

ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 1/19/22
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Luke McCoy, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Mike Smith. Via phone: Cory Smith, Peter Torok

Absent, excused: J. Michael Evans, Jeff McNutt, Denise Chambers

Others Members Present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present with 8 people present. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 12/6/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website on 12/12/21. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Jim seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** None to report.
- **Membership:** Current 2021/22 membership is 58 including new member in December. Six people so far have renewed or joined for 2022, plus one who paid twice last year and asked for his check to be carried over for this year, and two free comped memberships. The membership year doesn't start until March 1 so these are all early.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$37,625.07 . Only recent activity was payment of webhosting fees, \$203, for 7/2-12/31/21. Michele handed in receipts for AKC tests in April and May that she paid, plus postage receipt for the AKC medallion. Karen will cut her a check to reimburse her for these expenses.

Old Business

1. ***Banquet:*** February 18 (Friday), 6:30 p.m., Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's BBQ). The room is reserved, contract signed, and \$250 deposit has been paid that will be applied to menu. We reviewed the menu and decided on the following: The Dinner Buffet with Chicken Cordon Bleu and Grilled Beef Tenderloin; garden salad, French Green Beans Almondine and Twice Baked Potatoes; Banana pudding for dessert. Complimentary beverages will include sweet and unsweet tea, coffee, and water. Beer will be available at \$4 a can for anyone who wants to buy it. The food, exclusive of the beer, will cost \$27.95 per person which the club will pay. Alan will call the Banquet Hall and relay these choices; we will need to provide them with numbers of attendees about a week before the event. Karen will include info in the February 1 newsletter asking for RSVPs (we have 12 already)

and will follow this up with an email to the membership about a week later seeking final RSVPs.

2. **Hunt Tests in 2022.** we have the following dates and locations:
 - a. April 19-20, Tuesday/Wednesday: Double Junior / Senior, Brian Caldwell's farm. AKC fees paid, events #2022-3528-13&14. On Entry Express. Caldwell is OK with us using his farm.
 - b. May 28-29, Saturday/Sunday: 1 flight Master, double Junior, double Senior at Hiwassee, plus a second flight of Master at Brian's. AKC fees paid, events #2022-3528-06 & 07. On Entry Express. Caldwell is OK with us using his farm; Michele has applied for Hiwassee but hasn't heard back yet and will follow up.
 - c. September 20-21, Tuesday / Wednesday: Midweek Master Only (66 dogs), Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm, AKC application not yet completed.
 - d. October 23-24, Saturday / Sunday, 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior. On Entry Express, AKC application not yet completed. Location not yet pinned down -- possibly at Ken Campbell's, possibly somewhere else.
 - e. November 1-2, Tuesday / Wednesday, single flight Master, Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm, AKC application not yet completed.

Mike Evans will talk to Ken Campbell about possible use of his farm in the fall. If this farm isn't available, we will need to check other options. Michele will make application to AKC as we get things firmed up. Judges have not yet been selected for anything and need to be worked on; same with ducks. J. Michael Evans is researching alternate duck suppliers for early tests.

3. **Duck Pen:** Mike and Cory Smith reported that a group went out there and agreed to build the duck pen inside the barn / kennel building. It will be 10' wide, about 38' long, and 30' of it will be under the existing roof with the remainder (the trench with drain for the duck pond) will be out in the open. Electricity and water are already there in the building. Cory has been working on cleaning the area out and is almost done, then he will use his tractor box scraper to level it out a bit. Apparently, if we use fiberglass concrete, we don't have to have gravel and rebar; we discussed trying to find a contractor to do the concrete base, pond trench and drain, and us just doing the chain link fencing. Next steps: research some concrete contractors in the Sweetwater area and try to get this done ASAP.
4. **Equipment:** Progress on selling L7 trailer: Mike Evans / Mike Smith. Mike S. had a possible buyer who backed out because it was only 20' long and he needed a 24' long trailer. J. Michael has advertised in Craig's list but apparently didn't get any interest. Will try again, maybe use Facebook Marketplace.

