

**Agenda for Meeting, December 3, 2013**  
**Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Chuck Atchley, Brent McCoy, Guy Greer, Robert Dodson, Patti Gibson, Derek Dieterich,.

**Absent, excused:** Kelley Eller, Roberta Williams

**Absent, unexcused:** John Guinn, Lois Luthenauer

**Other members present:** Diane Fyfe, AKC delegate

A quorum is 50% of the Board. A quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Officer's Reports**

***President's Report.*** None.

***Secretary's Report.***

- Call for formal approval of past minutes. Brent moved that the minutes approved via email and posted on the website, from our ad hoc meeting at the fall hunt test, be approved. Robert seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Chuck passed out a copy of the annual running report, which shows a current balance of \$10,541.69. We have received payment on the ducks from Brian Caldwell, but nothing yet from Brady Collins. Derek moved that the treasurer's report be accepted; Karen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***New members:*** for first reading, assignment of sponsors (left over from last meeting):

1. Jackson Oster: Guy Greer and Chuck Atchley agreed to be sponsors.
2. Joe Tyler Lloyd (approved first reading at summer meeting; sponsors assigned at that time were Roberta Williams and Michael Evans)
3. Ranee Nevels: Gale Frana, Karen Edwards have agreed to be sponsors.

Patti moved that these be accepted as new members; Robert seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business**

***Fall Hunt Test wrapup:*** Oct 19-20, 2013.

- Good things/bad things: no major problems this time. Everything went pretty smoothly. We did discuss a potential problem of allowing bird boys and others to have cell phones / cameras and taking pictures of duck killings and dead ducks.

There was a video that showed up on YouTube of ducks being killed at a hunt test in Alabama. If this had gone viral, it might have created some real problems with the PETA people. The bird boy sponsors/chaperones need to be asked to tell the bird boys not to take cell phones and cameras into the blinds with them, and the marshal at the various stakes also need to be aware of spectators potentially taking pictures of inappropriate things.

- The bird boys/girls and the chaperones from the Pikeville schools were great. We will keep using them in the future; this is a great thing for them too, as it has helped their archery and basketball programs to be able to do things they would otherwise not have money to do.
- There was a problem with the duck sales. Two batches of birds were released to buyers without immediate payment, resulting in \$516 of outstanding debt. Karen sent invoices to the two men in question; one of them has now paid for the ducks but we have not heard from the other one. Also, we aren't sure what happened to our duck crate, which is over \$100 to replace. Michael will contact Kevin Luthenauer and Kelley Eller to see if he can verify that the ducks were actually delivered and the fate of the crate, and will ask whichever one of them delivered the ducks to the buyer to follow up. Meanwhile, Karen will re-send the invoice. Brent moved that in the future, we not release the ducks to buyers without payment first. Robert seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. [Note: 12/4/13; Brady Collins responded to the email and said that he paid Kevin Luthenauer. He has contacted Kevin, who promises to get the money to us promptly.]
- Thank you present for Jason Jackson, TWRA representative: Brent moved that we get him a \$125 gift card in appreciation for all the work he does with letting us use Hiwassee for our fall hunt test. Robert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### ***Tee Shirt Sales:***

We missed out on a number of sales by not having any long-sleeved tees and sweatshirts at the fall test, or at the spring club trial. Our supply of shirts is getting fairly picked over. Brent will ask Val to do an inventory of what we have left so that we can get a new order in before the first spring club trial in March. We also discussed having other items for sale. Karen suggested club coffee mugs, but others mentioned this might not be a good option since they are ceramic and breakable, not necessarily a good item to buy at a trial or hunt test. Other items suggested were can cozies or insulated plastic mugs instead. No action was taken

***Future Training days:*** tentative dates were set up for Saturday, February 1 and Saturday, March 1. Karen will get these dates posted on the events calendar on the website, and we will reconfirm and adjust the dates as needed as the time approaches.

#### ***Nominating Committee:***

The bylaws say the nominating committee is to include 3 members and 2 alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. A nominating committee was

appointed on August 10, and according to the Bylaws, the chairman for the committee is to call a committee meeting on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> and report their nominations to the Secretary in writing not later than the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Vacancies to be included (for voting) are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Hunt Test Secretary, 2 board members (replacing Robert Dodson and John Guinn whose terms are up), and the AKC Delegate. The nominating committee is also asked to identify a person who will serve as Head Marshal for both AKC tests in 2014 but this will not be a voted-upon position.

A partial meeting of the committee was held on October 20, 2013 during the hunt test, and several candidates agreed to serve in various positions. However, because of a variety of issues, including the difficulty in finding nominees for some of the positions, difficulties contacting one of the members of the nominating committee, and illness of a family member, no report from the nominating committee has been received. As we are already late on the nominations, we decided to reconstitute the nominating committee on an emergency basis with Michael Evans serving as the new Board member / chairman, Ken Wade remaining on the committee, and Jim Pearce being appointed as the other member representative. The committee used the nominees who had already agreed to serve, to the extent they were known, and cajoled other volunteers into accepting the nominations for remaining positions. However, the proposed candidate for Hunt Test Secretary is in the midst of a family crisis so we decided to delay getting verification of that person's candidacy for a short while. The official written report will be provided to the Secretary ASAP, along with written verifications of agreement to serve from the nominees. Karen will send out the notification to the membership and call for other nominations as soon as that report has been received, with apologies for the late notification and an extension of the appropriate number of days for additional nominations to be received from the membership. She will also send out a supplemental notification once we have verification of the Hunt Test Secretary candidate.

