

Board meeting, 03/30/13
Following the Club Trial in Sweetwater, Darryl Miller Farm

Present from the Board: Mike Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Guy Greer, Robert Dodson, Derek Dieterich, Lois Luthenauer.

Absent, excused: Kelley Eller, Brent McCoy, John Guinn, Patti Gibson

Absent, unexcused: None

Other Members Present: Kevin Luthenauer, Jim Pearce, Sharon Greer

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

Meeting called to order at 3:55 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report. Michael reported that he had received the two gun inserts and had tried them out with the 209 primers. These inserts cost \$24.95 each. He thought that they would work great except for very long marks when the wind was blowing, conditions that are similar to where the duck calls aren't audible. He asked if we wanted to try these out at the next Club Trial on April 27? We would need 3 for senior/master, 2 for the Singles Classic, and 1 for Junior/advanced junior, for a total of 6. We would need more than this for any AKC test – at least 3 and possibly 4 for each test level. The issue will be whether we can get enough 209's as these are currently on backorder in several places he has checked. Guy volunteered to try to locate some in local stores; Derek has 100, so we need possibly 150 more. Michael has checked all the guns (the club owns approximately 25) and will take the ones that don't work over to Mike Lett, Jr., a gunsmith who has offered to fix them for us at an inexpensive rate. If we can fit most of our guns with these inserts and use the 209s, we can save substantial amounts of money over using poppers.

Roberta moved that ETRC authorize Mike to buy four more inserts, with the idea that we will try using these for the April Club Trial. Guy seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary's Report.

- Last Minutes approved by email vote & posted online. Chuck Atchley moved that we approve the minutes as earlier approved via email. Robert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Have AKC membership list request; will handle.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck will prepare an end-of-the-quarter report and get it to us in the next week or so. The current balance before the Trial was \$8,896.41. We took in \$125 today in dues, \$680 in entry fees, and paid \$400 out to the bird boys.

Old Business

Spring Club Tests:

1. Darryl Miller Farm, March 30, 2013. Finished today. See separate report.
2. Revilo, April 27, 2013. Date and location approved, posted on website. Need to line up judges. Brent is getting bird boys for this one.
3. Ordering ribbons for club tests – Carol Stone. We ran out of ribbons today on the puppy stakes. Carol has ordered new ones, but we need to check with her to see if these have been received. Karen will contact Carol.

Spring Hunt Test: We are now accepting entries on Entry Express. For the first time, we have put a limit of 120 Master Dogs. There was some discussion on how this would operate, and whether there would be a possibility of keeping a waiting list and then filling in for people who scratched. Using Entry Express would seem to preclude this option, as no further entries will be accepted after the closing date. Roberta asked if we wanted to raise our scratch fee from \$15 to \$40. This fee would apply if someone scratched a dog after the closing date; the concern is that pros may enter lots of dogs early and then scratch many of them, and this might lead to people wanting to sign up but not being able to with the test full. Several other clubs have gone to the higher fee, including Middle Tennessee, who has also modified its scratch policy to make it harder to get your money back if you scratch after the closing date. Chuck moved that we raise our scratch fee to \$40; Robert Dodson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Guy Greer raised the possibility of getting Ritchie Motor Sports as an advertising sponsor for the Spring Test. They could set up a tent display near headquarters, with literature and possibly a Rhino or two for demonstration. We all agreed that this would be a good idea, and asked Guy to explore this in more detail. In return, we would suggest perhaps that they supply a couple of second-hand vehicles for us to use in moving things back and forth between test stations. Our insurance would cover any liability of people getting hurt in using the vehicles, but Ritchie's insurance would need to cover any damage to the vehicles themselves. If they preferred, they could provide financial support instead, such as covering our bird bill or part of it.

Kelley is getting the ducks again. Price is expected to be around \$13-\$14 per duck like last year.

Carol Stone has asked to borrow the club equipment for the week following the hunt test, for use in her poodle specialty club's WC/WCX event which will be at Chuck's. This event will be the week following our test, and Carol will be responsible for keeping track of the equipment. This had been discussed earlier and generally approved, but had not made it into the minutes.

