

Banquet and General Meeting, February 22, 2014
Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Brent McCoy, Guy Greer, Patti Gibson, Derek Dieterich, Lois Luthenauer.

Absent, excused: Kelley Eller, Robert Dodson

Absent, unexcused: John Guinn

Members present: Mitzi Evans, Richard Fletcher, Rick Fyfe, Mark Gibson, Tom and Liz Gibson, Sharon Greer, David and Wendy Knott and children, Kevin Luthenauer, Val McCoy and children, Kevin Niethammer, Fay Norwood, Jim Pearce, Ken Wade, Donna and Michael Smith, Carol and Kevin Stone, Beth White.

Guests Present: Bruce and Audrey Coleman of Cortland, NY (Blue Ribbon Goldens). The Colemans were guests of Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce.

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. 20 families were represented, and the current membership stands at 55 families. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Officer's Reports

Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report: Michael Evans.

Michael opened up the meeting with greetings to everyone, introduced the guests, thanked all the members, board members and officers for all the hard work during the year, and gave a rundown of the different activities during the past year:

- We put on two AKC hunt tests. The one in the spring was a large test and made a substantial profit. The fall one was smaller but we did make just a little money.
- We had two club trials in the spring. One was scheduled for the fall but canceled because of heavy storms; we were unable to reschedule.
- A number of organized training days were sponsored and held at our Roane Regional location. Mike commented for those who have not been to those grounds that they are very adequate although the pond poses a little bit of a challenge to provide adequate variety.
- We had a summer picnic and general meeting. It rained, but the shelter had a roof.
- We are planning two hunt tests for this year. The spring test will be May 23 and 24 over at Hiwassee; planning is well along, all judges are fixed except for one master judge.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on December 3, 2013. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since mid-December. Brent moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Chuck Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. No further secretarial report.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Atchley. Chuck passed out a handout showing the balance at the beginning of 2013, the income and outgo for all the events, and the balance at the end of the year.

See attached. We have a balance as of December 31, 2013 of \$10,821.69. Brent McCoy moved that we accept the Treasurer's report; Jim Pearce seconded it, it was unanimously approved with a big round of applause!

Election of New members: Michael Evans. We have four new / provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval.

- Joe Tyler Lloyd: lives in Knoxville, owns two labs. Sponsors Roberta Williams & Michael Evans recommend approval.
- Ranee Nevels: lives in Cumberland Furnace, TN near Nashville; owns a number of Chessies, participates in conformation and breeding. Sponsors Gale Frana & Karen Edwards recommend approval.
- Jackson Oster: lives in Johnson City, owns a Lab. Sponsors Guy Greer & Chuck Atchley recommend approval.
- Kevin Niethammer. Lives in Maryville; college Junior at UTC, owns a golden male. Sponsors Mark and Patti Gibson recommend approval. Kevin was present at the banquet and was formally introduced to the membership.

Jim Pearce moved that we accept all four for final membership; Carol Stone seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

- **AKC Representative's Report** (Michael Evans for Diane Fyfe). Diane was unable to be here tonight as she had a judging assignment this weekend. Michael read sections of her report, which is attached in its entirety to the minutes. Thanks, Diane, for attending the meeting and doing such a good job of writing your report!

One of the big issues carried over from last meeting was whether or not we should donate money to the AKC President's challenge, to be used for AKC's advocacy efforts in fighting anti-dog legislation at the local, state and national level. Jim Pearce moved that we donate \$300 to the AKC's President's Challenge fund; Derek Dieterich seconded the motion, and the floor was opened for discussion. Jim Pearce spoke of the need to provide support to grass-roots people fighting laws that prohibited ownership of intact animals, or limited the numbers of intact animals, or even limited the number of any animals within municipality limits. Mark Gibson questioned why AKC can't use the money we send already for each dog entered in our hunt tests, and why wasn't this enough. Carol Stone pointed out that the \$3.50 per dog per event went toward operating costs, such as recording results, maintaining information on titles, etc., and others pointed out that operating expenses could not be used for advocacy for a non-profit organization. Karen commented that PETA, HSUS and other anti-animal groups spend huge amounts of money every year trying to get legislation passed at every level, and that with no push-back from pro-animal groups, the legislators were often swayed through ignorance. Michael called for a vote, and the motion passed. Chuck will send them a check and Karen will provide him with the address.

