Additional nominations will be solicited from the membership and may be made until December 31, at which time the slate is fixed.

Positions to be filled include all officer slots (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Hunt Test Secretary; the AKC Delegate, and two board members – Patti Gibson and Robert Dodson, whose terms are expiring. In addition, the nominating committee will be asked to appoint a Chief Marshal who will serve in that capacity for the 2015 hunt tests. The Past President position does not have to be nominated by the committee.

David Knott agreed to head up the nominating committee. Other members appointed were Art Gibson and Jim Pearce.

***Any other new business?*** None.

***Adjourn.*** There being no other business, Chuck Atchley moved that we adjourn; Patti Gibson seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. J. Michael Evans, 8/18/14: the Past President doesn't have to be nominated or voted in – it's an automatic position.
2. Roberta Williams, 8/19/14: Addendum to minutes: UPDATE -Application For TWRA Approval of Dog Field Trials: I spoke with Jason Jackson, Hiwassee WMA Manager, Monday, August 18. He confirmed that the application to hold the AKC October 18-19 Hunt Test had not been filed. Jason told me to contact the TWRA Area Manager, Region III, named Wally Akins as he was the only officer to issue the permit. I e-mailed Officer Akins who late Monday, August 18 e-mailed me back the one-page application. I filled out, scanned, and sent back an e-mail to Mr. Akins. The TWRA application has been filed. After the Oct 18-19 AKC Hunt Test is completed a copy of the catalog and premium must be mailed to the TWRA Region III headquarters in Crossville, TN.
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Approvals:

1. Patti Gibson 8/17/14
2. J. Michael Evans, 8/18/14
3. Roberta Williams, 8/19/14
4. David Knott 8/21/14
5. Karen Edwards 8/27/14
6. Brent McCoy 8/27/14
7. Robert Dodson 8/27/14
8. Derek Dieterich 8/27/14
9. Chuck Atchley 8/27/14