5. **Judges Seminar, March 12-13:** contract signed with hotel and agreement with Cory Smith for having the practical session at his place. Brochure is out on EE, AKC website, and posted in Newsletter last two months.
- a. Registration to date: 4 people: the Vencilles, Denise Sejalon, Kathy Poole Price. Mike and Donna Smith signed up at the meeting, others indicated their interest. People can apply directly through EE but so far, no one has.
 - b. Cost, food, motel rooms, registration fee, member perks: As a reminder, we have to pay \$500 to AKC, plus additional \$25 for every participant above 20. We also have to pay \$225 to the Comfort Inn Athens for use of the room, and also possibly \$94 a night for Russ Reavis at the Inn for Friday and Saturday nights. Add in some donuts and snacks, and we are at \$1000 cost to us as a club. We will get \$500 or \$600 back from MNRC afterwards (our approved grant).
 - i. Russ Reavis's motel fees may or may not be provided by AKC as part of the cost of putting on the seminar. Alan doesn't have any info yet on whether this is covered or we have to pay it, but Russ has mentioned that Jerry Mann might come along to help.
 - ii. Registration fee: \$50 fee for registration, including members. For those people who were club members as of December 1, 2021, who sign up, pay the registration fee and actually show up at the seminar, we will hand them back their checks so their attendance will be free.
 - iii. We will provide mid morning/ mid-afternoon snacks (donuts etc.) and lunches both days – maybe pizza at the motel on Saturday and a sack lunch of some sort at Cory's on Sunday. Final decisions on this pending how many people end up registering.
 - c. Other Logistics: AKC requires the following --
 - i. Club representative must meet with Reavis at both the Inn and at Cory's on Friday afternoon beginning around noon. Alan will do that.
 - ii. Classroom location must have extension cord with power strip, projector screen or white wall for the presentation, and a white board with markers, or a flip chart stand. Alan will check with the inn to make sure they have these items.
 - iii. Manpower and equipment needed to set up three Master (/senior/Junior) level testing scenarios on Friday (or Sunday) at Cory's, assisting Russ Reavis: Alan, Mike Evans Mike Smith, and Jim Pearce .
 - iv. Ducks: If we can't find live ducks, AKC will grudgingly let us use frozen ones. Alan thinks we can empty out our freezers and have enough ducks otherwise; Mike Evans is still looking into whether or not we can locate any live ducks. Total number needed is probably around 25 with at least 9 alive.
 - v. Jeff McNutt said he will locate two shooters for the live -- he was not present so we don't have an update on this.
 - vi. Bird techs: we decided to hire 3 people to be out in the field so club members don't have to. Mike Smith will ask Brian Caldwell about his two duck techs, Karen will ask Lois about using her nephew Gavin.
 - vii. Dogs: We have to supply 3 Junior dogs and handlers, 3 Senior dogs and handlers, and 3 Master dogs and handlers. Per AKC, these can be handled by participants if necessary. So far, we have three Junior dogs, 2 senior dogs, and one Master dog pinned down, will be looking for some others.

6. **Winter training schedule:**

- a. January 23, 1:00 p.m., Sunday, at Cory's: transition drills and let dogs try them with advice from the presenters. Mike Evans and Alan, the presenters, suggested that we delay this event because the weather is supposed to be cold, moist, and miserable on Sunday. We agreed on a new date of March 20; Karen will notify the membership via email and will post new info in the newsletter and on the website.
- b. Saturday, February 26, 2022, 1 p.m., Dogtown: Brady Collins, Jake Greenwell, and John Broucek to present a seminar on Field Trials. Working with them on topics to be covered, and a possible raindate.

7. **Club Trial:** April 2: Location is still to be determined. Mike Smith will check with Caldwell to see about use of his place; Alan or Mike Evans will check with Darryl Miller to see if his place might be available. We will only have one club trial this spring.

8. **Ribbons:** K still needs to order 200 Master ribbons, 100 senior ribbons and 200 Junior ribbons, purchase approved at last meeting. Sale lasts through February. .

New Business:

New Member:

For first reading:

- Lisa & Mike Vencille, 923 Lick Creek Road, Ceres, VA 24318, 276-782-7729 mobile, lickcreekretrievers@gmail.com. She is an insurance salesperson with her own business; he is a pro dog trainer. Have 3 Labradors of their own plus client dogs, interested in AKC hunt tests and dog training, judging & judging clinics, breeding, and belong to DU and the Yadkin River Retriever Club, volunteer for 'whatever is needed'.

They have requested Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans as sponsors. Both agreed to serve. Luke moved we accept them as provisional members, Michele seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will send them names and contact info for their sponsors; sponsors will have access to the new members' contact info through these minutes when completed. Alan noted that the Vencilles have a large property in lower Virginia, about 3.5 hours away from here, which they have mentioned we could use for one of our events possibly. Depending on what Hiwassee and Ken Campbell decide about their properties, this might be a solution although it's not ideal.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Luke moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

1. Typo correction, Peter Torok.
2. Typo correction, Michele Fletcher

Approvals:

1. Peter Torok
2. Michele Fletcher
3. Jim Pearce
4. Cory Smith
5. Mike Smith
6. Karen Edwards