

Board meeting, Tuesday, 03/12/13
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Michael Evans, Kelley Eller, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Brent McCoy, Robert Dodson, Derek Dieterich.

Absent, excused: John Guinn, Patti Gibson

Absent, unexcused: Lois Luthenauer

Other Members Present: Diane Fyfe, AKC Delegate

A quorum is 50% of the Board. A quorum was present.
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report. None.

Secretary's Report.

- Minutes from last meeting not approved by email vote. All had read, no one had further changes to make. Chuck moved that they be approved as transmitted via email with indicated changes made, Derek seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously.
- Report to AKC sent out report to AKC on new officers / directors / AKC delegate 2/25/13
- Updated website with new officers/directors, awards recipients, added 1st club test.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Atchley reported that the current balance, after paying the Equisure insurance invoice, is \$8,846.41.

Old Business

Spring Club Tests:

1. Darryl Miller Farm, Sweetwater, March 30, 2013. Location secured; Roberta will provide directions in the next newsletter. This has been posted on the website.
2. Chuck Atchley's Revilo Farm, Sevierville, April 27, 2013: date is tentative. Alternate is May 4. Chuck will let Karen know within the next week which date is official, and Karen will put it up on the website at that time.
3. Equipment for club tests: Brent will be unable to tow the trailer from Hiwassee to Sweetwater for this test as he will be working that day. Robert Dodson and Michael Evans will go to Hiwassee in the next week or two and either bring the trailer up to Michael's farm until after the second Club Test, or will bring up enough equipment to conduct the tests without the trailer. A

number of the guns will not fire because of firing pin issues; all of them will be tested during the Miller Farm test and Michael will take the ones with problems to Mike Lett Jr. Gunsmith or Parker's Gunsmith (which ever can do it) to get them fixed. There was some discussion about poppers. We are nearly out, and the cost of these is rising to the point where we need to see if there is a more economical alternative (\$750 last year). Michael will buy a couple of shotgun primer inserts (available at Lion Country for \$24.95) and will see if these will do the job at the Club Test. If so, we will consider buying more. Other alternatives discussed briefly were buying new guns, buying pistols and using inexpensive blanks, using primers only instead of poppers, or looking into electronic / gas alternatives for making gunshot noises. This will be discussed again following the Club Test.

4. Bird boys: Diane Fyfe will discuss with her Pikeville school athletic club contacts whether they want to provide bird boys for the Sweetwater club test. We need 8-10 kids, price is fixed at \$400. Brent will contact the Newport schools for bird boys for the Revilo test, same numbers and price.
5. Porta potties: it was agreed that we can continue to do without porta potties at club tests, and thereby save \$80, unless the landowner requests that we provide one.
6. Tee shirt sales: since Brent isn't coming to the first test, Michael asked if Val was going to come and bring tee shirts. Not likely; but it would be nice to have these available for sale at the test as we did a good business last year at the Revilo test. This was unresolved.
7. Judges: This was not discussed. Members still need to be lined up to judge the club tests.
8. Ducks: Frozen ducks need to be gotten from the club freezer in Mark and Patti Gibson's basement. No one was assigned yet to bring these along to the club tests.
9. Ordering ribbons for club tests – inventory sent by Patti from Sharon Greer, showing that we are low on some types of ribbons. We decided to order 25 sets of puppy ribbons, 1st through 4th places; and 50 Master ribbons. Carol Stone has agreed to order these along with the order for the AKC hunt test ribbons; Michael will provide her with the numbers above.

Insurance: coming due March 20. Invoice has been paid; Roberta has asked for certificates of insurance from Equisure for Daryl Miller and Chuck for the club tests. Karen asked that one be provided to Roane Regional for our training sessions, and Roberta said she will make sure this gets done.

Spring Hunt Test:

1. Judges: AKC has approved the judging panel.
2. Number limits: we have agreed on a maximum number of 120 entries in the Master test. This will need to be posted on Entry Express. Roberta is handling this.
3. Wingers: some of them need hitch pins which can be obtained from Tractor Supply. Derek will get them.
4. Ammunition and Poppers: We have to decide as soon as possible about whether to order more poppers. Not only is the price increasing, they are getting harder to get. Last year, Brent ordered the poppers from King Stedman. Michael will procure the live ammunition. He will get 6's or 7s.
5. Kelley is ordering ducks and will again be our duck wrangler.
6. David Knott has volunteered to serve as Head Marshall. Beth White has volunteered to help, as her dog is injured and will not be running.
7. Ribbons: Carol is ordering more and has the inventory of what is needed.
8. Bird Boys: Diane Fyfe is working with the Pikeville Schools athletic teams to provide 18-25 kids again, for a flat rate of \$1,500 (but if they don't bring enough kids, we dock them).

Fall Hunt Test:

Michael reported that Hiwassee has available dates this fall on October 19-20 and November 8-9. We looked up all available information on the internet and could not see any conflict with either of these dates. The consensus was that the October dates were preferable as it might be very cold in November (or not). The next step is to ask Carol Stone to contact AKC to see if these dates are in fact available, and if so to grab one of them – preferably the October dates. Karen will email Carol about this.

