

**ETRC Board After-Banquet Meeting,  
Saturday, February 24, 2024  
Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, TN**

**Present from the Board:** J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Mike Smith, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Jeff Rader, Lois Luthenauer, Luke McCoy, Kyle Griffin, Bob Smith

**Absent:** None

**Others Members Present:** Several people from the banquet

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met with all eleven officers and directors present. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

**This is an abbreviated meeting to go over a few things to get ready for our first events.**

***Locations for Events.***

TJ. Michael spoke with Ken Campbell, who said we were welcome to use Lucky 7 for whatever we wanted this year – with the caveat that the place was for sale. If it is sold, Ken will try to get the new owners to honor the commitments to us, but cannot guarantee this.

Because we have had so very many events at Brian Caldwell's this past two years, we have imposed on him a lot and have somewhat worn both him and the property out. After some discussion, we decided to have the following events at Ken's, tentatively, assuming it's not sold:

1. The weekend Master Only hunt test, single flight, approved AKC dates April 13-14, 2024.
2. The June 11-12 Midweek Master only hunt test (Tuesday – Wednesday).
3. The Summer Picnic and Club Trial, tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2024.
4. The Fall hunt test, October 19-20.

This would leave two Master-Only midweek tests at Brian's – May 14-15, and November 12-13. The June 1-2 Quad JH / SH test will be at Hiwassee.

We discussed the procedure for having to change locations later in the event Lucky 7 sells. We should have at least a month and possibly two months' notice, given the typical timeframes for closing. However, once Entry Express goes live, changing things is virtually impossible and cancellation might be required. This is most likely to be a problem with the fall test; the picnic / club trail doesn't involve AKC or EE.

***Bird Techs.***

J. Michael asked Bob Smith if he would be able to arrange bird techs for tests that aren't at Brian's. Bob said he would give it a try, and asked Karen to send him a list of the dates and events that he would need to find people for. J. Michael or Alan Bruhin will contact Brendan, the Lucky 7 farm manager, to get the dates put on his calendar. These minutes will satisfy this request.

Alan has contacted the Cleveland State Community College about being bird techs for our June 1-2 Quad JH / SH test. This is after school is out and so far, he has only located some 8 kids to work for us. Presumably they will also be used at Lucky 7 for the fall test, and that should be easier.

***Hunt Test Judges.***

This past year, we have had a number of judges bail out on us at the last minute. In most cases, J. Michael has stepped into the breach and judged for us. However, if he is the head of the Hunt

Test Committee, he cannot do this unless he resigns from the HT committee chair position (and can this be done with AKC and Entry Express? How much time would it take?). Others of our member judges may have to step in and judge for us. Of course, if it's really at the last minute, we can do whatever we need to including pulling someone out of the gallery even if they are not a qualified judge – like we had to do with Donna Smith last year for one of our tests.

Judges have now been pinned down for the June 1-2 Quad test. Judges will be Lisa Vencille / Bonnie Cuddihy; Robert Shell / Kenny West; Ray Rogers / Clint Catledge; Dick Lamping / Haley Shealey. Thanks to Dick Lamping who volunteered to step in as a judge at the Banquet. This pretty much finalizes all our judging assignments for the year except for JH /SH judges at the Fall hunt test.

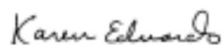
**Ducks.** In addition to the usual problems of finding ducks, the recent outbreaks of bird flu around the country have made them even harder to come by. Kiley Buettner says he will have trouble supplying us with ducks in June, and in November, as there are no other nearby tests that we can share hauling expenses with. We will probably have to arrange with Cory Smith to carry over some of the ducks from one test to another, if he is willing to do that this year. J. Michael or Mike Smith will talk to Cory about this.

**Live Fliers.** For the past several years, we have not been able to do live flyers as Brian's place is a 'no live ammo' location as approved by AKC. Michele commented that the AKC and EE information on our tests show no live fliers anywhere, including Hiwassee and Lucky 7. We decided not to push on L7 and Hiwassee to get this changed; yes, a few people have stated they won't come to our tests because they don't get live flier practice, but the logistical issues of locating gunners, locating ammo and working guns, etc., means that it will be a lot easier on us if we just go with the current restrictions.

**Next Meeting.** The next Board meeting will be after the Club Trial at Chuck Atchley's on March 10 (March 17 for a rain date).

**Adjourn:** There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Lois seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. JH/SH judges have not all been finalized for the fall hunt test. Change made to "Judges" paragraph to reflect this. Michele Fletcher 2/28/24.
2. Changed Live Flier discussion to more closely reflect actual discussion. Michele Fletcher 2/28/24.

Approvals:

1. J. Michael Evans, 2/25/24
2. Mike Smith, 2/26/24
3. Kyle Griffin, 2/26/24
4. Alan Bruhin, 2/27/24
5. Michele Fletcher, 2/27/24
6. Jim Pearce, 2/28/24
7. Karen Edwards, 2/28/24