

**General Membership Semi-Annual Meeting and Picnic/Cookout,
Saturday, August 10, 2013 4:15 PM
Lenoir City Park, Lenoir City, TN**

Present from the Board: Mike Evans, Roberta Williams, Lois Luthenauer, Robert Dodson, Brent McCoy, Patti Gibson, Guy Greer

Absent, excused: Karen Edwards, John Guinn, Kelley Eller, Chuck Atchley

Other members present: Mark Gibson, Sharon Greer, Fay Norwood, Kevin Luthenauer, Ken Wade, Phillip Patterson

A quorum is 20% of the Membership: A quorum was present

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Officer's Reports:

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report:

- June 16, 2013 Board Meeting at Smokies Stadium Sky Box in Sevierville, TN. Last minutes approved by e-mail vote & posted online club's website. Call for formal approval. Brent moved the minutes be formally approved. Patti seconded. The vote was unanimous. Presented by Roberta for Karen in absence.
- New member application for Joe Tyler Lloyd dated 7/29/2013 first reading.

Treasurer's Report:

- ETRC bank balance at the beginning of the year 2013 was \$9382.00. The current balance as of July 29, 2013 per treasurer's balance sheet is \$11,682.42. Presented by Roberta for Chuck in absence. Robert moved the treasurer's report be approved. Ken seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- Duck Supplier Search – Kevin Luthenauer has taken on the formidable task of finding the live ducks for our Fall Hunt Test. With the help of Kelley he has contracted with the Buettner Duck Preserve in Iowa to furnish our ducks. The Buettner Farm supplies ducks for the Master National , the HRC Grand, and both the National Open and National Amateur. Our ducks will be combined with a Georgia Field Trial event. Check out the duck supplier's website www.buettner.com showing the tame ducks being raised "free range"
- New Member Election- A total of eight (8) new members and their sponsors were announced on a second reading and then inducted into a full voting membership by a 2/3 majority of the members present . The following new members are:
 1. Adam Smelcer Sponsors: Brian Caldwell & the Gibsons
 2. Nick Hodges Gibsons & Wes Overton
 3. Tony Yanniello Roberta Williams & Mike Evans
 4. Ryan Stamey David Knott & Brent McCoy
 5. Brad Harris Brian Caldwell & Wes Overton
 6. Nick Hurley John Guinn & Michael Evans

7. Adam Cloar Carol Stone & Beth White
8. Blake Waggoner Chuck Atchley & Guy Greer

Fall Hunt Test Limited Entries- a lengthy discussion was held to determine whether to limit the Master entries on October 19-20 to 60 or 120 dogs. In researching the last three (3) years Fall Hunt Tests Master entries and the financial shortfall that occurred due to low entries we found that in 2012 (85 Master entries) we barely broke even. In 2011 we had to cancel the whole AKC Fall Hunt Test (low entries) to keep from losing our entire bank balance. In 2010 we lost \$2000 on the Fall Hunt Test (69 Master entries). It was decided that the club can only make a profit with the 120 Limit of Master dogs. The 120 dog limit requires an additional set of Master 'B' judges and additional travel expense. Mark made a motion to set a 120 dog Master entry. Guy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominating Committee for 2014 Officer/Board – The following nominating committee was appointed:
 1. Lois Luthenauer – Board - Chairman
 2. Ken Wade - Member
 3. Phillip Patterson – Member
- ETRC Fall Club Trial – Daryl Miller Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN. Daryl and Sharon Miller have graciously permitted our retriever club to hold a club trial on their farm on Saturday, September 21 beginning at 8 AM. A handler meeting will be held before the club trial starts at the large barn to acquaint new members with updated AKC rules and regulations. ETRC equipment set-ups and wingers will be explained also.
- As a followup to discussions at the June 16 board meeting on ways to entice members to attend and participate in the activities and operation of ETRC, president Mike Evans volunteered to give a "pep talk" to members before the scheduled September 21 club trial. As a trial run of the incentives concept, Roberta suggested that the club try out a handler raffle at the Club Trial, with one raffle ticket given for each \$10 entry fee. A drawing of (3) \$10 vouchers would be used within the club to use as entry fees or to purchase club merchandise. The drawing would occur at the end of the day at the ribbon ceremony. If this was successful, a trial voucher program would be tried at the Fall Hunt Test, with a voucher being given for each 4 hour segment worked.

Adjourn: The rain subsided around 8:30 PM. We were all safe and dry under the large covered shelter. ETRC appreciates the use of the Lenoir City Park for our summer meeting. The city facility allows us free use. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM after a motion by Robert and a second by Lois.

Prepared by Roberta Williams in Karen Edwards' absence

Changes:

1. Guy Greer, not Sharon, seconded the motion for a limit of 120 Master entries.
2. Added a bullet on trial program for rewarding volunteer service at the Hunt Test, and a trial raffle program at the Club Trial.

Approvals:

1. Karen Edwards 8/14/13
2. Guy Greer 8/14/13
3. Lois Luthenauer 8/19/13
4. Robert Dodson 8/21/13
5. Roberta Williams 8/13/13
6. Kelley Eller 8/22/13
7. Brent McCoy 8/22/13