

ETRC Board Meeting, September 16, 2016 Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Lois Luthenauer, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Patti Gibson, Donna Smith, Rick Fyfe, Luke McCoy

Absent, excused: Thomas Art Gibson, Alan Bruhin

Absent, unexcused:

Members present:

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present.
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Lois Luthenauer:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was August 20, 2016. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since September 1, 2016. Michele moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Luke Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Correspondence:** Emails back and forth with AKC getting Michele Fletcher on the path towards AKC approval as our new rep.
- **Website changes made & pending:** added minutes from 8/20/16 general meeting, seminar notes, September Newsletter, new board members Luke McCoy & Rick Fyfe, new AKC rep Michele Fletcher.
- **Membership:** Current membership is 51 (9/14), with 18 people from 2015 who haven't yet renewed including Brian Caldwell.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 9/16/16 is \$19,556.41 with several bills outstanding – \$1,150.01 ribbons; \$281.01 for tool kit reimbursement; money owed to Patti for picnic bills (don't have yet).

AKC Representative's Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business

1. **Club Trial:** Tentatively scheduled for 10/1/16, but no location identified. Miller's farm not available. Michael mentioned that Jason at Hiwassee said that we could get a Saturday in November for the trial if we wanted. We all concurred that it's a good idea to cancel on 10/1 and reschedule for some Saturday in November. Michael will contact Jason and get a date; Karen will send out an email notifying the membership that the October 1 date is postponed;

and Michael will let Karen know the new date ASAP hopefully for inclusion in the October newsletter.

2. **Fall Hunt Test:** October 22-23, Lucky 7 Update. Michael reported that Ledell Pendarvis has told us that AKC has given tentative approval for the grounds, but that final approval won't be forthcoming until we have approval from TWRA. Michael has contacted TWRA and is working with them to provide the needed information. Apparently, if the test is a certain size, we will have to have an AKC representative on site. If one can't be found, they will disapprove us having the test. Michael doesn't know what the criteria are for whether or not we need a representative; he will follow up with TWRA early next week.

We also have to have our judges' panel approved before the test can open for entries. Using Entry Express's rule of thumb for opening, that means everything has to be approved in time for early opening for workers on 9/27/16, and full opening for everybody by 9/28/16. This is a lot of work in a short time. We have pinned down judges for Junior and Senior, and have one Master judge committed. Michael has talked to a few others and has a list of names; he says he will get right on this ASAP. Karen Edwards agreed to get information out to all the members about the status of the test and to notify them to contact Roberta right away if they plan to enter a master dog and are willing to help work in order to get an early entry code.

Karen worked with Ledell Pendarvis at AKC to get the events management website brought up to date. This involved making Lois the event Chairman, leaving Michael on the committee, and adding John Broucek to the committee as the landowner's representative. In addition, because of our format (single Junior, single Senior), this time the test is only ONE event running over two days, instead of two separate events for Saturday and Sunday. We will have to make sure that we change this back on next years' tests, assuming we will be able to be at Hiwassee for both.

Lois has called several hotels / motels in Sweetwater at both exits 60 and 62. The one that looks the best is the Hwy 68 Quality Inn West. They are dog-friendly and have a large parking lot; the only space issue is that they do not have a good area for airing dogs. However, next door behind a filling station should work adequately. Another issue is that at this time they have only 19 open rooms for our test weekend. Lois will call them back tomorrow to see if they will hold the rooms in time for her to get down for a visit on Monday to check everything out. If the motel is satisfactory, she will go ahead and reserve 6 rooms for sure – one for our hunt test secretary, and 5 for the various judges (Jr/Sr judges are a married pair plus Luke McCoy who lives nearby and prefers to drive home at night). The remaining rooms, Lois will ask if they will hold for several weeks to give entrants time to phone in and reserve one of the bloc of rooms. The rate they are giving us is \$82, which is about \$7 less than their normal rate, and about \$21 more expensive that we typically pay at Hiwassee. Lois will let Karen know of the status of the rooms and the contact info, and Karen will send out an email to the membership with this information, and will include it in the newsletter as well.

Roberta mentioned that there are changes needed in the premium list because of our move. We have to have new phone numbers and addresses for all emergency services including an emergency vet service. We decided that we would continue using the same vet emergency

clinic as for Hiwassee; it isn't that much farther away than the ones we were able to look at through a quick Google search on our phones during the meeting. Karen volunteered to look up info and numbers on Monroe county/Sweetwater emergency services including fire, police, ambulance, hospitals, and general emergency dispatch, and get that to Roberta. Karen also offered to write up instructions to the test site to be included in the premium list.

We went over all the work assignments and the status of each. See the Workers Assignments sheet attached to and made part of these minutes for a summary of the status of everything.

Lois will order the ducks. We are supposed to have 2 ducks per entrant, which would cost several thousand more than we have been spending and leave us with a glut of ducks. We discussed how serious a rules violation this might be, and all of us felt that as long as we can provide an adequate number of fresh ducks, we should be OK. Lois will up the multiplier to 1.25 ducks per dog; we will kill some on both Saturday and Sunday; we hope to have duck dryer racks and fans that can help preserve them, and maybe some decently cool weather by the end of October. Lois volunteered to build a couple of duck dryer racks out of scrap lumber, and there was some discussion on construction.

