

ETRC Board Meeting, 1/6/19

Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Tom Gibson, Donna Smith, Cory Smith, J. Michael Evans

Absent, excused: John Broucek (leaving for Florida), Michele Fletcher (in Atlanta getting dog bred), Carol McCorkle.

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 10/31/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. J. Michael Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:**
- **Membership:** Current 2018 membership is 61 as of 12/31/18, including 10 waiting final vote and 1 more needing first reading today, and excluding deceased member.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 12/31/18 is \$23,364.13 with no bills currently unpaid but lots coming up soon:

- \$3597.98 to Karen Edwards for payback on 2 Thunder 1000 dummy launchers w/electronics
- \$159.80 to Karen Edwards for payback on new Youth trophy
- Costs for awards banquet

Income since last meeting:

- \$25 from new member Jay /Heather Richards

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher:

Old Business

1. **Awards Banquet.** Status update, Mike Evans. The date is confirmed with Calhoun's Bearden Hill for Sat, Feb 23, 6:00 p.m. Calhoun's staff did not mention a 'room cost' as we have had to pay at least once in the past. However, they told J. Michael that this is the last year that groups of more than 22 can order off the menu. In succeeding years, we will have to have a buffet with several choices of meat and veg, and the cost will depend on the meats chosen. Fish and chicken is the cheapest option. We had discussed before going back to paying all or part of the banquet fee this year, but have decided to delay that discussion until next year when we have to go back to a buffet.

2. **Awards:** last date for title awards, MN/MA awards and special member/akc awards is 1/14/19. J. Michael reported that so far, only 6 title awards have been received and he is sure there are others. Also, so far he has only received two nominations for Sportsman of the Year and one for Member of the Year. No one has submitted a nomination for puppy of the year. He asked Karen to get out a brief email to the membership reminding them of the upcoming deadline for nominations and awards (January 14) and asking them to get those nominations in. He has also asked Michele to order the AKC medallion so that is underway.
 - a. Puppy points: There was some confusion about the new awards rules which are in effect for the first time this year. Relying on memory, two of the Board members, including one who has an eligible puppy, thought there were no points awarded for puppy stakes unless at least three puppies entered. We looked up the rules and that is not correct; any puppy who passes gets at least one point even if he is the only puppy competing. First place gets more points if there are at least 3 puppies, etc.
 - b. Field Trial titles: As we agreed last year, AKC field trial titles are eligible for title plaques at our awards ceremony. We have two this year – a QA2 and an FC. We decided that these should be the large size plaques (like Master), and Lois was going to check with MTARC to see if they would show us how they design their plaques to see the actual wording that we should use.

3. **Master March Midweek Hunt Test:** AKC has agreed to let us have a mid-week Master only test in March. However, since we are already within the 3 months window (tests are supposed to be requested at least three months in advance) we have to get on the ball and get the dates requested right away. J. Michael had talked with Jason at Hiwassee, and the grounds would be available up until the last weekend in March. Jason can't guarantee there would be enough water to run two Master setups because of the lake drawdown which TWRA has no control over, but probably we could run two flights there if we wanted to. J. Michael hadn't been able to confirm our prospective dates with Ken Campbell, but last fall Ken told him any date would be OK. After some discussion, Lois moved that we have a single-flight Master only hunt test (60 dogs) at Lucky 7 Ranch on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 26 and 27. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - a. We are not likely to make much money on this test, but the important thing is that we aren't likely to lose money either. Also, the chief reason for having it is to give our members who are running master dogs another test with a better chance to get into, to help them qualify for the MN or MA which will be run in Cheraw this fall.
 - b. With only flight, we can set up all three series on Monday and just move from one to another without difficulty. We should only need 4 birdboys plus maybe one or two grounds crew who can maybe double as marshals or substitute marshals, and will hopefully be able to fill all these slots with club members or possibly use some pro birdboys (Brian's?) if the pros are coming to the test. We will need gunners, ducks, about 45 or so Master ribbons, etc. No decision made yet on hiring a dumpster and porta potties. We may be able to put the

judges up at the clubhouse at Lucky 7; Michael will ask Ken if this is possible. Judges dinner and lunches still to be discussed.