New Business:

1. **Master National Club Rules Proposal Change by Sooner and Tulsa Retriever Clubs (Michael Evans).** These clubs have proposed language that would prohibit professional dog trainers from serving as member club representative, or from serving on the board of

directors of the Master National Club, or from judging the Master National. Michael, as our club's representative to the MNC, was asked to vote on this resolution. There was no real reason given as to what the problem is that this language is intended to correct; the definition of amateur seems to be very broad and unenforceable as it would prohibit someone from serving who had, for example, helped force fetch someone else's dog for a pittance of money at any time during the previous two years. Rick Fyfe expressed the sentiment that pros have a lot to offer to the MNC and are frequently very knowledgeable and experienced, and that a blanket prohibition might not be in the best interests of the club. Michael called for an up or down vote – did the members think he should vote yes to the new language, or no. The vote was unanimous in favor of not making this change.

2. **Awards Presentations (Michael Evans).** Michael called up and congratulated the following award recipients. Title awards were engraved plaques on a wood base; Puppy of the Year and Gun Dog of the Year were awarded larger engraved plaques and year-long possession of the award trophy; Master National passers were awarded an engraved plaque with a picture on it; the Member of the Year received a large engraved plaque; and the AKC Sportsman of the Year award comes with a large engraved plaque and a gold medallion from AKC. Congratulations to everyone for hard work and lots of retriever-related fun during the past year!

Junior Hunter Titles:

- * Troublesome Water G Willie JKM (Jeremy Majors)
- * Buck's Beau of Stoneridge (Donna and Michael Smith)

Senior Hunter Titles:

- * Holstonview's Charming Charlie Brown (Tom and Mark Gibson)
- * Buck's Beau of Stoneridge (Donna and Michael Smith)
- * Adirondac Sir Charles (Richard Cook)
- * Fern Hill Pandemonium (Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce)

Master Hunter Title:

- * Ambertrails Holy Moly MH, UD, RE, MX, MXB, MJ, MJB, NF (Rick Fyfe)

Master National Pass

- * HRCH Brandy's Queen Anne of Knox MH (J. Michael Evans)

Puppy of the Year:

- * River's Rowdy Tennessee Backwater (Hubert and Linda Helton) (17 points)

Gun Dog of the Year:

- HRCH Brandy's Queen Anne of Knox MH (J. Michael Evans) (28 points)

Member of the Year:

- * Carol Stone

AKC Sportsman of the Year:

- Jim Pearce and Karen Edwards

3. **Election of Officers/Board (Michael Evans).** The following slate of officers/board members and other positions was received from the nominating committee. There were no additional nominations from the membership during the allotted December / early January time period, and nominations are now closed. Jim Pearce moved that we accept the slate as presented; Carol Stone seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.


1. President: J. Michael Evans
2. Vice President: Guy Greer
3. Treasurer: Chuck Atchley
4. Secretary: Karen Edwards
5. Board member (2014-2017): Ken Wade
6. Board member (2014-2017): David Knott
7. Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
8. AKC Representative: Diane Fyfe
9. Past President: Brent McCoy (non-elective)
10. Chief Marshall for 2014 tests: Jim Pearce (non-elective)

(Remaining on the board: Patti Gibson and Guy Greer [vacancy] until 2/15; Derek Dieterich and Lois Luthenauer until 2/16.)

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn. There being no other business, Jim Pearce moved that we adjourn; Brent McCoy seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. J. Michael Evans: Annie's point total was 28.
- 2.

Approvals:

1. Brent McCoy 2/25/14
2. J. Michael Evans 2/26/14
3. Lois Luthenauer 2/26/14
4. Derek Dieterich 2/26/14
5. Patti Gibson 2/27/14
6. David Knott 2/27/14
7. Guy Greer 2/27/14

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

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p.m.

This was a special meeting of the Board with only three agenda items.

1. **Election of replacement for Guy Greer on the Board.** Guy has now been elected as Vice-President so his Board position through February 2015 is vacant. Ken Ward nominated Robert Dodson to the vacancy; Robert had already indicated he was willing to serve. Lois seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Setting dates for Spring club trials.** After looking at the hunt test schedule and peoples' commitments, it was decided that March 15 will be the first club trial at the Daryl Miller farm in Sweetwater. The second one will be 4 weeks later, April 19, at Chuck Atchley's Revilo farm.
3. **Setting dates for club training in April and May:** There were no dates that we could find that were open for training, past the training already scheduled on March 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. J. Michael Evans: Ken Wade's name was misspelled Ward up at the top of the page.

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