

ETRC Board Meeting, 10/3/18
Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate) Carol McCorkle, Tom Gibson

Absent, excused: Donna Smith (on vacation), John Broucek (busy), Cory Smith (job conflict), J. Michael Evans (at HRC Grand test)

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 8/18/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Jim Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** Letters out to judges confirming assignments & providing info. Sent ballot to MNRC as directed on rules changes.
- **Membership:** Current 2018 membership is 59 as of 10/3/18, including 7 waiting final vote and 2 more needing first reading today, and excluding recently deceased member.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/3/18 is \$21,177.37, with no bills currently outstanding but lots coming up soon.

- Website fees for quarter (including yearly provider fee): \$157.50
- \$116.85 for more checks
- \$150 to Brian Caldwell for bird boys for the picnic / seminar
- \$850 to Equisure for officers/directors liability policy
- \$700 cash withdrawals for hunt test: 6 \$100 bills for judges gifts, \$100 cash

Income since last meeting:

- \$50 from new members Peter Torok and Rachel Smith

Lois moved that we accept the Treasurer's report as read. Michele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing new to report

Old Business

1. ***Fall Club Trial :*** set for October 6, Saturday, at Lucky 7, starting early morning (8 a.m.). Everyone who was at the meeting is planning to come to the Club Trial except for Michele

who will be judging agility at the Doberman specialty. Luke will judge Singles Classic with someone yet to be determined; Alan will judge the Master/Senior/Junior setup along with Tom Gibson. If the stakes need to be split because of the number of dogs, Tom will judge the Junior / Senior group and two more people will be roped into helping. There are no judges identified yet for Puppy stakes. Jim will bring over the trailer.

2. **Fall Hunt Test**

- a. Most of the discussion was centered around the assignment sheet and the status of items on it. Basically, things are going fairly well and we were able to pin down some of the assignments that were still open. Much of the discussion centered around getting Michele info that she was going to need to fill in for Karen (treasurer, bird boy coordinator, ribbon wrangler), for Carol (Hunt Test Secretary), and for Jim (mostly Cory, although he was not able to attend the meeting.)
 - b. Apprentice judges: We had a request earlier from Lisa Styles to apprentice in Junior on Sunday. She will have to be there on Friday to participate in set-up, which is part of the rules of the apprentice program, and we had no word back from her on whether she could make it on Friday. During the meeting, Lois was able to get hold of her and confirm her participation. Also, Scott Chaney has requested to be an apprentice at the Master Stake. Luke has contacted the judges and got their approval, and also contacted the AKC rep to make sure this could be done at such a late date. We do have to change the premium on Entry Express to add these two as apprentices before the test closes next Wednesday; Carol will get that done.
 - c. At the Club Trial, Luke will need to talk to Brandon and/or Ken about two things: may we leave the small trailer over there for the two weeks before the hunt test; and that we need to have some fields mowed before the test. Luke will go over the specific fields to determine what needs to be done during the test.
 - d. So far, the Master stake is filled and there is not much yet for Junior and Senior. Hopefully we will get more entries as time wears on. Pro Jody Ware will not be attending, as the tests in Middle Tennessee and Kentucky sandwich our test, they are much closer to home, and he doesn't like to run three weekends in a row.
3. **Training dates:** Will start in November and try to schedule Lisa Styles for the first one. Sherie Catledge is also willing to help set up and run training dates once she is settled in to her new place in East Tennessee.
4. **Luthenauer Youth Handler Program:** Lois Luthenauer – status update. Seminar is pending Sherie's move.
5. **Equipment:**
- a. Automatic launchers: In August, the board approved buying two of these to help at Club Trials and training days, less time for people in the blinds etc. This fell in the cracks and Karen volunteered to pick it up on 9/30/18. Unfortunately, these are drop-shipped from the factory and take 3-5 weeks to ship so it is too late to order in time for our upcoming club trial. Since these will be useful for winter training days, the Board directed her to go ahead and get these on order.

- b. Poupus: Luke & Michael have been researching. No updates on which brand to get. Probably not desperately needed for the Fall test; the long-range forecast is predicting highs in the 70s.

6. Miscellaneous Club Business stuff: History stuff has been moved from Roberta's home to her daughter Melody's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. She warns that some of it has been water damaged. Michael has apparently not been able to get this picked up yet. We need to ask him to put this on priority.

New Business:

1. ***New Members:***

- a. Rachel & Heath Smith, Dayton, TN. Stay at home mom, has a three year old yellow lab. Interested in hunt tests, trials, training, breeding. Luke McCoy and Carol McCorkle have agreed to be her sponsor.
- b. Peter and Mara Torok, near Johnson City, TN. Retired military doctor, has one of the Fern Hill 9 month old Golden puppies, has trained before to WCX. Jim and Karen will sponsor.

Carol moved we accept these new members on first reading. Michele seconded, and the motion was approved.

2. ***Mid-Week Master Only Test in Spring 2019:*** If we are going to do this we need to start planning it very soon. There was a suggestion made that we consider tacking this on before our spring hunt test, which would make it easier for ordering ducks. There was lively discussion about this proposal, which would mean 5 days in a row that we would have to have workers there working. Although a Master-only test would not require as many people to work, there would still be enough, and enough of the same people, that the majority opinion seemed to be that this was not a very workable scenario. Also, it's pretty hot on Memorial Day weekend, and if we have the test earlier in the spring it would be much cooler. Alan moved that we look at dates and locations at both Hiwassee and Lucky 7 for both late March and early April, and have some more info for the Board to consider at the next board meeting in November. We will need to start preparing to get judges and get AKC approval before the end of the year.

3. ***Spring Hunt Test:*** On the docket for the November meeting, to begin preparations. Lois Moved that we dedicate the Spring Hunt Test to Roberta Williams' memory. Carol seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Alan moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

1. Karen Edwards, 10/4/18. Added motion omitted from first draft
- 2.

Approvals:

1. Jim Pearce 10/4/18
2. Michele Fletcher 10/4/18
3. Alan Bruhin 10/4/18
4. Lois Luthenauer 10/10/18
5. Carol McCorkle 10/10/18
6. Tom Gibson 10/10/18
7. Karen Edwards 10/10/18