- c. Karen will make the formal request to AKC on Monday and enter in the info into the online event management system. Karen will also ask Michele to enter these into the Entry Express system and start working on getting them posted ASAP. Karen will report back to the Board when this is done. Luke will start working on judges ASAP.
- d. Karen will update the Assignments Sheet for get this out to the Board so we can track where we stand as plans progress.

4. ***Spring Hunt Test:***

- a. Hiwasee approval: J. Michael reported that he has discussed with Jason using Hiwasee and the dates (Saturday/Sunday May 25-26), but we still have to fill in the paper application form and send it to Wally in Nashville. Roberta used to do this; we decided since Michele is the new Hunt Test Secretary, that we will ask her to get this form and fill it out.
- b. AKC approvals and online Entry Express posting: Karen will enter the info into the AKC online event management system on Monday and report back to the Board when that is done. Michele will also need to enter it into Entry Express asap.
- c. Judges: Luke will start making calls for judges.
- d. Chief Marshal: Lois will not be at this test as she will be running Woodie in the Master Amateur (Congratulations). She is planning to ask Lisa Styles if she will fill in for this test.
- e. Dedication to Roberta and plans for that. Need to start thinking about this.
- f. Karen will update the Assignments Sheet for get this out to the Board so we can track where we stand as plans progress.

5. ***Training dates:*** The club has had three so far this winter – November, December and just before this meeting. The first two were mini-seminars presented by Lisa Styles / John Broucek, aimed at starting young dogs and transitioning beyond the basics. The session today was aimed at problem solving, any level, with Lisa conducting. These have been well attended and well received. The first two were mostly attended by new members with very little participation from old members but that's OK since it wasn't aimed at more experienced people. Today's session had more participation from members who are working on particular problems with their dogs. We are hoping to have one more session in February – Sunday afternoon, Feb 10 is the tentative date. Lois will ask Sherie Catledge if she will lead this one and report back to Karen. Sherie and Lois have already offered to conduct a free Adult handler session on Sunday, 3/31/19, at a location still to be determined.

6. ***Luthenauer Youth Handler Program:***

- a. Youth Seminar: Lois Luthenauer reported that she and Sherie Catledge will hold a Youth seminar on Saturday, 3/30/19. The location has not yet been decided upon. Lois and Sherie will cover all expenses. Karen will provide Lois with the

email contacts for the two FFA chapters who have been providing birdboys, and they will be invited to come. Karen will announce the seminar in the newsletter and as necessary in a separate email to the membership. Lois asked that members volunteer to contribute advanced dogs for use by handlers that don't have their own.

- b. Youth trophy. On January 5, Karen ordered the perpetual trophy – a silver cup on a cherry-toned base with aluminum plates. The club logo and award name will be engraved on the cup. Cost of the trophy: \$159.80 including shipping. This will be charged against the Luthenauer program funds in the club treasury.

7. **Equipment:** 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 was too late to order in time for our upcoming club trial. Ordered 1/3/19; \$3598 for two with Garmin electronics; expected to take 3-5 weeks to arrive.
8. **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. Michael Evans has been unable to contact her since early this fall and thinks she may have changed her number. Karen agreed to email her to see if we can re-establish contact and get this stuff back in our possession.

New Business:

1. **New Members:**
Jay & Heather Richards: he is a national guardsman who lives in Greenback. Mike Evans knows him and used to work in the Knoxville Sheriff's office with him. Jay has a black lab and is interested in hunt tests and training. Mike and Cory Smith agreed to be sponsors. Mike moved that we accept them as new members; Lois seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Club Trial:** After some discussion we set the club trial for April 13, 2019, tentatively at Darryl Miller's farm in Sweetwater. J. Michael will contact Darryl to see if this is OK and will notify Karen so we can get this in the next newsletter.

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim Pearce moved that we adjourn. J. Michael Evans seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

1. Lois Luthenauer: typos on 2b and New members. Corrected.

Approvals:

1. Jim Pearce 1/9/19
2. Alan Bruhin 1/9/19
3. Lois Luthenauer 1/9/19
4. J. Michael Evans 1/9/19
5. Cory Smith 1/9/19
6. Michele Fletcher 1/10/19
7. Karen Edwards 1/10/19