The slate of officers and board members presented to the membership will be as follows:

1. President: Michael Evans will continue on for another year. As a result, Brent McCoy will continue to serve as Immediate Past President.
2. Vice President: Guy Greer. If elected, this will leave open a board vacancy (expiring in February 2015) which will need to be filled by the Board following the election.
3. Treasurer: Chuck Atchley has agreed to serve for one more year. However, he has given notice that this is his last year in this position so we need to be looking for someone else to take over.
4. Secretary: Karen Edwards has agreed to keep on with this job.
5. Board member (2014-2017): David Knott
6. Board member (2014-2017): Ken Wade
7. Hunt Test Secretary: to be determined. Hopefully Roberta will continue on with this but with her daughter in the hospital we don't want to contact her right now to confirm her willingness to serve.
8. AKC Representative: Diane Fyfe

Jim Pearce has agreed to be Head Marshall for the 2014 hunt tests. This is not a position that needs to be voted upon; Michael can simply appoint him, and therefore this will not be presented to the membership with a call for further nominations.

### **New Business:**

1. **Judges seminar:** It has been three years since we have had a judges' seminar. Several of our club members are fledgling judges, and this would help them gain permanent certification, plus it is an excellent way for handlers to learn more about what judges are looking for in the tests. AKC will provide an instructor, but we have to have at least 25 people sign up. Someone mentioned that Entry Express may be handling registrations, notifications, and handling the money for this now, which would be a big help. Last time, the best recollection was that we charged \$25 per person. The seminar was held up at a motel in Strawberry Plains which had a conference room and provided reduced rate rooms for people coming in from out of town. Brent agreed to take the lead role in making arrangements for such a seminar, and should ask for others to help him with various aspects as needed.
2. **AKC request for \$300 to fight bad legislation.** This item is in response to the annual "President's Challenge" letter that goes out to member clubs, to help support AKC's efforts to lobby against the depredations of PETA and the HSUS. Karen moved that we donate the \$300, but there was no second as others were uncertain whether AKC would actually fight to support laws against hunting and hunt testing. The motion was tabled. Diane Fyfe will be attending the AKC meeting in the next week or so, and she will raise the question about AKC's willingness and effectiveness in defending our sport. We do share a common interest with AKC in trying to protect and defend against unwarranted laws and regulations related to dog breeding. We will bring this up again at the next meeting to hear what Diane found out.
3. **2014 hunt tests:** Michael reported that planning is proceeding on the spring hunt test. He has lined up 4 judges so far. However, we do need for Carol, Mike and Karen to get together so that Carol can show the other two the different computer sites and steps that need to be taken to make sure we have all the administrative work completed for TWRA and AKC. Karen will try to set up a meeting with Carol and Michael.
  - Michael brought up the question whether we want to keep our format of two hunt tests each year. He pointed out that over the last 7 years, we have only had a profit on our fall test two years (2012 was a sizeable profit; 2013 we will make approximately \$125 above our costs); we had to cancel in 2011 for lack of entries; and we will continue to face problems with going head-to-head with other clubs in our area. Bootheel this year

offered a double major on the same weekend as our test, and many of the pros went there instead. Fall is a tough time for entries as we are competing with football and hunting season. He asked us to all think about whether we want to change our format, and perhaps go to a spring test only, offering a double master and only a single junior and a single senior. Karen pointed out that this would certainly discourage people who are just starting out; newbies usually don't want to travel long distances and with this format we would still offer two master tests a year, but would go from 4 senior tests and 4 master tests down to only one each. No decision was reached, but this is a topic to be discussed in more detail later.

- 4. Awards banquet planning:** Michael has made arrangements with Calhoun's at Bearden Hill again for dinner on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The party will begin at 6, with the meeting slated to start at 7. The room is small, but this is the only place we have been able to find so far that permits us to order at the door rather than order meals beforehand. At other places, we were required to pay for a certain amount of food whether people showed up or not, and the club often was stuck with a bill for \$600-\$800 for uneaten food. Michael does need a head count about a week in advance so that Cahoun's can schedule an adequate number of servers for our room. Also, he needs information from people on awards – who has points for puppy of the year and gun dog of the year, plus title awards, Master National completions, etc. Karen will prepare an email to the membership notifying them of the banquet and requesting RSVPs and awards information.

*Any other new business?* There was none.

*Adjourn:* There being no other business, Robert Dodson moved that the meeting be adjourned; Brent seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Concerning the You Tube video of duck killing: it didn't go viral, but it could have and that is the concern. Guy Greer.

Approvals:

1. Brent McCoy, 12/6/13
2. Guy Greer 12/6/13
3. Robert Dodson 12/7/13

4. Derek Dieterich 12//7/13
5. Chuck Atchley 12/8/13
6. Kelley Eller 12/10/13
7. Karen Edwards 12/10/13