

ETRC General Membership Meeting 8/11/12

Present from the Board:

Brent McCoy, Kelley Eller, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Karen Edwards, Ken Wade, Mike Evans, Carol Stone, Patti Gibson.

Absent, excused: John Guinn, Robert Dodson, Trudie Kuka.

Other Members Present: Lois Eller, Jim Pearce, Mark Gibson, Kevin Stone, Kevin and Lois Luthenauer, Richard and Diane Fyfe, Guy and Sharon Greer, Derek Dieterich, Lisa Styles, Fay Norwood, Michele Fletcher.

According to the Bylaws quorum is 20% of the current membership. As of the time of the meeting there are 59 voting memberships so a quorum is 12. A quorum was present.

Location: The meeting was held following the annual club picnic, at the Pearson Springs Park in Maryville. Special thanks to our Hospitality committee chairwoman Patti Gibson for putting this all together for the club, and for Mark Gibson the Grillmaster. Many people brought food and it was quite a feast.

President Brent McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Officer's Reports.

President's Report

Brent said he had nothing to report other than progress on the AKC Fall hunt test, which will be discussed under New Business.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck reported a total of \$10,092.81 in the bank account and passed out a report showing running totals for the year. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Reading of the Minutes/Secretary's Report. Minutes from the July 8, 2012 Board meeting were approved using our new email voting protocol and have been posted on the ETRC website. The email approval was ratified in a motion from Mike Evans, seconded by Carol Stone, and passed unanimously. Minutes summarizing the email board meeting conducted from July 30-August 1, 2012 were read. Patti Gibson moved they be accepted as read, the motion was seconded by Kelley Eller, and passed unanimously.

New Members.

The club has two new provisional members who were up for election to full membership at this meeting. Karen read the applications of Gregg Driscoll and Michele Fletcher aloud to the membership, verified that the applicants had signed the appropriate certification and that the assigned sponsors have signed the certification recommending that they be accepted into

full voting membership. Jim Pearce moved that the club dispense with secret ballots for this election. This motion was seconded by Carol Stone and unanimously approved. Jim Pearce then moved that we not require the proposed members to leave the area for the vote. This was seconded by Derek Dieterich and unanimously approved. Finally, Jim Pearce moved that Gregg Driscoll's and Michele Fletcher's applications be approved for full voting membership. Chuck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. Congratulations to our two newest members -- we're happy to have you!

Old Business.

Apprentice Judges. As discussed at the July 8, 2012 meeting, newly approved AKC rules (January 1, 2012) make it impossible for apprentice judges to judge back to back Junior or Senior assignments in one weekend. We have several apprentice judges in the membership, including Mike Evans, Brent McCoy, and Trudie Kuka. Brent reported that he had contacted AKC to see if he was grandfathered under the new rules, but found that he is not. We will need to look at establishing some kind of club policy on how to deal with assisting members to get qualified, but this subject will be addressed at a future meeting and not tonight.

Tee shirts. Brent reported that his wife Val, who is in charge of obtaining tee shirts and other promotional items for sale, has contacted a company in Dayton who can provide the shirts with about a week's lead time. She is still conducting an inventory and determining quantities/styles/ extra items to order. Karen suggested that if possible, these be available for sale at the Club Trial the week before the AKC hunt test, as we sold quite a few items at the Trial held at the Atchley farm in the spring.

Committee Reports

Fall Club Trial

The Club Trial will be held at Chota on September 22. We have the permit, and TWRA waived the \$50 permit fee. Fifty thawed ducks will be needed for this event; Mark Gibson has the club freezer, and is in charge of bringing the 50 ducks to the club trial. There may be a problem with the water levels at Chota, but we will deal with that situation when we get there. We do not yet have bird boys hired for this event. There was some discussion about how many kids were needed. We only need 5 or 6, instead of the 10 that we have tried to get in the past. Before last spring, when financial constraints resulted in using convicts for one trial and negotiating a cut rate for the other trial, we have routinely paid \$40 per bird boy, which goes to the school club. Brent is concerned that the school sponsor will not think it worthwhile to provide kids for only \$240 and may well refuse to do the work. Previously we paid \$400 and \$50 gas for the trip. Kelley moved that we authorize Brent to get 10 bird boys for \$400. Ken Wade seconded the motion, and it passed with 14 votes for and 3 against.

Fall AKC Hunt Test

Judges. Brent reported that he has finally managed to secure judges for the hunt test, which will be September 27-28, 2012. Brent asked Mike Evans if he wants to judge Junior one day;

if so, this will relieve Mark Gibson for one day of judging so that he can run his dog instead on that day. Mike will let him know on Monday.

Bird boys. We have lost our bird boys. The principal at Sunbright has declined to work with us any more since the boys got terribly sunburned at the spring test. The club did provide SPF70 sunscreen at each stake, but the boys elected to wear no hats, take off their tee shirts, and not use the sunscreen.... So we need to find new birdboys. So far, Brent has struck out with every school group that he contacted. There was some discussion about using convicts (too risky in these numbers), Boy Scouts (issues with age; we need kids who are 16). We need 20-25 kids. The Fyfes offered to talk to the Pikeville High School to see if one of their clubs is willing to do this. The organization that provides kids will receive \$1,500 per day. Roberta Williams mentioned some Sweetwater contacts, and the Luthenauers also mentioned some possibilities. If the Fyfe's strike out with Pikeville High, we will send out an email to the membership telling them of our plight and asking for suggestions and assistance.

