

ETRC Board Meeting, 5/13/17, 2017
Brian Caldwell's Farm, Georgetown, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Rick Fyfe, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce

Absent, excused: Lois Luthenauer, Roberta Williams, Donna Smith, Tom Gibson, John Broucek, Michele Fletcher

Absent, unexcused:

Members present: Jeff & Cheryl McNutt, Brian Caldwell

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present.
Meeting called to order at 12:55 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: None. Alan Bruhin was filling in for absent president Lois Luthenauer.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. Last meeting was 4/8/17; minutes were approved on 4/13/17 via email, sent to the club website that day. Jim moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Mike Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Correspondence:** Request for donation for Workers Party at the National Amateur Retriever Championship. Reply??? No one seemed to be interested in sending any money in their direction, so the issue was tabled without a vote.
- **Website changes made & pending:** Routine. Paid Mary's first quarter bill for \$29.
- **Membership:** End of year membership was 59. Current membership is 50 with 17 from 2016 not renewed, 3 new pending vote in August, 2 new for first reading today.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 5/9/17 is \$13,846.53 with the only bill outstanding being \$262.20 for the new signs (which Rick brought to the meeting) to be paid back to Rick. Paid since last time: rubber for wingers (\$199.98), 3 new wingers (\$1,199.97), Kogut airfare (\$485.21).

Old Business

1. **Club Trials:**

- a. May 13. Completed. See report attached to these minutes.
- b. Fall: dates are always hard to find, between the various hunting seasons and UT football games, in addition to nearby hunt tests. September 23rd looks like the best date (away game, no nearby hunt tests) with October 7 being the next best. Michael will call Ken Campbell to see if Lucky 7 is available on either of those two dates. Brian asked if we would be interested in setting up to have live flyers at this fall trial, which might encourage more people to come. He can get ducks locally; we would have to have people sign up in advance if they wanted a flyer, at an extra cost. We

could also use the dead ducks for everyone. This looks like a good idea; we will try to work on this idea later on in the summer.

2. ***Spring Hunt Test:*** May 27-28, Hiwassee. We ran down the assignment list to make sure everything is on track. A couple of items are still underway, as follows:
 - a. Roberta is ordering the (expensive!) waterproof paper and will run off the judge's sheets on the waterproof version. Alan will print off the form on plain paper, and we will only use the waterproof if it's raining.
 - b. Michael will call Kiley Buettner on Tuesday morning to order the ducks, using the formula of 1.4 ducks per entry. He will confirm that we want delivery on Friday during the day, and will ask Kiley for the cell phone number of the driver so we can coordinate. If we have leftover ducks, Michael will handle selling them, trying to get full price if we can. Since we no longer try to have a lot of ducks for club trials, Alan suggested that we offer any dead and still useable ducks to any of the volunteers who work at the test. This was agreed to by consensus but no formal motion made.
 - c. We currently have 43 Senior entries for Saturday. If we get to 50, we will have to split the stake. Brian Caldwell mentioned that he might end up scratching one or two senior dogs, and Luke McCoy also said that he might end up scratching Ella. If they do and we still go over, we will probably have to use club judges like Michael, Brent, Luke, or Alan, and will need to go back to back with the setups since we haven't got enough room there at Hiwassee to add another location. Brian Caldwell mentioned that we could use his place for the extra series; however it is way too late to get AKC grounds approval. Michael suggested that he work with Brian to get AKC approval for Brian's place for next year to have as a backup if needed. Considering that Brian is only a few miles from Hiwassee, this would probably work out if we had to do it although it is never easy to have split locations.
 - d. Bird Boys: Karen discussed final arrangements with the chaperone for the bird kids for spring on May 9. The Board discussed how late we should make the kids work; in the past this has been sometimes a problem with judges who don't manage their time well. Alan mentioned that at other tests, judges are told up front that the birdkids are leaving at a particular time and they do; if the judge wants to continue, it has to be done with volunteers from the gallery. Karen moved that we tell the judges that the tests have to shut down at 6 p.m., but that if we have only 1 or 2 dogs left we use some flexibility. Luke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - e. Gunners are lined up and ammunition is ordered. Jim still has to buy 8 canisters of Map gas; he mentioned that he bought a new igniter for thunderstick #8 which was not almost unusable and was going to submit a bill to us for repayment.
 - f. People who are available should come to Hiwassee at 11 a.m. for starting on an equipment repair party. This will allow enough time to run out to a store to get more parts as needed to be sure to have enough for the weekend, before the judges arrive and start setting up the test.
3. ***Kevin's Fund:***
 - a. Rules: review and make any changes necessary. Karen and Lois – tagged but have not done this yet.