Future Training days: 3/16/13; Roane Regional. We decided to try to set another date in mid-April, preferably April 13. This will be finalized at the March 30 club test. This date would mean we have training, club test, training, club test with two week intervals between each. If we could then have another training day in mid-May, we could continue with the cycle – although May gets pretty busy with nearby hunt tests that many people will be attending. However, it would be great for people who are not yet at the point of competing at hunt tests to be able to train under the guidance of more experienced people.

New Business:

New Board Member to replace Mike. Trudie Kuka, David Knott, and Guy Greer have expressed interest. We decided to have a straight up vote without any further discussion, since all of them are excellent candidates with a lot to offer the club. The vote was taken by secret post-it-note ballot. Michael counted the ballots, and Guy Greer was declared the winner. Karen will notify him of his election and thank the others for their interest.

Along the same lines, we had a brief discussion about Lois Luthenauer, who has missed the last two meetings without notifying us of the reasons for her absence. In accordance with the Bylaws, Robert Dodson moved, and Kelley seconded, that Karen be directed to

contact Lois on the Board's behalf to find out Lois's intentions with regard to her director position. The motion carried unanimously.

AKC Delegate replacement:

Karen and Diane reported that the process for changing delegates should be completed by June. Karen contacted AKC to get started on delegate change and filled out and returned the Club Credential form AKC sent. Diane Fyfe submitted her credential form 2/27/13. The notice of our new delegate will be published in the AKC Gazette for March & April; AKC Board of Directors board will consider/approve nomination in April; and she will be eligible to attend June meeting. Old delegate Garry Clausing has been requested to work with Diane during the interim; he will continue as our delegate until AKC approves Diane in April. AKC has been very helpful and prompt in getting this accomplished. Diane asked if she should attend all Board meetings, and we decided that she will be invited to all of them and is encouraged to attend, but will not be sanctioned for failure to come. We do expect more involvement with her than we had in the past and are hoping to make our AKC membership work better for our club. We understand that she may not be able to attend all meetings since she would have to pay her own costs; but we do hope that she will be active in keeping us posted on all that is going on in the Delegate world and will discuss with us things that relate to field events.

New members:

Six new members were up for approval on first reading and assignment of sponsors. Two of these were previously covered under family memberships, and we agreed that since they were just upgrading their memberships from family to individual members, they did not need to be assigned sponsors. Brent moved that the following be accepted into membership and sponsors assigned as noted below, where necessary. Robert seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Karen will notify each of the new members of their election and assigned sponsors, and will contact all sponsors to explain their responsibilities and secure their agreement.

1. Blake / Shelby Waggoner, Boykins with HRCH, UH, HR titles. Requested Chuck Atchley, Guy Greer as sponsors.
2. Nick Hurley, Lab puppy, Sunbright, TN. No sponsor requests. Assigned John Guinn and Michael Evans.
3. Thomas / Elizabeth Gibson, Maryville, TN, Lab. Previously covered under Patti and Mark Gibson's family membership, now requesting their own membership. No sponsors needed.
4. Jacob Malmquist : parents Paul and Kim are members since early 2012. Paul participated under their family membership last year, and now is applying for his own membership. Knoxville, TN, Lab. Paul is a minor at 17 years; until he turns 18 he will not be able to hold office or vote but is entitled to all other member benefits. No sponsors needed.
5. Adam/Heather Cloar, Knoxville, TN, Std. poodle. Requested Carol Stone. Beth White assigned as the second sponsor.
6. Brad / Ama Harris, Athens, TN. Lab. Requested Brian Caldwell, Weston Overton as sponsors.

Committees

New committee assignments for 2013 were discussed for the following committees:

1. **Training Committee:** last year, Brent and Roberta. This year, Roberta and Guy Greer.
2. **Membership Committee:** Last year, Roberta, Karen, and Chuck worked together on this. That will continue for 2013.
3. **Program and Events Committee:** last year, Patti Gibson. This includes planning for the picnic, any seminars, fun days. Patti is reserving the LC park for a date in August. We will ask her to go ahead and work with LC to figure out a date and go for it. Patti is agreeable to continue on with this assignment.
4. **Awards Committee:** last year, Michael with some help from Roberta. Michael is willing to keep on with this assignment.
5. **Club Test Committee:** last year, this was operated as a committee of the whole. We will keep this model for 2013.
6. **Equipment Committee:** last year, Trudie; Guy Greer did much of the actual work. Derek Dieterich was volunteered for this responsibility and accepted; Guy will also remain on this committee.
7. **Hunt Test Committee:** already established; Mike, Roberta, others.

Adjournment

No other new business being identified, Brent moved that we adjourn. Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

- Changed Brent's absence on 3/30/13 from judging to work.
- Corrected name of gunsmith who will be asked to do repairs of club guns.
- Derek will be taking Trudie's place on the equipment committee with Guy Greer, not doing it alone.

Approvals: (6 are needed as that is more than half of the Board)

1. Brent McCoy 3/13/13
2. Kelley Eller 3/13/13
3. Derek Dieterich 3/13/13
4. John Guinn 3/13/13
5. Robert Dodson 3/14/13
6. Chuck Atchley 3/14/13