Judges Dinner. The Gibsons have offered to handle this again like last spring, as a sort of tailgate party. This was extremely well-received by the judges, who stated they preferred this over a long drive back to the motel, cleaning up, and then going out late to a restaurant. Mark and Patti will buy meat and the club will reimburse them for it. Patti will also provide ice and drinks. We will ask for potluck donations for other dishes; Patti will coordinate what is needed and what is offered. Mark suggested that the club buy a portable charcoal grill which would be easier to transport than one of the gas grills which is what we did last time. Karen moved that we authorize Mark to buy such a grill for the club, up to \$125. Carol seconded and it was unanimously approved. We will send out an email to the membership asking them to provide a potluck dish and coordinate with Patti. Anyone who wants to bring a dish is also welcome to attend. This dinner is on Friday night before the test begins on Saturday.

Ice and Water for the test. Derek will bring ice for each testing stake, and we will ask each member family to donate a case of water to the test. This worked well last time using water only rather than soft drinks. We don't anticipate needing as much ice and water as last May, but it could still be pretty warm at the end of September.

Chief Marshal. Diane Fyfe has agreed to be Chief Marshal. She brought along a schedule and passed it around, asking for people to sign up for various time slots.

Live Gunners. Mike Evans has 5 gunners lined up from the Knoxville SWAT team. Until we know how many dogs are entered, we won't know if this is enough. He has some others he can contact, and also some of the members will bring guns and can fill in as needed. Rick Fyfe also has some possibilities if we run short.

Birds. Kelley Eller will again be in charge of buying birds, and Robert Dodson will get the gas. We have 5-6 bags left in the freezer of untouched ducks that weren't needed from the last test.

Porta Potties. Brent will call the same company we used last time to make arrangements for the porta potties. They are reliable and their equipment is clean. This is Fayer out of Athens.
Marshal's Boxes and Ribbons. Carol reported that we have enough for the fall test. She commented that we need to find someone who will take this over for the spring test.

Hotel. We will be using the same Best Western motel in Dayton, and have reserved 16 rooms. The judges will be assigned rooms, and then others wishing to sign up will need to contact the motel directly.

Judges Gifts. Patti Gibson and Sharon Greer will make arrangements to purchase judge's gifts. The budget this fall is \$50 per gift although if some can be available for less, all the better. The gifts from last spring were only around \$35 and were very nice. The Greers brought a brochure and a mug for a potter who does drawings of dogs and ducks on the mugs; they are available for only around \$25 and are very attractive.

Cleanup. We have a serious need for people who will help clean up the trailer and headquarters building after the test is over on Sunday evening. Last time there were only the same 5 people who end up doing it almost every time, and fresh blood is needed to make the work go faster and give some relief to the stalwarts. The Fyfes offered to help; we will include a plea for assistance in an email to the membership as well.

Future Hunt Tests: There are some issues that will need to be addressed for future hunt tests – we will need a new hunt test chairman for the spring test, and we have issues with the dates for the fall test in 2013 and forward. We have AKC-approved standing dates, but the wildlife refuge isn't available on those dates unless there is some change in the Hiwassee schedule. However, it was getting dark and we decided to delay this discussion to another time.

Training Committee

The Luthenauers asked to hear more about the new training grounds at Roane Regional, and Karen Edwards gave a brief description of the land and of the provisions for its use. Guy Greer will try to set up a training day there sometime in October in the hopes that we be more active this year in having regular training days. Mark Gibson also mentioned that Nick Hodges has told us that he is happy for us to use his farm and ponds in Blount County. Mark can make those arrangements and did set up some training days there in the spring. We still do have use of Kinzlow when we can fit it in around the hunt club.

New Business

Nominating Committee

It's that time again, as the Bylaws require that a nominating committee be selected on or before October 31 of each year. Brent asked for volunteers – one from the Board and two from the general membership – to serve on the committee to nominate officers and board members for 2013. Carol Stone offered to serve from the Board and will be the Chairman of


the committee, and Guy Greer and Richard Fyfe will serve from the membership. We still need to identify two alternates, who must also be from the general membership.

The Nominating Committee must call a meeting on or before November 15th. They must nominate one candidate for each office, for board vacancies, and for the AKC Delegate. After obtaining consent of each person nominated, the committee shall report their nominations to the Secretary in writing not later than November 24. This procedure is spelled out in Article VI, section 4 of the Club Bylaws.

Board vacancies for the 2013 will be to fill the seats held by Trudie Kuka and Ken Wade, whose terms expire at the end of 2012.

There being no other business to discuss, and it being too dark to see each other any more, Kelley Eller moved that we adjourn. Carol Stone seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Kelley corrected that Mark Gibson has the club freezer and will bring ducks to the Club Trial.

Approvals:

1. Carol Stone, 8/12/12
2. Mike Evans, 8/16/12
3. Chuck Atchley, 8/18/12
4. Kelley Eller, 8/25/12
5. Robert Dodson, 9/1/12
6. Karen Edwards 9/1/12
7. Trudie Kuka 9/1/12