

## **ETRC Board Meeting, April 9, 2016 Darryl Miller Farm, Sweetwater, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Donna Smith, Alan Bruhin

**Absent, excused:** Michele Fletcher, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art Gibson, Diane Fyfe

**Absent, unexcused:** Ron Burger

**Members present:**

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

Meeting called to order at 2:20 p.m. immediately following the ribbon ceremony for the club trial.

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

**President's Report:** Lois Luthenauer: Deferred to discussion under various topics.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was March 8, 2016. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since March 20, 2016. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Michael Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: emailed letters to all judges from March 10 – March 20. Mailed MNRC judges ballot on March 9, 2016.

**Website changes made & pending:** Some new awards photos added, added minutes from 3/8/16 board meeting, updated calendar with events changes.

**Membership:** Reminders in newsletter. May send out an additional email individual reminder again in May. Current membership is 44 as of today, with 21 people from 2015 who haven't yet renewed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 4/8/16 was \$11,378.20 with only one bill outstanding (website 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, \$94).

**AKC Representative's Report:** Diane Fyfe, not present.

### **Old Business**

1. **Spring Club Trial #1, Darryl Miller's:** Just concluded successfully. No expenses, we took in \$625 including 3 memberships, sales, and entry fees. For a complete rundown, see the club trial report which is attached to these minutes. Lois asked Karen to send a thank you letter to Darryl and Sharon Miller for the use of their farm.

2. **Spring club Trial #2, Chuck Atchley's Revilo:** May 14. We need to pin down judges and work out how we are going to run this one in advance. Alan Bruhin agreed to judge again, and Ritchie Grigsby was suggested as one of the other judges plus Jim Pearce and Wayne Rasbury. If we run only 3 setups – Singles Classic, combined Junior/Advanced Junior/Senior/Master, and puppy we will need fewer judges and it will be easier for people running dogs at multiple levels. We definitely need to get some birdboys – it is very hard to switch around efficiently. Also, with the ducks in as bad shape as they are, we either need to get some fresher ducks or consider buying dokkens instead. Info has been posted on website since end of February, mentions in first newsletter, details & directions in second newsletter sent out 4/1/16.
3. **Spring Hunt Test, May 28-29:** Judges approved; opens May 4, closes May 16. Biggest issue is going to be setting up, tearing down, and moving setups. We still need to work out some clarification on Master marshals on how to handle amateur handlers – maybe a note in the premium list that all Master handlers must check in at Headquarters to clarify their amateur/pro status, plus make sure Marshals ask everyone if they did so. It will be important to use marshals at the Master stakes who know most of the pros. Jim Pearce, who was loading up the trailer, was asked if he has located marshals yet. He replied that he had a number of people who had volunteered to assist but he hadn't pinned down days and assignments yet. Patti G has requested marshaling with Sheila and Doug Nelson, and Donna also volunteered to help marshal at Master since she knows most of the pros. Alan B. won't be at the test; he has had a vacation planned for over a year that conflicts with our dates.

We decided we needed an entire meeting in the next couple of weeks to make sure we had plans covered for the spring hunt test and to discuss issues related to the Fall hunt test. Lois and Karen will come up with some dates and get them out to the Board to see which one is best.

4. **Fall Hunt Test:** Approved dates with AKC are October 22-23. New location: Lucky 7 Ranch, Erie Road, Sweetwater. Karen contacted AKC about site approval, no response yet; the owner, Ken Campbell wants insurance certificates but we don't yet have a mailing address to send them to. Michael contacted TWRA about bird approvals and needs to collect some info from the property owner.
  - a. Need to decide on use of Dogtown property (Brady Collins) for 2<sup>nd</sup> Master flight. There was some discussion about the difficulty in logistics of having a test at two locations and what would be needed – more workers to run stuff back and forth and to have a devoted crew for the 2<sup>nd</sup> site. Other options explored were trying to have two master flights at Lucky 7, but both Alan and Michael, who are judges, felt this was just not workable in terms of the amount of land and ponds available there. We discussed another possible option, which is to have a 90-dog Master test starting on Friday. This would also require more workers – set up on Thursday, workers on Friday, lunches, etc. We tabled this discussion until next meeting. If we do use Dogtown, we need to explore contract / insurance certs / money with owner Brady Collins.
  - b. Amount of \$ for site/ Ken Campbell donation to youth fund. No figure was decided upon; tabled until our next meeting.