Duck delivery: in addition to finding someone to meet the duck truck at Lucky 7 on Thursday sometime (Luke McCoy is willing, but only if it's after 6:00 p.m.), we need to have someone go down to Hiwassee and load up all the empty duck crates to take to Lucky 7 to swap out for the full ones. It will probably take a trailer and not just a truck to do this. Some discussion but no firm decision on who will do this. Mike Smith may be able to do this before he goes off on vacation on Oct 18.

Michael will again pick up the gas canisters.

We also need a volunteer to haul the trailer up from Hiwassee to Lucky 7 on either Thursday night or Friday morning, and back again Sunday night. Tires are relatively new and should be OK. Lois may be able to do this, or Michael.

Birdboy Coordinator: Karen reported that Rhey Houston has been in contact with two groups, the FFA group and an adult group, and will work to finalize plans soon. He is also going to contact a dumpster provider.

Michael is on schedule for locating gunners.

Port-a-potties: we discussed getting three, and the locations to put them. Lois will ask John Broucek / ken Campbell if they have used a particular provider in the past for gun club activities at Lucky 7, and who they use. Karen has googled a few possibles. Lois will make arrangements for the porta potties.

Patti is OK with planning the dinner and getting the judges' gifts together. Karen will help with the dinner. Budget for the judges' gifts will be \$75 each again.

Karen suggested we not try to make sandwiches this fall. We can use Lucky 7's kitchen which is great, but it is far away from where the HQ will be which will mean one person can't handle three jobs at HQ including making sandwiches. There is a Subway about 9 miles from Lucky 7, and if we buy the sandwiches and then buy our own packaged snacks, chips etc. to go with them, the cost will be greater but not prohibitively so. The general consensus was that this was the way to go for this particular test; we will go back to making sandwiches in the spring at Hiwassee. We will order them over the phone by about 9 a.m. and send someone for pickup around 11. Lois will talk to the manager of Subway on Monday (Sep 19) when she is down inspecting the hotel, to give them a heads up for the two days. We will be ordering 6" subs in ham and turkey, estimating about 60-70 a day, variety of cheeses and breads.

Meeting at Lucky 7: Karen passed out google Earth pictures of Lucky 7, but we really need to have a meeting out at the farm to go over things more carefully, look at the various places to see what is there and what we need. We need space in the barn by the entrance for the HQ; space in another barn for the ducks; need to see if there is electricity so we can bring fans to dry the ducks, etc. We need to plan out a traffic pattern, see what we need in the way of signs, blockers (step-in stakes and crime scene tape!!!), tables and chairs more than normal, etc. We decided to use October 1 as the next date since it was already sort of reserved for the club trial. Lois will contact Ken Campbell to ask if we can come out then for a final planning session.

3. **Kevin's Fund:** Lois reported that she still needs to contact Brian Caldwell about the proposed Junior Handler's seminar and to figure out something about the application of his helper, Griffin McDowell, 13, and the issue of needing his parents' signature on the application form. She will renew efforts to contact Brian, who has been out of touch much of the summer.
4. **Dokkens:** Michael had talked with Gun Dog Supply who told him the Dokkens were going on sale on September 15, so he was waiting. He will order them Monday. The sale price is what the old price used to be, \$24.99 each. He will purchase 30 and have them sent to my house; he will put them on his credit card. Karen gave him a blank check to cover the purchase.
5. **Workers Raffle:** everyone who works at least 4 hours is entered automatically.
 - a. Items donated to date :-- 6 \$25 gift certificates to Gun Dog Supply, a thick wool jacket, a pair of safety goggles, a cap, flashlight, master vision camp lights to put on a cap. Roberta Williams has offered two duck crates, Mike Smith has offered a set of radios and a Cabela's folding chair; and Lois has offered an R.J.McDonald hunting print. Plus some club tee shirts, hats, etc.
 - b. Time and date for drawing: Saturday afternoon at 6 p.m.? Sunday at 3 p.m.? We forgot to do this at both the spring test and the summer picnic, but now plan to do this at the fall hunt test and include workers from both spring and fall tests. Donna and Mike Smith say they gave all the stuff to us at the end of the spring test – and they think they went home with Lois with all the tee shirt stuff. Either that, or they are in the trailer. Lois will check her supplies at home to see if she can find them. The gift certificates are running out soon.

6. **Club Newsletter:** deadline for October newsletter is Sept 25.

New Business:

1. **First Reading, New members:**
 - a. None

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Michael moved that we adjourn. Luke seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Approvals:

Michele Fletcher, 9/18/16
Luke McCoy, 9/18/16
Alan Bruhin, 9/19/16
Rick Fyfe, 9/19/16
Donna Smith, 9/23/16
Tom Gibson, 9/23/16
Karen Edwards, 9/23/16
Roberta Williams, 9/23/16
Michael Evans, 9/23/16
Patti Gibson, 9/23/16

Changes: