

ETRC Board Meeting, Saturday, 2/20/16
After the Banquet: Calhoun's Bearden Hill

Present from the Board: Lois Luthenauer, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art Gibson, Diane Fyfe, Alan Bruhin, Donna Smith, Ron Burger

Absent, excused: None

Absent, unexcused: None

Members present: Mike Smith (plus others milling around paying bills in the background)

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Lois Luthenauer: None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. None.

Website changes made & pending: None

Membership: Will send out reminder to people who have not yet rejoined at end of Feb, March, April and May. Current membership count after tonight is 32 renewed, 29 not yet renewed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Report same as general meeting.

AKC Representative's Report: Diane Fyfe. None

Old Business

1. **Spring Club Trials:** We need to set dates for the club trials and find locations. The best date in April is April 9 (the second Saturday) as it is the only day that there is nothing showing on Entry Express as a conflict. Michael volunteered to contact Darryl Miller to see if we can use his farm again; Darryl had indicated that he was willing but we needed to set a date. We will not try to locate birdboys from the schools; Michael has one or two people he can bring and we can throw for each other. We have a number of smelly old frozen ducks, and Lois has a lead on small number of fresh local ducks (like 12 at a time) if we decide we want to do this. The Gibsons are still looking for someone to take charge of the club duck freezer.

May 14 (the second Saturday) is the best date in May. There are conflicts showing on Entry Express but they are not particularly close by (Cheraw, Mississippi). Alan Bruhin volunteered to call Chuck Atchley to see if we can use his Revilo farm for this one. If that isn't OK, we decided to check with Jason at Hiwassee to see if we could hold it at the refuge.

Karen will get the dates up on the website; as soon as the locations are confirmed we will need to start finding people to judge the various stakes.

2. ***Spring Hunt Test:*** Karen will send out letters to the judges as soon as Michael provides the finalized list. Lois has a copy of the draft letter for review and changes. On key assignments, Jim Pearce is Chief Marshal; Karen and Valerie Burger volunteered to handle the food (Patti asked to resign after handling it for so many years); Mike Smith volunteered to help with the equipment and Lois will call Derek to see if he might still be willing to be our head equipment guy again; Michael will get a couple of shooters; and Diane Fyfe volunteered to continue on being the birdboy wrangler. Karen will update the Assignments list and email it to the board for reference.
3. ***Fall Hunt Test:*** Need to start getting judges pinned down as soon as we can pin down a date and a location. See the General Meeting / Banquet minutes for more details on this. Lois has a few neighbors who may have appropriately large / watery farms, and she is doing some research on Google Earth to check them out. Ricky Travis is one person who might have an appropriate farm. We can offer to pay some for the use of the grounds but need to be careful not to go into the hole on expenses, especially since our fall test is usually not a big money-maker if it conflicts with the Master National.
4. ***Inventory, Sale of excess equipment, purchase of new/improved equipment:*** Updated inventory provided to Board members 2/18/16. Consumable supplies (poppers, MAP gas canisters, toilet paper etc.) -- Not inventoried.
 - a. Small pull-behind trailer: purchased. Pictures were up on the display board at the banquet. It has been fitted up and loaded with what we need to conduct club trials or training days. For security, it is parked in clear view of one of the Pegasus security cameras, and one of the wheels has been removed and put into the back. Karen will check on building and club security to see if it is covered against theft.
 - b. New duck driers: Alan moved that we buy 4 of the small aluminum bird driers from Dogs Afield, at \$130 apiece, and Patti seconded the motion. Each one will hold a total of 20-25 ducks and breaks down to a 1" deep package, 18"W x 31"L. Karen noted that we had received an anonymous donation of \$130 during the banquet for purchase of one of these driers, so we only need to buy three of them. The vote to purchase was unanimous; Karen volunteered to get these on order.
5. ***Tee Shirts etc.*** Lois Luthenauer: status of new order? This was not discussed but needs to be addressed soon if we are to have shirts available for sale at the club trials and the hunt test.
6. ***Hunt Test Raffle:*** If we want to do this, need to appoint someone NOW to get started on this. After some discussion, Mike and Donna Smith agreed to make some calls to various places to see if we can get some items donated for the spring hunt test. Karen mentioned that Derek Dieterich had been handling website advertising, and had often been able to get discounts or gift certificates from companies that wanted to have their logos placed on our website. After some more discussion, Mike and Donna agreed to take over this function as it would tie in well with their work on the raffle.

7. **Jody Ware Spring Seminar.** Lois talked with Leigh Ware who said that Jody was still interested in putting on a full seminar for us something this spring (possibly not until June). Lois will work with them to determine a date. At that point, we will need to decide on format, charge fee, Open to non-members (after a week announcement to members)? Pay for Jody, etc.
8. **Training Committee and dates:** We had some good training sessions on the second Saturdays in December and January; the February one was canceled because of intense cold. We decided to have another session on the second Saturday of March (March 12), and then no more until next fall – with the club trials and hunt tests and a potential Jody Ware seminar there wouldn't be a good date especially with hunt test season in full swing.
9. **Kevin's Fund:** Karen and Lois had previously agreed to work on a draft program for presentation to the board. This has not happened yet, but is still on our list of things to do.

New Business:

1. **First Reading, New members:** None to consider.
2. **Any other new business?** None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Karen moved that we adjourn. Michael Evans seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary / Treasurer

Changes:

Approvals:

1. Alan Bruhin, 2/21/16
2. Michele Fletcher, 2/21/16
3. Ron Burger, 2/22/16
4. Donna Smith, 2/22/16
5. Diane Fyfe, 2/22/16
6. J.Michael Evans, 2/23/16
7. Karen Edwards, 2/23/16