

**Annual ETRC Awards Banquet and Meeting, Saturday, 2/23/13
Calhoun's Restaurant, Bearden Hill, Knoxville, TN**

Present from the Board:

Brent McCoy, Kelley Eller, Chuck Atchley, Karen Edwards, Michael Evans, Roberta Williams, Carol Stone, Ken Wade, Patti Gibson, John Guinn.

Absent, excused: Robert Dodson, Trudie Kuka

Present from the Membership:

Derek Dieterich, Tim and Vandy Earick, Lois Eller, Mitzi Evans, Gale Frana, Mark Gibson, Tom and Liz Gibson, Guy and Sharon Greer, Heather Guinn and son, David Knott and son, Val McCoy and daughters, Matt and Whitney McCoy, Grant and Amanda Rains, Fay Norwood, Jim Pearce, Kevin Stone, Sandy Sutton, & Beth White.

President Brent McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was preceded by a social hour and dinner.

Officer's Reports

President's Report. Brent noted that 2012 was an eventful year. At the beginning of the year, the club was in dire financial straits, so severe that we had been forced to cancel our fall 2011 hunt test for lack of funds. We came into the year with a balance of \$1,259.38 and ended it with a solid balance of \$9,393.32. Brent commented that this turnaround was the result of many, many people in the club who worked very hard, by volunteering time and their own money, to help the club out. Kudos go to Roberta for doing so much, especially with regard to our hunt tests; to Carol for getting the judges lined up; to Mike for handling the awards; to Chuck for being our treasurer so capably; to Karen for her secretarial work. Thanks to many, many others as well, including Lois Eller, Mark and Patti Gibson for help with food, Kelley and Robert for handling the ducks, to Guy for his help with the equipment, to various people for supplying food for the judges' dinners and the club tests – Brent stated that he was sure that he hadn't mentioned all the names he needed to, but thanks to everyone.

Reading of the Minutes/Secretary's Report. The minutes from the last meeting were amended and approved via Email, and have been posted for a month on the ETRC website. Ken Wade moved, and John Guinn seconded, that we dispense with reading the minutes and formally approve the version posted on the website for the record. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Chuck Atchley brought along the final report for 2011. The report, which is already posted on the website along with the January 23 minutes, shows all expenses and income for the year. A number of renewals and at least one new member application were handed in during the evening, so our bank balance will change significantly on Monday. As of February 22, our balance was \$9,602.32.

Old Business

Spring Hunt Test:

The test is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend as usual. Judges have been contracted and we are waiting final approval from AKC on some of them. Carol assures us that they are all "Fun People." We need lots of workers. David Knott agreed to be Chief Marshal for this test.

Fall Hunt Test:

We still have issues with our dates/locations for this test. Brent called for anyone who had any ideas to contact Mike or Roberta about possible locations other than Hiwassee, which is not available.

New Business

New Members:

Karen Edwards announced that we have three new members who are up for final approval tonight. They are:

1. Kenny McCormick, an associate at Dick's sporting goods and a professional field trainer who owns Labradors. His sponsors were Mike Stephens and David Knott, who had both signed certifications that he was suitable for membership. David commented that Kenny has recently moved to Birmingham (transferred with his job) so it is unlikely that he will be renewing his membership for 2013.
2. Beth White, a retired engineer with a poodle that she is working in field and who already has a MACH2 title in Agility. She trains with Carol Stone, Barb Knowlton, and others in the club. Carol and Karen were her sponsors and have signed the certification. Beth was present at the meeting, and was introduced.
3. Laurie & Jim Thompson, who do pointing dog training. They have a GSP and several Labs, with various titles including an SH. Their sponsors Trudie Kuka and Kelley Eller, who have signed the certifications.

Mike Evans moved that all three be admitted to full membership. Chuck Atchley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

First Club Test

Roberta announced that Daryl Miller has offered us the use of his beautiful farm in Sweetwater again, but needs us to set a date soon. April is probably too late as he will be planting crops during that month. After looking at some dates, a tentative time of March 30 was picked; we will run this date by Daryl to see if it is OK with him. He will be needing a certificate of insurance. Roberta has received the renewal application from Equisure and will fill it out with the agreed-upon date and get it to Chuck for payment.

Training Dates:

None have been set yet, but Brent stated that he hoped some dates would be finalized soon, and we will email the membership, post it on the website, and include the information in the Club Bulletin.

