

ETRC Board Meeting, 7/18/18
Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Carol McCorkle, Jim Pearce, Tom Gibson, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate)

Absent, excused: Donna Smith (on vacation), John Broucek (in South Dakota), Cory Smith (anniversary), J. Michael Evans (ill)

Absent, unexcused: None

Members present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present.
Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 6/5/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website 6/12/18. Michele moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Lois Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Email from Jennifer Workman, granddaughter of Jim and Hazel Holcomb. Hazel has died and she was preparing her obit; wanted info about Hazel's participation in ETRC. Contacted Atchley, Broucek, Dodson; some of them contacted others. Determined that she had been secretary for some period but no further info. Relayed info back to Workman.
- **Membership:** Current 2018 membership is 55 as of 7/1/18. 16 from 2017 have not renewed. End of year 2017 membership was 61.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 7/18/18 is \$23,296.72 with no bills outstanding.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher:

Old Business

1. ***Training dates:*** waiting till fall
2. ***Kevin's Fund:***
 - a. Youth Handler's seminar: Lois reported that she and Sherie Catledge are planning to do something, but this is on hold pending Sherie finding a new place to live. She is moving to our area.

- b. Have two 2018 membership applications approved (Chambers' kids). Refunded them \$527 for 3 tests, 2 senior dogs; they are upholding their obligation for volunteer work handsomely. Balance in account: \$3,148 (part of total \$23k in treasury)
- c. Award trophy: found a suitable one at Hodges Badge Co. for ~\$150. Did not get ordered – purchase pending further work by Lois on retroactive awards recipients.

3. *Spring Hunt Test:*

- a. All bills paid. One scratch check returned: Alex McDaniel, \$160. Address in catalog / EE incorrect, no forwarding address. No email from him/her to Carol; vet statement had an email address and I sent them a note saying that we had no address to send McDaniel's check to, could they please contact their client and have him/her get in touch with us. No response to date.
- b. Final net (assuming McDaniel's check is eventually cashed): \$4847.05 including food sales (tee shirt / hat sales accounted for separately). This does not include ribbon costs, since we buy ribbons at different times and they go over several years. Ribbons and duck bands have cost \$4234 since Karen's records start October 2015 (after the fall hunt test that year) – so for 6 tests (we have enough for the fall 2018 test) that averages roughly \$706 per test, more for spring than for fall but this is close. So the true net is closer to \$4,100.

4. *Equipment:*

- a. Wingers: Jim purchased 4 more, they have been received, \$1,761.86.
- b. Report on launchers: Cory researched, Mike did too: either Garmin or Dogtra launchers with 10 bumpers and electronics are around \$1800 each (plus shipping). Pros of getting them: won't have to have members standing around being bird boys as much, saves money on paid birdboys for club trials, possibly makes club trials go faster. Cons: they are delicate and can't bounce around in the trailers, nor can they be stored outside in the heat; need to make sure we have members who can fix them; replacement bumpers for them are expensive, around \$25 each (and they can be fired into the mud at the bottom of the pond and won't float up); dogs who aren't used to them may have troubles with picking them up. Karen volunteered that they can be stored in the Pegasus Technologies building as long as we have the building; Jim and Brian Caldwell can fix them; the bumpers are about the same cost as dokkens, and we can spend some time working with dogs that aren't familiar with them to get them to pick them up. There was a slight preference among the club members for the Garmin ones but the general feeling was that either would be acceptable. Lois moved that we buy two initially to see if we like them, with possibly more in the future; that we ask Cory Smith to find them at the best price and see if he can get a military discount somewhere. Carol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c. Popups: Luke: The cheap popups that we bought from Walmart and similar places are tearing up rapidly; we have already broken two of them. Michael and Luke have seen some heavy duty Avery pop-ups at some tests they have judged that were excellent. Luke called Avery and was told that they were not for retail sale; he asked about getting a donation and they hung up on him. Lois knows someone who knows an Avery rep and will contact them to see if she can get a different answer, and J. Michael is planning to contact the Purina rep. As far as buying them, we would want

to see them personally and not just buy over the internet. A quick google search turned up pop-ups advertised as heavy duty (300 pounds hanging from the center pole) for \$250. Tabled for further research.

