

**ETRC Board Meeting, April 19, 2014**  
**Revilo Farm, Sevierville, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Roberta Williams, Lois Luthenauer, Robert Dodson, Ken Wade, David Knott.

**Absent, excused:** Guy Greer, Derek Dieterich, Brent McCoy, Patti Gibson

**Absent, unexcused:** None.

**Members present:** Kevin Luthenauer, Jim Pearce.

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

**Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports**

**President's Report:** Michael Evans reported that Guy Greer, our Vice President, is going to have to step down for personal reasons for an undetermined period of time. After some discussion, we decided that we would consider this as a leave of absence and not take any steps to fill the position for the time being, and we all wish Guy and Sharon the very best of luck and hope for a quick resolution.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on March 15, 2014. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website early April. Ken moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Chuck seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

The AKC ballot marked YES (proposed rules change to field trials concerning Amateur stakes) was mailed on March 19, 2014. No further secretarial report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Atchley provided a printout showing a balance of \$10,616.21.

**AKC Representative's Report:** Diane Fyfe had earlier provided some materials from AKC concerning their Political Action Fund, which is a way for individuals, if they so choose, to support AKC's efforts to identify and support candidates with 'dog-friendly' views. The Club can not contribute to this fund, it is for individuals only. Karen will send out an all-member email with info about this effort in case any of our members wish to contribute directly to AKC.

**Old Business**

1. **2<sup>nd</sup> Club Trial April 19, 2014:** Report is attached to the minutes. Attendance was fair, the day was lovely, and we netted \$115 in profits.
2. **ETRC Spring Hunt Test.** Status: Michael reported that we need to order poppers. The price has gone up dramatically; last fall, he was able to order a bag of 1000 for \$97. This

year, the lowest price he has been able to find is from Cheaper Than Dirt, where the bag of 1000 now costs \$175 and may not be in stock as it is not indicated as being in stock on their website. The next lowest price is \$13.95 for a box of 25 which is more expensive than actual live ammunition. Michael will make some calls and get these on order ASAP.

All other preparations seem to be going well:

- Entries are open on Entry Express and so far we have over 60 Master entries although not many yet for Junior and Senior.
  - Mark Atwater, an excellent dog action photographer, will be there taking pictures. In addition to shots at the line, he is available on Saturday for individual posed pictures of your dog or dog/handler together. Anyone who is interested will need to let him know ASAP on Saturday morning.
  - Patti and Mark Gibson are still planning on doing the judges' dinner, with a menu of steaks, chicken, ham and casseroles. Leftovers will be available for workers the next day.
  - Patti and Karen will be handling worker lunches.
  - Patti has volunteered to take care of the judges' gifts again and has asked the board to provide her with a budget. After some discussion, Ken moved that we tell her to use the same budget as last Fall's test for judges' gifts. Lois seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - Tee shirt etc. sales: Brent and Val are doing an inventory and will put in an order in time for receipt by the test. However, someone else will have to handle sales since Val is resigning from the job as tee-shirt sales coordinator. Karen mentioned that she, Carol and Patti are all in the office and will have time to handle the sales. Several people requested that more sweatshirts and hats be ordered. A particular favorite is the lovely camo hat with the embroidered duck on the side, but this time with a thread color for the ETRC name that will stand out better.
  - Motel Rooms: Michael has made reservations for the judges. There are more rooms still available at the group rates if anyone wants them. They will need to contact the hotel themselves directly.
  - Some of the wingers will need to be restrung. There is rubber in the trailer; we need to have some of the club members handle this on Friday.
  - This time, Michael plans to identify where the various stakes will be held rather than run the judges around and let them pick. Too many problems with that last year, with last minute mind-changes.
  - Ducks: Kevin Luthenauer reported that he has ordered ducks from Kylie Buettner. Contact info is [kiley@buettnerducks.com](mailto:kiley@buettnerducks.com), 605-351-1811. Kevin still has to provide a final number and at that point will learn the final cost per duck.
3. ***ETRC Fall Hunt Test.*** Jason, the Hiwassee manager, has told us that he is looking at possible dates for our fall test and hopes to provide us with this info by the spring test. All else is pending getting a date set.

**New Business:**

1. ***First Reading, New members***


- a. Scott Underwood: requested sponsors Brad Harris, Brian Caldwell. Since Brad Harris has not renewed his membership so far this year, we decided it was inappropriate for him to be a sponsor. David Knott volunteered to be the other sponsor. Chuck moved that Scott be accepted on first reading; David Knott seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Karen will notify everyone and provide Scott with the site passwords.

2. ***MNC Judges:*** Michael got an email from the Master National Club telling him that the ballot for judges was on its way, but he hasn't seen it yet. Michael will not be going to the Master National in California this fall, and Fay Norwood may not be going either, so our club may be without a representative this time around.

***Any other new business?*** NONE.

***Adjourn:*** There being no other new business, Lois moved that we adjourn. Ken seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Michael Evans: poppers were listed for \$175 per 1000, not \$195 and the boxed poppers were \$13.95 per box not \$18.95.
2. Lois Luthenauer: delete blank number 4 at the end of the old business section.

Approvals:

1. Ken Wade 4/21/14
2. Michael Evans 4/21/14
3. Robert Dodson 4/21/14
4. Lois Luthenauer 4/21/14
5. Chuck Atchley 4/22/14
6. Derek Dieterich 4/22/14
7. Karen Edwards 4/23/14