

Board Meeting Tuesday, 10/30/12 Gander Mountain, Turkey Creek

Present from the Board:

Brent McCoy, Kelley Eller, Roberta Williams, Karen Edwards, Mike Evans, Carol Stone, Robert Dodson, Trudie Kuka, Ken Wade, and Patti Gibson.

Absent, excused: John Guinn, Chuck Atchley,

A quorum is 50% of the Board. A quorum was present.

Location: The meeting was held at the very comfortable Gander Mountain conference room in Turkey Creek.

Special Discussion: Before the meeting began, Mike Evans reported on the meeting of the AKC hunt test advisory committee, which he attended at the Master National last week. Several issues are being sent forward to the AKC for voting later this year.

1. A proposal to divide Master-level tests up between pros and amateurs, with different titles for each division. This originally was an attempt to keep the one-dog people from having to wait all day to test when multiple pros brought large numbers of dogs and kept bumping others in the running order. However, it is unclear how this would work with a person who has a pro run a dog part of the time and the owner running it at other times. Mike thought the general consensus was that this was not a very good idea and didn't have much chance of passage.
2. A proposal granting a hunt test committee the ability to limit the number of dogs that can enter a Master Stake. This number would have to be listed in the premium book and entries would be taken first-come-first-served. He didn't know if this would require a specific opening date for entries as well as a closing date, as is done in Agility and obedience trials. This would help test committees budget and plan for their events better in many respects and would eliminate the need to run out at the last minute and find extra judges when entries required an additional Master flight. The numbers can be 30/60/90/120. Mike thinks this one has a good chance of passing.
3. A proposal permitting marks for both Master and Senior to be up to 150 yards if so stated in the premium book. Mike stated this one also seemed to have good support.

President Brent McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report. Brent had little to report other than a general statement about the fall hunt test, which he will discuss in further detail under that topic.

Reading of the Minutes/Secretary's Report. Since Karen never got enough email votes to approve the minutes, she read them (as amended by comments received via email).

Carol moved, and Mike Evans seconded, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Chuck Atchley was unable to attend the meeting, but had sent along the running totals for the year. The report, which is attached to these minutes and made a part of them, showed that from an initial balance of \$1,260.38 at the start of the year, we are currently standing at a balance of \$9,393.32. Brent said we should all be proud of the moneysaving efforts we took this year and for the two successful AKC hunt tests and three Club trials. We are once again in sound financial shape.

Old Business

Report on Fall Hunt Test. In general, the hunt test went well and netted the club something over \$2,000 after all expenses were paid. There were two issues:

- One of the judges submitted an invoice that included board for his dogs that he left at home while judging our Master test. His expense invoice was for \$751 which is more than twice that of the next highest judge, who came from much farther away. In the absence of clear club policy, the invoice was paid. Carol made the following motion: "For future hunt tests, judge's expense requests must be presented to either the Hunt Test Chair and/or the Club President, who will approve the expenses to be paid by the Treasurer. One of these individuals will be sitting in the Headquarters with the Treasurer to deal with this issue at check out time." Karen seconded the motion. After some discussion, this motion was unanimously approved. Carol then made a second motion on this topic: "In the letter sent to judge's confirming their assignment and acceptance, we will stipulate a menu of valid expenses that the Club will reimburse and supporting documentation that will be required." Carol offered to develop a draft for discussion at a later meeting. Trudie Kuka seconded the motion. After a brief discussion that acknowledged that Agility and Obedience trials have actual judges' contracts, the motion passed unanimously.
- There was an altercation between one of our club members and one of the Junior Judges on Sunday concerning how much time the judge took, perceived rudeness to the member, etc. The member originally intended to file a formal complaint with AKC against the judge, but after some discussion with various hunt test committee personnel, decided not to pursue that action. Roberta did file a report with AKC about the dispute, as required, so that we are on record about the situation if the member has a later change of heart and files a complaint anyway.

Membership application for renewing members. Roberta and Karen had worked on an updated membership form that would be used for people who are renewing. Karen passed out copies. This form is essentially the same as the new member form, without the assignment of sponsors. It does include a block where the member is asked to sign agreeing to abide by the Bylaws and AKC rules and to hold the club and officers

