

ETRC Minutes: Email Discussion and Vote on Dates and Locations for Fall Test June 22-30, 2014

At the last meeting, the Board voted on November 8-9, 2014 for our fall hunt test at the Hiwassee refuge. However, when J. Michael contacted AKC, they informed him that those dates were unavailable as there was a conflict with Fall Line and with the Carolina test, both of which (according to AKC) were within 200 miles of our test. The dates of October 18-19 (the only other dates on offer from Hiwassee) were also unavailable because of a conflict with Bootheel Retriever Club's test. We could contact those clubs and ask them to agree to let us conflict with them – but if they didn't agree, we were out of luck. Also, we could appeal AKC's determination that these tests were within 200 miles.

After further research, it became evident that AKC was just flat wrong about the Bootheel test being within 200 miles; from test site to test site is actually over 300 miles according to Google Earth measurements. It also appeared that the Carolina test was over 200 miles but that the Fall Line test was only 170 miles. Michael had contacted the Carolina club and they said they would be willing to bring it up at their next board meeting, but that was not until near the end of July which would give us very little time – and would be too late to pin down the 18-19th with AKC within the 90 limit before the test dates.

Michael contacted AKC again, pointing out that we had the same dates as Bootheel last year, and also that the distances between the test sites were over 300 miles so there must be some mistake in their earlier determination that these two were in conflict. After a brief discussion, AKC agreed that we could have the test on October 18-19.

This left us with three options:

1. Go with the October 18-19 dates at Hiwassee; or
2. Try to find another location for the test, which might free up other dates.
3. Cancel the test.

October 18th and 19th still are problematic, as they conflict with the Master National in California and many of the judges would be out competing; many of the pros would be out competing; and at least some of the usual Master dogs and amateur handlers would be out competing. Also, there is still some question about whether the sharecroppers at Hiwassee would be finished with their harvest, and how much disruption this would cause to our test. It is very doubtful that we would be able to attract 120 Master dogs, and finding 4 Master judges would be very difficult.

We discussed other possible test sites. NE Tennessee retriever club uses a private farm which only has one pond, so that didn't look like a good possibility. Kinzalow Farm, where we have held tests in the past, is very overgrown and most of the dates would be unavailable because of hunting with the possible exception of October 4-5. The possible new land south of the River in Roane Co. is too small for a test even if it's available.

There are other wildlife refuges around, all of them fairly close to Hiwassee, but the most likely one, Yuchi, has a manager who is not friendly with the idea of a test, and there do not appear to be any buildings on the property that could be used for a headquarters.

Karen moved the following in an email dated June 28, 2014: "I move we have the test October 18-19 at Hiwassee, with 60 master dogs, and that we do our best to keep expenses as low as possible."

Robert Dodson, email dated June 29, 2014: "I will second this motion."

J. Michael, email dated June 29, 2014: "We have a motion and a 2nd. I need votes from all Board members please."

Karen Edwards, email dated June 29, 2014: "Yea."

Lois Luthenauer, email dated June 29, 2014: "Aye"

Roberta Williams, email dated June 29, 2014: "I vote YES to apply to AKC for October 18-19 date for the Fall Hunt Test."

Robert Dodson, email dated June 29, 2014: "I vote yes."

David Knott, email dated June 29, 2014: "I vote yes."

Chuck Atchley, email dated June 30, 2014: "Yes also."

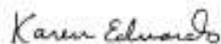
Derek Dieterich, email dated June 30, 2014: "I vote yes."

Brent McCoy, email dated June 30, 2014: "Yes."

Patti Gibson, email dated June 30, 2014: "Yes."

At this point, even though not every member has voted, it is clear that the motion has passed. J. Michael will contact TWRA and AKC to pin down the test dates and will begin calling judges.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary
July 1, 2014

Changes:

1. J. Michael Evans, 7/1/14: It was the Carolina club who said they would bring it up to their Board for a vote, not Fall Line. I have spoken to a few members of the

Fall Line club but have not been able to speak with their President Chris Bodine as of yet. It is my understanding he is currently out of town.

Approvals of these minutes:

1. Patti Gibson 7/1/14
2. Brent McCoy 7/2/14
3. Robert Dodson 7/7/24
4. Lois Luthenauer 7/7/14
5. Ken Wade 7/7/14
6. Derek Dieterich 7/7/14
7. Karen Edwards 7/7/14
8. Chuck Atchley 7/8/14
9. David Knott 7/8/14