

ETRC Board Meeting, 10/7/17 Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater, TN

Present from the Board: Lois Luthenauer, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Tom Gibson, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce, John Broucek

Absent, excused: Alan Bruhin, Donna Smith, Rick Fyfe, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate)

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present.

Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. following completion of the ribbon ceremony for the Club Trial.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. Last meeting was 9/12/17; minutes were approved within a week via email and sent to the club website. Michael moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Luke Seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Correspondence:** Karen returned the MNRC ballot to Elaine Goodner.
- **Website changes made & pending:** Routine. Minutes etc. posted.
- **Membership:** End of year 2016 membership was 59. Current membership is 54 including 1 new member pending first reading today. 17 members from 2016 have not renewed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/6/17 is \$20,984.25 with bills due for Patti Gibson for dinner, lunches, and judges gifts (~ \$800-\$1,000). Still no invoice from Patti. Paid Michael for the purchase of the camp chairs (\$550.62). Lois has donated the food she purchased for the picnic. Thanks!

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher. Tabled in Michele's absence.

Old Business

1. ***Club Trials:*** October 7: Today. See attached report. Attendance was poor again; we need to seriously consider whether to keep having these events. On the plus side, they are low cost.
2. ***Fall Hunt Test: October 21-22, 2017, Lucky Seven Ranch, Sweetwater***
 - a. We went over the assignment sheet to make sure we are on track. Status:
 - i. The test is closing Monday, 10/9, at 11:59 pm CDT.
 - ii. Ken Campbell: Insurance certificate has been sent. Someone needs to talk to him about the fee and whether he is planning to donate it back to us for the youth program again.
 - iii. Tom, Marshals: Tom is still looking for a pair of Marshals for one stake on Sunday. Hopefully we will have people there we can rope into the job.
 - iv. Birdkids: FFA, insurance cert & contract have been provided. We asked for up to 25 kids, with 20 being the requested minimum. This will be more than enough for the smaller test.

- v. Workers Friday – Sunday: looks like we will have enough to help out.
- vi. Roberta has purchased 700 more sheets of waterproof paper for the judges' books. Alan will print off another 1000 on plain paper. If there are 200 dogs, we need 400 sheets a day so 800 total.
- vii. Lois – Ducks: Kiley Buettner is on standby for Friday delivery. Lois will call him on Tuesday 10/10/17 with the number (estimating 1.5 ducks per dog entered). We need phone # of truck driver, info on cost per duck
- viii. Chad Suttles, who lives near Hiwassee, is willing to bring down the trailer and the empty duck crates on Friday and will help with test setup. Lois will call Karen with the number of crates we are ordering and how many empty crates we will need to return; Karen will contact Chad.
- ix. Dumpster and Porta Potties: Michael has called and ordered 2 toilets and a dumpster for delivery on Friday. Ken Campbell has asked for them to be delivered to the front parking lot, and his farm Manager Brandon Camp will move them where needed.
- x. Test HQ will be set up in the clubhouse this time and not in the barn. Michael will bring 10 orange cones and crime scene tape, and Tom will bring some electric fence poles to help string the tape up, to block off the lawn and the driveway down to the Clubhouse. We will likely set up in the pavilion unless the weather is bad, in which case we will move into the game room side of the clubhouse.
- xi. Gunners: Michael has identified enough gunners but needs some fill-ins for breaks. He asked people who are good gunners to bring along their shotgun so they can fill in as needed. He has purchased ammo and has receipts; Karen will cut him a check.
- xii. Michele will bring her large nails and donate them to the club for use in making holes for the blinds. We will make sure to put some of these in each equipment bag that is supposed to go to each site. Last spring, the bags stayed in the trailer & never made it to the sites.
- xiii. Michele, Rick, Michael, and Tom all agreed to bring their ATVs. It would be good to have a couple of others as well for running errands.
- xiv. We will meet at noon-1:00 on Friday for a work session to check equipment and do any repairs.
- xv. Patti Gibson has agreed to do the judges dinner again and help with lunches. Karen will work on lunch making. Patti has worked out the menu and is assuming a total of 25 people at the dinner.
- xvi. Judges gifts: will be a crisp \$100 bill inside a thank you card. Karen will get these fixed up.
- b. Equipment purchases: status update
 - i. More duck driers: Luke & Michael will make them before the test.
 - ii. Bird kid seating: Michael bought 25 camp chairs and he has been refunded for his costs. Patti has 6 outdoor chairs she is donating for marshal chairs.
 - iii. First Aid Kits: Jeff McNutt and Patti are going to buy extra needed items for these and will have them ready by the hunt test.

3. ***Committee to look at Dog/Puppy of the Year rules:*** Karen, Michael Evans, Mike Smith – Karen has revised the draft rules as discussed at the last meeting and in email correspondence following. Changes reflect that BOTH club trials and AKC Hunt tests will be worth points only for passage not entrance; 1 point for a Junior pass, 2 points for a Senior pass, and 3

points for a Master pass. Junior dogs may be considered for Gun Dog of the Year award. Possible new awards: Junior high point dog, Senior high point dog, Master high point dog; only tests/trial stakes at that level considered for each level (dog's eligibility for these awards NOT LIMITED to title level, just number of tests passed at each level). No bonus points will be awarded for perfect attendance at Club Trials and the number of points awarded for a club trial will be the highest points earned for which eligible (i.e., if a dog enters 4 events including Master and passes Master, he will get the 3 points for the master pass. The dog does not have to pass every class entered in order to get points). There was not time, and not a full attendance by the board, so Luke moved that we table this discussion until after the fall hunt test. Michael seconded, and the vote passed unanimously. We will need to get these rules finalized in time to get the changes out to the membership in the January newsletter. Looking into field trials: committee will start looking at this in January to get decision reached in time for 2019 awards year.

New Business:

1. *First Reading, New members:*

- a. Chris Miller, Knoxville, TN, has a Golden puppy from Fern Hill, interested in field work. Will volunteer for equipment maintenance, hunt test set up. Karen & Jim are willing to sponsor.

Luke moved that this new member be accepted on first reading. Michael seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The final vote will be scheduled for the February banquet.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Michael moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Tom Gibson will be bringing the electric fence posts – Michele Fletcher, 10/9/17

Approvals:

1. Rick Fyfe, 10/9/17
2. Jim Pearce, 10/9/17
3. Alan Bruhin, 10/9/17
4. Michele Fletcher, 10/9/17
5. Donna Smith, 10/12/17
6. Roberta Williams, 10/12/17
7. Karen Edwards, 10/12/17
8. Tom Gibson, 10/12/17