- c. TWRA has certain rules governing the use of live birds on private land these days. Michael has had preliminary discussions with TWRA who will need the following info for starters: 1) Is Lucky 7 listed on the Green Belt ; 2) Is the farm used for recreation or business. If the answer is "Both" then which is "Primary." 3) Exactly how many acres will we have access to (Pond sizes included); and 4) Whether he donates the money back to us or not, TWRA will want to know an exact amount paid to him for use of the grounds. Lois is working with John Broucek to get this information for Michael.
  - d. Add John Broucek to fall HT committee? Ken Campbell, Lucky 7 owner, has requested that John B be there during the entire test to represent him. Plus, he has detailed knowledge of the land which will be useful for planning. The Board agreed to add him as a 6<sup>th</sup> person on the committee, and Karen will make the change on the AKC website.
  - e. Discussion on official hotel – the Board agreed that using one at Exit 60, which is only a few miles from the Lucky 7, would be best. Lois will explore which one to pick considering cost, pet friendliness, etc. and will select one.
  - f. Need to start getting judges pinned down very soon. Michael, Lois and Alan agreed to start working on judges selection.
5. **Kevin's Fund:** Announced in the newsletter twice and posted on the website. No applications so far; Karen will send out some reminders to people with known kids suggesting they apply. If we don't get any applicants, we can still have the junior handler's seminar and may need to think of other ways to spend the money or increase participation.
6. **Tee Shirts etc.** Lois Luthenauer: new order made 3/30/16, received. Total order was \$1517.29 and we now have a full range of sizes and two styles of hat. Karen spent several hours during the club test organizing them (\$175 were sold) into colors, styles and sizes. These will be kept in the small trailer until the hunt test, but then Lois will take them back for the summer. We need to get some more plastic tubs for storage; we have two tubs and the rest of them are in paper boxes.
7. **Duck Storage :** Patti Gibson no longer wants to be the keeper of the frozen ducks. We need a new volunteer, and someone to help move the freezer and ducks to their new home ASAP. She says she might be willing to keep the freezer, but wants someone else to be responsible for thawing and transporting ducks to training sessions and club trials. Alan Bruhin suggested the club consider buying a supply of Dokkens, enough to use for these events, and forget about ducks for now. Tabled for discussion at the next meeting.
8. **Hunt Test Raffle, Website advertising:** Report – Donna & Mike
- a. Items donated to date: Donna reported that she and her husband have contacted 7 companies and have received donations from three of them: Avery sent hats, lanyards,

and other little stuff); Gun Dog Supply donated 6 \$25 gift ; & Delta Waterfowl donated a beautiful, thick wool jacket, 1 safety goggles, 1 cap, flashlight, master vision camp lights to put on cap. Other places contacted include Dogs Afield, Purina, Lion Country and Ducks Unlimited, but no responses. Other suggested places to ask: Cabelas, (super-fancy duck calls?), sportdog.com -- they have the best e-collar these days (\$169 but cheaper on Amazon), lots of bumpers and dokkens --- everyone always needs more of them; Pet Safe; Gander Mountain -- all kinds of stuff; Academy store in west Knoxville; BassPro.; Sportsmanswarehouse.com, <http://www.sierratradingpost.com/>. Roberta also volunteered to donate two duck crates to be raffled, and there was some discussion about including a solicitation to club members to offer other items as well.

- b. There was some discussion about whether to combine the raffle with a tailgate party. In the past, this was how ETRC ran raffles, and usually managed to net around \$500-\$900 on the raffle. People bought more tickets once they had a few beers. The general consensus was that a tailgate party does not seem like a good idea – no liquor allowed on WMAs; no lights after dark; people too tired for another party Saturday night. No one much is having tailgate parties anymore.
- c. Other things that need to be considered about the raffle were tabled for discussion at the next meeting. Karen mentioned that we needed someone in the office to handle the tee-shirt sales and raffle ticket sales; she can help out during slow times but can't handle them solo along with the lunches and food sales.

9. **Jody Ware Spring Seminar.** Tabled for later. No date from Jody yet.

10. **Summer picnic:** Tabled for next meeting.

11. **Training Committee and dates:** March 12 was the last date. About 15 people showed up including 3 prospective new members/families who said they were joining. Two have joined. No training scheduled for April and May.

12. **Revitalization of Club Newsletter:** Got good feedback on first newsletter. Second one released on April 1; deadline for May newsletter is April 23. Lois asked Karen and Roberta to add Ken Campbell and Darryl Miller to the list for receiving the newsletter.

## **New Business:**

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

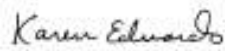
- a. Haley & Ben O'Neal. They have labs and run a dog training/boarding academy near Chattanooga. Sponsors: Mike Evans and Alan Bruhin.
- b. Ben and Mandy Dorton: also have labs and are friends with the O'Neals. Sponsors assigned: Michael Evans and Alan Bruhin.
- c. Tracey and Daniel Heard: have a Boykin puppy and two pre-teen kids. Sponsors: Patti Gibson & Donna Smith.

Michael Evans moved that these new members be accepted on first reading. Roberta seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Karen will notify the new members and the sponsors and the final vote will be scheduled for the summer picnic.

*Any other new business?* None.

*Adjourn:* There being no other new business, and Michael needing to get to work, Alan moved that we adjourn. Donna seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Add duck crate donations and discussion about soliciting items from club members – Donna Smith, 4/10/16
2. Change dog breed on the Heards, Patti Gibson, 4/10/16
3. Judge name corrections on club trail, Michael Evans, 4/12/16

Approvals:

1. Donna Smith, 4/10/16
2. Alan Bruhin, 4/10/16
3. Patti Gibson, 4/10/16
4. Michael Evans, 4/12/16
5. Roberta Williams, 4/12/16
6. Karen Edwards, 4/12/16
7. Lois Luthenauer, 4/12/16

No, I did not hear from Ron that I remember.

#2 line 5 replace "to smoothly with" with the word "for"

#4 - I assume "K" means Karen?