

ETRC Board Meeting 4/28/12

Present from the Board:

Brent McCoy, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Karen Edwards, John Guinn, Mike Evans, Robert Dodson.

Absent, excused: Carol Stone, Patti Gibson, Ken Wade, Trudie Kuka, and Kelley Eller.

Other Members Present: Jim Pearce.

Location: Atchley Farm following the Club Trial, Sevierville

Brent called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Officer's Reports.

Reading of the Minutes/Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards noted that the minutes from the last meeting had been tentatively approved via email. Chuck Atchley moved that those minutes posted as 'final' be formally approved without further reading; Mike Evans seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Karen had no other secretarial business to report.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck reported that as of the previous evening, there was a total of \$4041.94 in the bank account and passed out a report showing running totals. Mike Evans moved that the report be approved; Robert Dodson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brent congratulated the club on a successful Club Trial just completed. Thanks go first of all to Chuck Atchley for letting us use his beautiful farm. We had a good day, made money, and had lots of fun. The tests had a fair level of difficulty this time and in some cases, not as many dogs passed as is usual. However, the people testing seemed to appreciate that the tests were challenging, and seemed to have good attitudes about the difficulties (which included sinking ducks).

Karen and Roberta, who ran the table, reported that we had turned over a total of \$585 to Chuck for entry fees taken in from the Club Trial, as well as \$240 for the sale of tee shirts and hats. Brent paid \$250 to the bird boys and there were no other expenses (we went without portapotties again), so the Club actually made \$575 on the day. This will bring our bank account up to around \$4,600.

Old Business.

Use of Roane Business Park land for training. Karen reported that earlier in the month, Mike Evans and Ken Wade had come over to walk on the land and had determined that it

would be very suitable for training. The pond on Pegasus Technologies' property (owned by Karen and Jim Pearce) will be used for water work. Following this walk-through, we met with Leslie Henderson of the Roane Alliance in Kingston. Leslie was agreeable to us using the land, with several provisos: (1) we provide them with an insurance certificate showing the Roane Alliance as a named insured, in case there were any injuries occurring during training days; (2) we can agree upon a simple agreement for use of the land that specifies certain common-sense provisos for its use.

Several days earlier, Leslie had sent over the agreement, which seems to be simple and straightforward. It will be signed by Brent for the ETRC. The agreement requires that we not damage the land, not build anything on it, not do anything illegal or that would disrupt the neighbors, etc. We can use the land at no cost, but must notify them in advance of our schedule. Also, if the land should be sold or otherwise become unavailable for our use, they will give us 30 days written notice. The agreement looks reasonable; Leslie is taking this before her Board at the meeting being held sometime during the next week. There are still some questions about TWRA that ETRC has, and Mike Evans and Brent will work together to contact the appropriate TWRA person to find out what, if anything, we need to do or request Roane Alliance to do in order to make it legal for us to have ducks and poppers/primers on the land. Roberta has requested an insurance certificate from our insurance company and that should be forthcoming soon.

Spring Hunt Test.

Roberta passed out a two-page spreadsheet that shows worker assignments. One of the changes is that Brent is now the chair of the Hunt Test committee instead of Carol Stone. Carol is going to be working out of the cabin headquarters, and if something came up during the test that required the HT Chairman's input to resolve, this would leave our headquarters without coverage.

The bird boys will be from the Sunbright Football team, and we have 30 of them lined up to help at a cost of \$1,500 a day. This is a \$300 / day savings over last year. The Coach has decided they will stay in the motel rather than camp out.

Mike Evans reports that he has lined up a number of gunners and that the guns are in generally good condition. He asked for volunteers from the club to work some shifts on Sunday as the SWAT team gunners Mike is organizing generally can't come both days. Club gunners should bring their own guns. Steel (non-toxic) shells have been ordered. Poppers are still up in the air. We don't have a tally on how many we still have. Ken Wade is donating 13 boxes. The wingers need some minor work, and rubber may be needed for them. John Guinn offered to supply the rubber in case any was required.

There was a brief discussion about the cost of poppers and primers, and whether it would be better to use primers since they are cheaper. Brent had looked into reloading the poppers ourselves and determined that wouldn't save any money. The general agreement was that it might make sense to buy some 209 pistols and sell the shotguns, as

the pistols are much cheaper to feed and easier to store. However, nothing can be done about this until the club's finances are in better condition.

Trudie Kuka has agreed to be the Chief Marshal and has lined up a number of people to help.

Judges gifts: Patti was working and unable to attend the meeting. She has been looking into judges gifts but we don't know if any final decisions have been made yet. The budget is \$35 per judge (set at the last meeting).

Check in at the hotel is 3:00 p.m. although some individual rooms may be available early.

Roberta reported that she will have to buy some new judge's books. The cost should be under \$100, but the ones we have used for a number of years are no longer useable. She has also spent a modest amount of money for some much needed office supplies.

We have been contacted by a professional photographer, Eric Rutherford (EricRutherford.net) who wants to come take pictures at the test. He has done this before at other tests and is familiar with the requirements of wearing camo and asking the judges for permission and approval of where he plans to set up for taking photos. His wife will work back in or near the headquarters building, and will have the capability to show people the proofs on her computer. This would be still photos only and not video. Robert Dodson moved that we tell him it's OK for him to come, with the proviso that photos of any particular series is at the judges' discretion. John Guinn seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.

For additional status on various hunt test items, see the worker assignment sheets dated 4/27/12.

Generally, plans are coming along well. However, we anticipate that we could end up with a large number of Master entries as this is the last test in the Southern region before entries close August 1 for the Master Nationals which are in Alabama this year. If we have three or more flights of Master, we will need more of everything, including judges. Brent has contacted several judges as backups who have indicated they are available and willing; one of them is one we had some issues with in the past, but these appear to be resolved if we need to use him. All of these arrangements will have to be made at the last minute after we see how many entries we have. A very large number of entries will be wonderful for the club financially, but will require everyone to pitch in and work hard to pull it all off. We discussed AKC's prohibition against turning down any entries, and how this potentially could be a very hard thing for a club – however, we are sure that we can make this work if we all pull together as a club.

New Business.

Brent reported that he received an email from Wes Cosner resigning from ETRC for personal reasons. He didn't specify what those reasons are, but we wish Wes the best and

hope that whatever the reasons are, they resolve soon and he can rejoin us. He is a good worker and will be missed.

At 4:50 pm, there being no other new business, Mike Evans moved the meeting be adjourned. John Guinn seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Edwards

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Secretary

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report
Hunt Test working assignments

Change log:

1. Added electronic versions of the assignments sheet and the treasurer's report, per Karen, Roberta, and Chuck.
2. Changed wording from office to cabin headquarters in section about hunt test, per Roberta.
3. Per Roberta, clarified last paragraph, second sentence under hunt test: our test is the last one in the southern region before August 1; there will be others up north.
4. Per Brent, Trudie Kuka was also excused from attendance.

Approvals:

1. Roberta Williams
2. Chuck Atchley
3. Mike Evans
4. Kelley Eller
5. John Guinn
6. Carol Stone
7. Karen Edwards