

ETRC Board Meeting, April 8, 2017
Miller Farm, Sweetwater, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Tom Gibson, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce.

Absent, excused: Lois Luthenauer, Donna Smith, John Broucek, Rick Fyfe, Michele Fletcher (AKC rep)

Absent, unexcused: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board, barely, was present. Meeting called to order by Vice President Alan Bruhin (in Lois's absence) at 12:10 p.m. following the conclusion of the first Club Trial.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. None. [The Minutes for February 22 were approved by a majority of the club and were posted on the club website on February 26. We will need to address formal approval at the next club meeting.]

- **Correspondence:** See new business, judges for 2018 Master National.
- **Website changes made & pending:** No report.
- **Membership:** No report.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. No formal report; Karen stated that the amount in the account is approximately \$15,000.

AKC Representative's Report: None.

Old Business

1. **Club Trials:** The first club trial was today; see attached report. Second spring trial will be May 13 at Lucky 7 Ranch. Alan commented that Chuck Atchley asked him if we were planning to come to his place this spring for a trial; we discussed possibly using his farm for the fall trial although finding a date when it is not in use for dove hunts will be a problem. No decision was reached.
2. **Spring Hunt Test:** May 27-28, Hiwassee.
 - a. Work is coming along well. formal TWRA and AKC approval has been received; Entry Express is already taking entries for Junior and Senior dogs. Entries for Master dogs will open May 3 in the evening; anyone who works at the test can get a code that permits them to enter on May 2 in the evening. Roberta has already received the codes.

- b. Judges are approved and Karen has sent them all confirmation letters. Michael has made reservations for the ones that need it at the hotel. There are 12 rooms available for club members who want them, at a special rate as long as reservations have been made before May 15. Karen will put a notice to this effect in the May newsletter.
- c. Bird Kids –Karen got contact info from Rhey Houston on the FFA who were so good at the fall hunt test. They have agreed to provide kids for both spring and fall; Karen has modified the contract and sent it to the contact for signature.
- d. Judges dinner and gifts: Patti asked for a budget on the judges. Michael moved that we keep the amount at the \$75 level that we have used for the past year. Luke seconded, and the motion passed. Tom will notify Patti. Karen is to put a request in the newsletter for potluck food donations for the judges' dinner, to be coordinated by Patti.
- e. Marshals: Tom is working to identify marshals. Alan Bruhin has already agreed to be one of the Master marshals, and Sherri Catledge will be the primary marshal in the other Master flight. Karen will send Tom the marshal info sheet for him to send out to everyone, and once he has identified people he will pass the info along for Karen to prepare the communications plan handout for each of them.
- f. Judges Sheets: Roberta reported that the company we have been buying waterproof paper/judges sheets from is no longer in business. She has downloaded the format from the AKC website and is looking at the cost of buying waterproof paper from Amazon or Staples. It looks like the price of the paper alone is much higher than we were paying for the printed sheets from our old supplier. Alan suggested that we buy 400 waterproof sheets and print them up, but don't use them unless it is actually raining. We should also print out 400 or so sheets on regular paper and use them if possible. He agreed to do the printing and to purchase the paper (for reimbursement); Roberta will send him the link to the AKC format. Roberta will also buy some more mailers for ribbons; we only have a very few left.
- g. Ducks: Lois will be coordinating with duck supplier Kiley Buettner for getting the ducks. She has been sick for several weeks and we don't know if she has given him a heads up yet on the dates. Michael volunteered to call Kiley to make sure he knows our test is coming up and the dates; of course we will not know how many ducks to order until after the test closes on the 15th. Hopefully Lois will be back in commission by then! Nothing has been worked out yet with Jason on how we are going to receive the ducks. Karen suggested we need to make sure to get the driver's cell phone number from Kiley so we can check with him on his progress on the day of receipt.
- h. Gas for ducks: Karen reported that Holston Gas is no longer refunding money for the second gas cylinder if we don't use it; they insist that we pay for both. Michael says we only need one and he will stop getting 2.
- i. Dumpsters and Porta Potties: Michael has ordered both from Fay Portables in Athens, for delivery Friday afternoon, May 26.
- j. Gunners: Michael has Saturday covered, but is still looking for a few gunners on Sunday. If you know anyone, let him know.