- b. Status of application from Griffin McDowell , 13, who is Brian Caldwell's Assistant. Brian Caldwell agreed to try to get a parental signature on a membership form for Griffin. If so, we agreed that the club will use waive his membership fee.
- c. Two new applications: Cade and Ivan Chambers. Essays were sent around to the Board via email. Rick moved that we accept them both into the program; Jim seconded and the vote was unanimous. In anticipation of this result, both Cade and Ivan participated in the Club Trial free of charge.
- d. Karen sent a reminder to our last years' participants, the McCoy girls, and included reminders in the last two newsletter. Luke talked with Brent who said they would probably try to join later in the summer after school was out.
- e. Youth Handler's seminar: Brian Caldwell says July would be a good time for him, and this would also work well with our summer plans which only have the club picnic in August. Brian will get some potential dates to Karen shortly. He has all kinds of good ideas about how to run this program, and wants to make it something like what Sure Shot Retrievers advertises on its website. He suggests that we open it up to all youth, and invite the birdkids / FFA to attend as well. There would be a fee for people other than our own youth program participants, possibly \$50 per kid (ETRC would cover costs for kids in the Youth program, and could also partially fund this as a club -- offer a discounted rate for member kids who aren't in the program, maybe a lesser discount for the bird kids, etc.). The fee would cover the cost of a meal, snack, possibly some ducks. He says what he'd like to do is have enough senior or master level dogs for each kid, and have various stations or groups with different people helping. Maybe have a fishing break for a while in the afternoon. He mentioned he would like to tag Alan and Michael to help with this, so that they can do basics with trained dogs in small groups. We asked him to continue fleshing out these plans and keep us informed for further discussion.

4. ***Training Dates:***

- a. Any dates for summer? Problem with high grass at Roane Regional during the summer and just about everywhere else, plus high heat. We decided not to have any organized training again until September.

5. ***Fall Hunt Test:***

- a. Karen needs to go online & fill out AKC application: 2 junior, 2 senior, 1 60-dog master, and pay.

6. ***Summer Seminar/Picnic:*** Leigh says Jody is delighted to do this for us again and will get back to us with dates. Karen will try to pin him down when we visit hopefully later this week. Need to firm up dates and location.

7. ***Committee to look at Dog/Puppy of the Year rules:*** Karen, Michael Evans, Mike Smith – Have agreed on editorial changes and some other minor changes. Still working on other issues. Plan to have report to the Board in time for this to be presented to the membership in August.

New Business:

1. ***First Reading, New members:***

- a. Konrad / Tricia Heider , applications architect, 1020 Reunion Drive, Chattanooga. Has Roddydog Labradors. Sponsors: ; Haley O'Neal and Alan Bruhin.
- b. Charles & Connie Lockwood. Have labs, want sponsors familiar with labs. Live in Madisonville. Sponsors: Michael Evans & Brian Caldwell.

Luke moved that these new members be accepted on first reading. Michael seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Karen will notify the new members and the sponsors and the final vote will be scheduled for the summer picnic.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Luke seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Alan Bruhin: Roberta is buying the waterproof sheets, and Alan is printing on the plain paper. 5/15/17

Approvals:

1. Jim Pearce, 5/15/17
2. Alan Bruhin, 5/15/17
3. Michele Fletcher 5/16/17
4. Rick Fyfe 5/15/17
5. Donna Smith 5/15/17
6. Karen Edwards 5/16/17