5. **Awards rules:**

- a. Committee (Karen, Michael, Mike Evans, John B) needs to look at rules for title awards to get eligibility codified, and also will look to see what we should do about awards re AKC field trials. Aim is to have this ready in time for 2019 awards year. Not started yet.

6. **Transition of stuff from Roberta:**

- a. **Second Signatory on Checking Account:** Michele and Karen are meeting at an ORNLFCU office to get Michele signed up on 7/23/18. Michele was previously approved by board vote on January 14, 2018 to be the second signatory.
- b. **History / corporate stuff:** History stuff still at Roberta's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. Lois and Carol confirmed that none of this stuff was in the material they got from Roberta. We decided to ask Michael to contact Roberta or her daughter, and possibly set up a time for one or several of us to go over to pick up any remaining history / corporate stuff.

New Business:

1. **First Reading, New members:** None
2. **Summer seminar :**
 - a. August 4, Saturday, Brian's place, announced in July newsletter. Jody and Brian are coordinating what they are doing. Brian asked permission to use his 3 birdboys that we pay at \$50 each; Luke okayed. The board all agreed that was a great idea. Jody is probably staying with Brian but hasn't asked yet. We discussed equipment to bring, and decided to take along a couple of the thunder sticks, and a bag of Dokkens. We will need some pop-ups; they can be gotten from the big trailer over at Hiwassee that morning if Brian doesn't remember to get them earlier.
 - b. RSVPs: So far, only two families have responded plus Karen and Jim. Assume others are planning to come and haven't gotten around to RSVP-ing yet. Karen will issue the August newsletter before going on vacation 7/25, urging people to respond. Of the board members present, only Luke, Lois, Alan, and Karen and Jim are definitely coming. Tom is trying to get off, Michele and Carol will be out of town.
 - c. Food? Brian is planning to get a couple of hams. Lois volunteered to be in charge of getting some club-provided food and coordinating the stuff that other people will bring as potluck items.
 - d. Membership for Brian since he is helping? We did this for Jody. Lois moved that we waive Brian's membership fee for 2018 and consider him as a full member for

the year, considering the support he has provided to the club via training grounds earlier in the year and this seminar. Karen seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

3. *Fall Hunt Test*

- a. Need to determine format. Although we could probably fill two master flights, given that the Master National is out in Oregon this year, the ponds at Lucky 7 do not have enough cover to do two adequate Master series. After some discussion, the consensus was to stay with our previous fall format – double Junior, double Senior, single Master with a limit of 60 dogs.
 - b. Karen needs to get dates entered into AKC's website now that the format has been determined.
 - c. Judges: Luke will get started locating judges.
 - d. Everything OK on Lucky 7, plus arrangements on fees/donations? Michael has talked with Ken Campbell but no one is certain about whether the fee arrangements have yet been made. Will discuss with Michael later.
 - e. Carol Stone will not be able to attend the fall test. This is apparently the world's most popular wedding weekend, and her stepkid is getting married then (Karen and Jim will also miss the test because of the wedding of their son). Michele Fletcher has agreed to serve as Hunt Test Secretary for this test.
4. ***Master National Dues***: anyone get an invoice? Need to contact MNRC and find out who they sent it to, get it sent to the right spot and paid. Karen will do this.
5. ***Master Amateur call for Judges***: We have a letter from MARC asking clubs and members to nominate judges who meet a stiff list of criteria. ETRC has a judge who is interested in being considered and who meets the qualifications, Alan Bruhin. Jim moved we nominate him as a judge, Michele seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will submit his nomination.
6. Death of past members: Karen plans to announce the deaths of Hazel Holcomb and past President Ronald Wright in the next newsletter. In Hazel's obituary, it calls for donations in lieu of flowers to ETRC – thanks, Jennifer Shotwell, granddaughter.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Carol seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

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Approvals:

1. Michele Fletcher
2. Jim Pearce
3. Cory Smith
4. Alan Bruhin
5. Lois Luthenauer
6. Karen Edwards
7. Tom Gibson