

ETRC Board Meeting, Saturday, 11/18/15
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Evans, Karen Edwards, Lois Luthenauer, Derek Dieterich, David Knott (via telephone)

Absent, excused: Michele Fletcher, Roberta Williams, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art Gibson, Diane Fyfe

Absent, unexcused:

Members present:

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum was present. Attendance was reduced because it was a dark and stormy night!

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Michael Evans: Club trial scheduled for October 3 was canceled at landowner's request because of torrential rains and poor/unimproved farm roads. Not enough interest to have a club trial on the rain date, October 10. The Fall hunt test was canceled because of inability to locate judges because of Master National conflict, and was replaced by an expanded Club Trial on October 17, 2015.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on September 15, 2015. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since September 22, 2015. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Derek Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Website changes made & pending: routine schedule changes. Invoice for quarter: \$113 (includes the \$95 annual charge for domain name renewal and webhosting space). Paid 10/13/15

Membership: We have 55 members including 3 that are pending final approval in February, and one new one to be voted in on first reading today. Two others renewed at the club trial – Colby Kizer & Ritchie Grigsby, and on 10/28/15, John Guinn rejoined .

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/18 was \$15,477.44 after paying Equisure bill (\$815) and depositing proceeds from club trial and equipment sales. Year to date report is attached.

AKC Representative's Report: Diane Fyfe not present.

Old Business

1. **Club Trial, Hiwassee, in lieu of hunt test:** Karen Edwards. Report sent out to Board 10/18/15; no comments, so out to members on 10/25/15. A copy of the Club Trial report will be posted on the members-only section of the website.
2. **Inventory, Sale of shotguns and equipment, purchase of new/improved equipment:** Second draft inventory was provided to Board members 10/18/15. Consumable supplies (poppers, MAP gas canisters, toilet paper etc.) have still not been listed. At the time a subset of the board goes to Hiwassee to load up the new trailer, we will confirm items that are excess and available for sale or disposal. There still are at least two duck driers, a couple of stands, several of the heavy black wingers, and some more shotguns. We will throw away a number of the coolers (we have a large number and don't need anywhere near that many, and several of them are broken) and some other items, and will bring the remaining excess items up in the new trailer so they are at a more central location for disposal.
 - a. Small pull-behind trailer: Report – Mike Evans: At the last meeting, the Board approved Michael to find us a trailer for under \$1,500. He has located three that would suit. One is 4'x6'; one is 4'x8', and the third is 5'x8' and tall. After some discussion, we felt that the middle sized trailer would be best suited for being able to haul it behind almost any car. Michael agreed to go buy the trailer, spend a bit of extra money to have some racks and PVC pipes installed inside for storage, and will try to negotiate a spare tire into the deal. When he has gotten the trailer, we will store it in the Knoxville area somewhere, possibly at the Pegasus Technologies parking lot.
 - b. Purchase of new Wingers: Received, used at Club Trial for first time, paid for.
 - c. Donated crate carrier: No interest. Time to advertise on Craig's List? Karen expressed some concerns that leaving it on a concrete floor over the winter is going to seriously impact its structural integrity (it is mdf). Karen will post it on Craig's list.
 - d. New folding lightweight aluminum duck dryers: Dogs Afield, \$130. We will propose buying 2-3 of these at the annual meeting: they fold, are lightweight, and hold 20-25 ducks.



3. ***Tee Shirts etc.*** Lois Luthenauer has taken home the boxes and will work to get new order done by the date of the banquet. At the club trial, we sold the following: 2 tees, 1 hat \$45; 2 tees \$30; 1 tee, 1 visor \$30. Total: \$120. Could have sold about 6 or 7 more tees if we had sizes in XL, 2XL, L and more mediums. Particular requests for long sleeve tees, only had two smalls, sold one. Requests for more orange, more dark green, more camo.
4. ***Ribbon Order:*** Received and paid for, we have all we need for our next several hunt tests.
5. ***Advertising on the website:*** Derek Dieterich reported there was nothing new on this.
6. ***Jody Ware Spring Seminar.*** Jody is not available in November and does not want to set a spring date yet because he doesn't know yet what he will be doing, but is OK in principle with putting on another one then. Will need to decide on format, charge fee, Open to non-members (after a week announcement to members)? Pay to Jody? Tabled until we have a date from Jody, which will not happen until the spring hunt test schedule is finalized.
7. ***Training Committee and dates:*** Saturday, September 26 was the last training date. Only three families showed up – Tom and Liz Gibson, Karen Edwards/Jim Pearce, and new member Alex Freire. Good news is, they have FINALLY cut the fields behind the Pegasus Technologies building, first time this summer, and we have access again. We decided to try for a training date on 2nd Saturdays – so, December 12, January 9, and February 13. Karen will send out a reminder email a week in advance and ask for RSVPs. If there are not at least 4 people who say they are coming, it will be canceled. Also it will be canceled if the weather is too dreadful.
8. ***Nominating Committee:*** Derek Dieterich , chairman, plus Rick Fyfe and Beth White. Reminder of Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4: Committee must hold a meeting on or before November 15th, and not later than NOVEMBER 24 must report the nominations to the Secretary. On or before December 1, the Secretary shall notify the membership in writing of the candidates nominated and additional nominations may be made by any member prior to December 31. Positions to be filled:
 - a. 2 board positions ending Feb 2019, 1 board position ending February 2017 (replacing David Knott; this position can be filled BEFORE February by vote of the Board). Derek and Lois are due to rotate off the board in Feb 2016.
 - b. President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, hunt test secretary, past president. Secy and Treasurer are the only officer positions that can be combined
 - c. AKC Delegate: can be combined with any other officer or board position, or not
 - d. Chief Steward for 2016 events

Derek reported that the committee has been working to identify people willing to serve and has all positions filled except for two board positions – David Knott's remaining one year and one other 3-year position. We discussed who had been contacted and made a few other suggestions which Derek and the other members will pursue. Derek says he should be able to have the final slate to Karen as required by November 24.