David Knott is Chief Marshall, and has told Michael that he is having trouble finding people who will agree to help. Lois said she would marshall; Karen and Derek also agreed to help out. We will contact David individually and volunteer.

We will need to change the closing dates for the spring hunt test (and the fall one as well), as Entry Express is now requiring 12 days to finalize the program. Carol Stone has agreed to contact the necessary people to get this done.

Michael will order live ammo for the hunt test. He is getting 7s this time, as the 4s resulted in multiple duck parts. After some discussion, it was decided that 2 cases would be adequate. We need to order them right away as ammo is backordered now. Robert moved that we authorize Michael to purchase 2 cases of ammo; Chuck seconded; the motion passed.

Fall Hunt Test: We have locked in Oct 19-20, 2013 at Hiwassee. Justin has agreed to hold these dates for us, and the final TWRA paperwork is in process. No difficulties are anticipated. Now we need to get busy on identifying and locking in judges.

Future Training days: We discussed having an organized training date on Saturday, 4/13/13 at Roane Regional. Many people are busy that weekend with other events or with kids' activities. Guy and Sharon will be there, Roberta needs to check her calendar. Derek asked if we had thought of trying a Sunday afternoon date instead, to avoid conflict with various activities. We decided that Karen will send out an email to the membership notifying them of a date at 1:00 Sunday afternoon on April 14, and in the email will ask for feedback on whether this is a better time than Saturday. However, this will not work for future training dates as it gets too hot in the afternoon.

Guy and Derek have agreed to be assistant training directors so that Roberta has some help.

Board composition: We had scheduled a discussion about Lois Luthenauer's director position. She had missed the annual meeting, the March 12 meeting, and had not responded to numerous emails or telephone calls. Since Lois was at the meeting today, we asked her what was going on. It turns out that she had not gotten any emails or phone calls; when we checked the directory information, the phone number had a typo and the email address has been changed. She provided us with new information and all is well.

New Business:

- **MN Judges:** We have a request for our club to vote on Master National judges for 2013. Karen sent out the incoming email and ballot to the Board and asked for responses by April 10. So far, only a couple of responses have been received.

August picnic: Patti Gibson has reserved the LC park shelter for 08-10-2013. Karen will not be able to attend on this date, so we will need to identify someone else to take notes and deal with the voting in of new members

AKC info:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/board_minutes/03-2013.pdf

Labrador and Golden Retrievers Eligible to Participate in the Spaniel (Upland) Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a request from The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. and the Golden Retriever Club of America to participate in the Spaniel (Upland) Hunting Test program. Both breeds can currently participate in the Retriever Hunting Test. This request is in keeping with AKC's program allowing versatile hunting breeds to be tested in two hunting test programs if the test is consistent with the purpose for which the breed was developed. This will be discussed further at the April Board meeting.

Under the staff proposal, for tests with a limit on the number of entries, Spaniel Clubs would have the option of giving preference to Spaniel entries, taking entries for Retrievers if the limit had not been reached. Likewise, Retriever Clubs would have the option of giving preference to Retriever entries, taking entries for Spaniels if the limit had not been reached.

New members: for first reading, tentative approval, assignment of sponsors:

- Ryan Stamey, who joined today and participated in the trial. David Knott and Brent McCoy will be tagged as sponsors. If either of them refuse, Michael will serve as a sponsor.

Adjourn

There being no other new business, Robert moved that we adjourn; Lois seconded; and the motion passed without any dissenting votes. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

- Changed price on the inserts from \$14.95 to \$24.95, per Michael Evans. Also, changed "riding herd on" to "keeping track of" in statement about Carol Stone borrowing club equipment for the poodle event.

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

1. Robert Dodson 4/1/13
2. Chuck Atchley 4/1/13 (confirms \$680 is the correct amount on the club trial)
3. Brent McCoy 4/1/13
4. Guy Greer 4/1/13
5. Lois Luthenauer 4/1/13
6. Derek Dieterich 4/1/13
7. Karen Edwards 4/1/13