harmless from liability. There was some spirited discussion on whether such a form was necessary or was a waste of time, and whether we should consider the initial membership application agreement as a non-expiring contract as long as the member kept paying dues. There was some agreement that it may be more necessary for people who are renewing after a lapse in membership. Carol Stone agreed to look into whether or not a membership renewal is required by AKC rules every year, and Roberta will talk to the insurance company about whether or not they want such a thing. Carol initially moved that we not use such a form except for lapsed members, but there was no second. Then there was discussion about tabling the issue until Carol and Roberta had more answers on whether this is required or not. Finally Trudie moved that we adopt the form for renewing and lapsed members, that copies of the form be available at hunt tests, club trials, picnics, meetings, and training days and put on the web; that we request members to fill out a new form every year but that membership does not lapse if they fail to fill out the form and still pay their dues, and that nobody be appointed to nag people about it if they fail to fill out a new form. With those stipulations, Mike Evans seconded the motion and it passed. Karen will put the form in a website- printable format and will bring copies to the next meeting; she will also ask our Web lady if this can be made into an actual form that can be filled out and emailed online with some kind of statement that submission is the same as an electronic signature.

Future Hunt Tests: We need a new chairman for the Spring hunt test. After some arm twisting, Mike Evans agreed to serve in this capacity and Carol agreed to hold his hand throughout the process so he can get up to speed without any hitches. Carol will go ahead and submit the approval request to AKC for the spring test. Only one judge is pinned down so far, but there are others that Carol will contact.

We still have issues concerning the dates for the fall test for 2013 and forward, with conflicts at Hiwassee over the Chattanooga club's bow hunting dates on our AKC-approved dates, and with AKC over the Middle Tennessee hunt test dates on the weekend that Hiwassee is available. This was tabled until we have more information on Hiwassee's schedule and whether or not the Chattanooga club is going to keep their date.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Report. Carol Stone made the following report: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Carol Stone (Board Member/Committee Chair), Guy Greer, and Rick Fyfe (members), met on Sept 30th and are presenting the following slate of nominees for the February elections:

- President: Michael Evans
- Vice President: Kelley Eller
- Treasurer: Chuck Atchley
- Secretary: Karen Edwards
- Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
- Delegate: Diane Fyfe
- Director: Derek Dieterick
- Director: Lois Luthenauer

All nominees have been contacted by a committee member and have accepted the nomination for the position for which they are listed.

Board vacancies for 2013-2014 are for seats held by Trudie Kuka and Ken Wade, whose terms expire at the February banquet.

The next steps are to notify the members and open up nominations for voting from the general membership. This is the Secretary's responsibility and the dates and procedures are spelled out in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4.

New Member Applications and Assignment of Sponsors

We have two new member applications during October, as follows:

- Kenny McCormick (no sponsor request)
- Beth White (requests Carol Stone and Barb Knowlton)

Karen read the applications, and after discussion it was decided to request David Knott and Mike Stephens to be sponsors for Kenny McCormick; and to request Barb Knowlton to be a sponsor for Beth White. Carol agreed that she was willing to be Beth's other sponsor.

Mike Evans moved we accept them as provisional members, to be voted on for permanent membership at the February meeting. Carol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Karen will contact David Knott, Mike Stephens, and Barb Knowlton to get their agreement as sponsors, and will then send a welcome email with the necessary information to the new members.

February Banquet/Meeting planning. We decided to handle the banquet the same way as last year, with each person ordering off the menu and all of us in a special meeting room with no special bar. Mike will contact Calhoun's and get this set up for either at the Knoxville-Bearden Hill or the West locations. The date was set for February 23, 2013, which is the 4th weekend in the month. The party will start at 6 and the meeting at 7. Mike will again be in charge of the nominations for the awards, and an appeal needs to go out in the December newsletter for nominations/information for the puppy and dog of the year awards; the member and AKC Sportsmen of the year awards, and the title awards. Mike will collate the information and work on getting the award process underway.

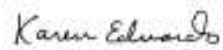
Future Training days. No formal dates were set. It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to contact Jody Ware to see if he is available for a seminar this fall or maybe next spring. Ken Wade mentioned that Jody is having a hip replacement in January which might affect his availability. He will contact him to discuss.

Next Meeting: We will need to have another meeting in January to make sure all is prepared for the banquet, and to touch base on planning for the spring events. No date, time or place was fixed.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to discuss, Carol Stone moved that we adjourn, and Ken Wade seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Mike Evans, 11/1/12: Change “shows” to “hunt tests” in Carol’s motion about approval of judge’s expenses; change the possible location for the banquet from Calhoun’s Lenoir City to Calhoun’s West.
2. Carol Stone, 11/2/12: various minor capitalization, typo, word-o and other minor editorial corrections.

Approvals:

1. Ken Wade, 10/31/12
2. Trudie Kuka, 11/1/12
3. Kelley Eller, 11/1/12
4. Patti Gibson, 11/1/12
5. Mike Evans, 11/1/12
6. Carol Stone, 11/2/12
7. Karen Edwards, 11/2/12