New Business:

1. *First Reading, New members:*

- a. Waylon Oran, joined at the club trial. No sponsor requests but friend of renewed member Ritchie Grigsby, lives in the Kingston area, and has Black labs. Sponsors assigned: Ritchie Grigsby and Karen Edwards.

Derek moved that Mr. Oran be accepted on first reading. Lois seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Karen will notify him and his sponsor and the final vote will be scheduled for the winter banquet.

2. *Spring Hunt Test:*

- a. Dates: May 28-29. Karen will go ahead and get this scheduled with AKC and will try to do the fall test at the same time.
- b. This test will be dedicated to Kevin Luthenauer.
- c. Lois has agreed to be the duck wrangler and make the arrangements to order the ducks, get them delivered, and make sure they are cared for during the test. She will be looking for one other person to help with the ducks at the test, including running them around, gassing them, caring for them.
- d. Judges: Master Judge, Ken Kogut from Potsdam, NY, an 8-point master judge, has accepted. May drive down or may fly; will stay with Karen Edwards so there will be no hotel needed. Michael is going to try to pin down all the judges before the end of the year, and will try to get the fall judges finished at the same time as well.
- e. Jim Pearce will be the Chief Marshal and Roberta has agreed to be the Hunt Test Secretary again. She has asked us to find someone else for 2017, however so we need to be on the lookout for a new person.

3. *Kevin's fund:* \$570 in the bank, plus \$480 that was sent to Lois and she gave Karen a check for at the meeting. We discussed ideas on how to put this money to good use. Suggestions included:

- a. sponsorship of a 4H dog club: Lois is talking with Diane Fyfe, who is working with a 4H group on agility, to see what this might entail, and also has is meeting Friday with her local county extension agent;
- b. Youth handling seminar(s), maybe hire Brian Caldwell to put it on, or use experienced club handlers. Michael suggested we might expand this to new handlers in general including adults.
- c. Pay entry fees for junior members at club trials and hunt tests. Everyone seemed to like this idea. Lois suggested that we require the kids who are interested in being sponsored to write a brief essay about why they wanted sponsorship. We discussed some of the guidelines that would need to be worked out for this – age of the kids, whether there should be any limit on the amount of experience the kid has or not, how many should we support, the logistics of how we do this – enter the kids ourselves or send them checks, etc. Lois volunteered to put together some draft guidelines for discussion and approval, and asked Karen to help with this project.

- d. Lois said she would like this to be an ongoing fund. She is thinking about donating some items each year that would be raffled off at the hunt tests, and using this money to replenish the fund.
4. **February Banquet:** Michael has reserved Calhoun's Bearden Hill again for the banquet, for the date of Saturday, February 20. Karen will need to get out emails to the membership soon, asking for RSVPs, nominations for awards, and information on titles for the title award plaques. Karen suggested some new subjects be added to the agenda for the banquet:
 - a. Many member dogs have died this year, and it would seem fitting to acknowledge them somehow. After discussion, we agreed that Karen will ask people to provide the following for all dogs that have died – registered name, titles, dates of birth and death, a picture, and a brief write-up about each dog. We will post this on the memorial page on the website, but also will have either a display of pictures or a slide show that can be shown while the dogs' names are being read at the banquet. Lois will present this part of the program.
 - b. Some kind of recognition for pros? We have several who have done some pretty impressive things this year. We decided to get information from each of them and honor the work they do for our sport by mentioning it at the banquet.
 5. **Master National:** report of info provided from Jody, who represented us at the MNC meeting and provided Karen with all the material handed out at the meeting. Results of club-owned dogs: Jody/Leigh Ware's dog Razor Sharp Lucky Charm qualified; Lois's Suzie stayed in till the very last series and did the work but not clean enough to pass; Jody qualified several other client dogs; Brian Caldwell qualified two dogs he took including David Knott's Coal.
 6. **Enhancements to the website:** Several ideas were mentioned, including moving the Classified section and the Breeder section out from behind the firewall so people who were not members would have access to the information via search (this idea will need to be proposed at the February Banquet and voted on); adding more pictures of members doing things with their dogs, etc. Ideally, this page would become more useful and interesting for everyone.

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Lois moved that we adjourn. Derek seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

- Corrected date for when nominations are due to the secretary, and meetings/discussions about possible 4-H involvement – Lois Luthenauer

- Corrected title of Hunt Test Secretary – Roberta Williams

Approvals:

Lois Luthenauer, 11/19/15
David Knott, 11/19/15
Roberta Williams, 11/19/15
Michele Fletcher, 11/22/15
Michael Evans, 11/24/15
Karen Edwards, 11/24/15