AKC News:

Brent reported that the Board had been asked to vote on some proposed changes to Field Trial rules. We had reviewed the changes, discussed them, and voted No. The ballot was submitted by ETRC Secretary Karen Edwards to the AKC.

Awards:

Brent McCoy was the Master of Ceremonies for the awards part of the program. First were the Title Awards. Each dog/owner earning an AKC hunt title during the year was presented with a plaque engraved with the title, the owners' and dog's names, and the date the title was earned.

Junior Hunter

- Colbie's Good Girl Emmie Kate JH, Weston Overton
- Holstonview's Charming Charlie Brown JH, Mark Gibson
- Gabby's Hunt 'em Up Big Cy JH, Grant Rains

Senior Hunter

- Real Gold McCoy's Governor SH, Matt McCoy
- Coon Creek's Backwater Quack Head SH, Lois and Kevin Luthenauer

Master Hunter

- Norwood's Ocoee The Other Half MH, Fay Norwood
- Midnight Diezel Trail MH, John Guinn
- Delta's Jet Black Allison MH, Tim & Vandy Earick
- Luthenauer's Troublesome Coon Creek Susie MH, Lois and Kevin Luthenauer

The next category was Special Achievement awards. Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year earned a plaque fastened to the base of a loving cup; the Puppy award is new this year as the old one had fallen apart. They also received an 8x10 individual plaque. Master National passers received an engraved 8x10 plaque with a photograph of their Master National qualification; Member of the Year received an engraved 8x10 plaque; and the Sportsman of the Year was awarded an AKC engraved gold medal.

2012 Master National Passes:

- Play it Again, Sam MH, Allen Dillard
 - Luthenauer's Troublesome Coon Creek Susie MH, Lois and Kevin Luthenauer
 - Norwood's Ocoee The Other Half MH, Fay Norwood
- Pretty impressive for two of these dogs to get both a Master Hunter title and a Master National pass in the same year!

Puppy of the Year:

With 14 points, Colbie's Good Girl Emmie Kate JH – owned, trained and handled by Wes Overton

Gun Dog of the Year:

With 22 points, HRCH Brandy's Queen Anne of Knox MH – owned, trained and handled by Michael Evans

ETRC Member of the Year: J. Michael Evans

AKC Sportsman of the Year: Ken Wade

Congratulations to everyone for these awards; they represent a remarkable amount of hard work and talent! We're all proud of you!

Election:

Karen Edwards read off the slate proposed by the nominating committee. There were no other nominations from the membership during the time period authorized in the Bylaws, so there were no contested positions. Nominees were:

- President: Michael Evans
- Vice President: Kelley Eller
- Secretary: Karen Edwards
- Treasurer: Chuck Atchley
- Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
- Past President: Brent McCoy
- AKC Delegate: Diane Fyfe
- New director (3 year term): Derek Dieterich
- New director (3 year term): Lois Luthenauer

Carol Stone moved that we suspend the rules calling for a secret ballot vote, since there were no contested positions, and conduct the election by a show of hands. Jim Pearce seconded this motion. It passed unanimously.

Carol Stone moved that we accept the slate as nominated. Jim Pearce seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor. So, the slate above is elected and will assume office on March 1, 2013.

Remarks by New President

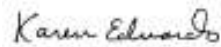
Michael Evans took the podium and thanked outgoing president Brent McCoy for all his hard work during the year. He said the Board had voted to present him with a \$150 gift certificate from Bass Pro, and Michael had purchased such a certificate but had inadvertently left it home. He promised to get it to Brent very shortly.

Michael again thanked everyone for making 2012 a successful year, and reiterated that we were looking for good ideas about the location of our fall hunt test.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Patti Gibson moved that we adjourn the meeting. Kelley Eller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

- Add Tim and Vandy Earick to list of attendees (Patti Gibson)
- Brent thanked Lois Eller and Patti and ark Gibson for their work with the food (not Lois Luthenauer (Michael Evans)
- Awards paragraph: Brent McCoy was the master of ceremonies, not Michael Evans (Michael Evans)
- Along with the fastened name plate on the cups, the Puppy of the Year and Gun Dog recipients received an 8x10 plaque (Michael Evans)
- Several more attendees added from the RSVP list (Michael Evans)

Approvals:

1. Robert Dodson, 2/25/13
2. Patti Gibson, 2/25/13
3. J. Michael Evans, 2/25/13
4. Roberta Williams, 3/12/13
5. Chuck Atchley, 3/12/13
6. Karen Edwards, 3/12/13