3. Equipment:

- a. Karen mentioned that she is still supposed to buy 2 boxes of the Zinger Winger rubber for repairs. This led to a discussion that it would be nice to have a couple of

extra wingers that aren't needed for set-ups, so that instead of stopping the test while we fix a winger, we can just bring a working one out and take the broken one back to HQ for a fix. Karen moved, and Luke seconded, that we buy two wingers for this purpose, more of the Field Trial G4 models so they are all alike. The motion was approved. Prices at Gun Dog Supply are \$430 each, but Sporting Dog Pro is advertising them at \$350. Karen will do some price shopping and get them ordered along with the rubber.

- b. Map Gas: equipment chairman Jim Pearce will get 8 more canisters for the test to make sure we don't run out.
 - c. Equipment repairs: we decided to meet Friday morning before the test, around 11 a.m., to work on the equipment and make sure we have everything we need for repairs. Jim and Michael at least will be there and will ask for others to come help as needed. This will include making sure the wingers are all working, and straightening up the feet on the blinds that got bent in the concrete-like soil last fall.
 - d. Signs: Rick Fyfe has been working on getting new "ETRC EVENT" signs made up. No report but something to keep in mind.
4. Sponsors and Raffle: not only is SportMix planning to come to the Hunt Test (and came today to our tiny club trial), Purina has contacted us and offered to be a sponsor. They are planning to bring substantial amounts of loot – 2# bags of pro plan dog food for each dog entered; big bags for us to raffle, hats, other goodies. Michael mentioned that he may be getting a couple of Dogtra bark collars and maybe even a GPS collar donated for a raffle as well. After discussion, we decided to have just one raffle that covers both workers and the public. We will sell tickets, one for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Workers will get a free ticket for every day they work (this is not set in stone; we can have more discussion on prices and quantities). Michael moved that we buy a third Zinger Winger to include in the raffle. Luke seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. Karen will buy this along with the two already authorized, and will also buy some ticket rolls from Staples or Walmart for use in the raffle.
 5. **Kevin's Fund:** Rules: No report. Karen and Lois are tagged with reviewing and making any changes necessary this but haven't yet begun.
 6. **Training Dates:** Not discussed, no dates set.
 7. **Fall Hunt Test:** No report. Karen still needs to fill out the AKC application and we need to look for judges.
 8. **Committee to look at Dog/Puppy of the Year rules:** No report. Karen, Michael Evans, & Mike Smith are working on this and plan to have something ready to discuss at a meeting this summer following the hunt test.
 9. **August Seminar / picnic:** no report. Waiting on dates from Jody.

New Business:

1. New Members: We have three new members who need first reading and assignment of sponsors. They are:

- a. Lorrie Johnson, Knoxville. Owns Chessies, very active in agility and obedience. Karen and Jim have known her for years. Karen will be one sponsor, Alan Bruhin volunteered to be the other.
- b. Jim Harrison, Smyrna. Has a chocolate lab, is a member of MTARC, willing to help with test set-up. Michael Evans and Luke McCoy volunteered to be sponsors.
- c. Daniel Blevins, Maryville. Has a young Boykin and a 14-year old lab. Is a friend of member Kevin Niethammer. He came to the Club Trial today to see what it was all about and to turn in his membership application. Michael Evans and Tom Gibson volunteered to be sponsors.

Michael volunteered that we accept these people as new members with the sponsors who volunteered assigned. Luke seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

2. Judges for 2018 Master National Hunt Test: Roberta received a letter from the MN Club asking us to vote on judges from our region for the 2018 test. This must be returned by April 30. We were provided with 6 names of people who had been pre-screened. After some discussion among people who were judges themselves and had judged with some of these people, and others who had tested under them, Luke McCoy proposed that we nominate David Kress, Martha Kress, and Jeff Schilz. Mike seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. There was also some discussion of who was going to be our club delegate this year. Unfortunately, Michael doesn't have a dog qualified. We will probably need to ask either Jody or Brian to attend the meeting. In the meantime, the ballot requires two signatures, one club officer and one Club Contact or delegate. Roberta is the contact.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Luke moved that we adjourn. Michael seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Sport MIX dog food, not Sport Dog – Mike Evans, 4/11/17

Approvals:

1. Rick Fyfe, 4/9/17
2. Donna Smith, 4/10/17
3. Luke McCoy, 4/10/17
4. Alan Bruhin, 4/10/17
5. Jim Pearce, 4/10/17
6. Michele Fletcher, 4/9/17
7. Karen Edwards 4/11/17
8. J. Michael Evans 4/11/17