

ETRC Board Meeting, June 18, 2014
Pegasus Technologies Conference Room, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Lois Luthenauer, Robert Dodson, Derek Dieterich, Ken Wade, David Knott.

Absent, excused: Guy Greer, Chuck Atchley, Patti Gibson, Brent McCoy,

Absent, unexcused:

Members present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Michael Evans. Michael mentioned the absent people and the reasons they were absent, and said that the main purpose of tonight's meeting was to get things going on the next hunt test and set dates for the August picnic, the fall Club Trial, and future training days.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on April 19, 2014. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since April 24. Ken moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. David Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The check for \$300 to support AKC's Presidents Challenge (legislative education and support) was mailed on April 21, 2014.

The AKC membership list was re-sent to AKC (the first submission failed) in late May.

No further secretarial report.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Atchley. Chuck was not present but had sent along a report which shows a balance of \$13,564.57 in the bank. We made a little over \$5,000 on the Spring Test.

AKC Representative's Report: Diane Fyfe: not present, no report was made.

Old Business

1. **2nd Club Trial April 19, 2014:** Report is up on the website.
2. **ETRC Spring Hunt Test.** The one remaining item of business is to send a gift to Jason, the Hiwassee Manager, for taking good care of the club during the hunt test. Robert Dodson moved that we send him \$150; David Knott seconded and the motion passed with no dissent.

Karen will email Chuck and ask him to send a bank debit card or whatever it was that he sent last time.

3. **ETRC Fall Hunt Test.** Hiwassee has only two dates available for us, and neither of them are ideal. They are:
 - a. **October 18-19, 2014:** This conflicts with the Master National (which doesn't end till October 19), and Bootheel with a limit of 60 dogs in Master. Archery season and dove season are also open. There may be some conflict with harvesting all those fields at Hiwassee planted with corn, soybeans, etc.
 - b. **November 8-9, 2014:** This conflicts with Fall Line's hunt test (120 dog limit in Master), a double master in South Carolina, and the opening of muzzle loader season. Also at this time there is very little water at Hiwassee and we run the risk of cold weather. The fields should be cleaner by then, however, and may be useable for airing.

After some discussion back and forth, Lois Luthenauer moved that we have the test on November 8-9 with a limit of 120 dogs in Master, as we have a better chance of having more dogs then since the pros will be back from the Master National and will be wanting to start qualifying dogs for next year. Ken Wade seconded, and the motion carried. Michael will immediately notify Jason that we want to later date at Hiwassee, and will contact AKC to get the date approved. He will also start contacting judges and asked if anyone had any recommendations to get them to him right away. David Didier was suggested for Junior.

4. **Equipment purchase.** Because we had a shortage of poppers for the spring test, we had borrowed several Thunder Equipment Shotgun Simulators from the Chattanooga Retriever Club. These worked very well! They are loud, they are very safe, and they operate on CO2 canisters which are very inexpensive. Separate stands are also available. Based on an estimate of \$300 per simulator, plus \$130 for the stand, buying 10 would cost us approximately \$4,300. 10 would be enough for two master flights (3 each) plus 2 for Junior and 2 for Senior. If we bought 6, the approximate cost would be \$2,580, and 4 would be \$1,720. The canisters cost approximately \$6 each, and each canister would last for two hunt tests and possibly more. After some discussion of the increasing difficulty in getting poppers, plus the advantage that with the simulator we would not have to worry about underage birdboys, Karen moved that we purchase 6 simulator set-ups now for approximately \$2,600 for use in the fall test. Lois seconded the motion. Lois will send Karen URLs for the equipment to include in the minutes, and will ask Kevin to look into details on purchasing, such as quantity discounts, shipping costs, additional accessories needed if any, and will get back to us. There is a possibility that we can sell some of our shotguns to recoup some of the cost.

Note: The url for the simulator is <http://www.thunderequipment.com/products/T100.php> . This is the manufacturer's website and the simulators also have the capability to launch

bumpers, which we did not discuss but which would possibly be a good thing for training. The cost here is \$300.

The URL for the stand, which is made for the T100 simulator, is here:

<http://www.teamtakeem.com/store/index.php? a=viewProd&productId=345> . The cost of the stand is \$50, so our estimate given above is high. This company also offers the T100 at a price of \$299 so possibly we could order them all from the same place for a further discount or a break in shipping costs.

5. **Equipment Maintenance:** As always, there were some problems at the spring test with the launcher equipment. The rubber degrades in the trailer. There was some discussion about whether the marshals should be responsible for checking out the equipment, but Karen pointed out that many of our usual marshals would not be capable of doing that without training, and that we usually use a roving equipment committee. We agreed that the best approach was to continue to do equipment maintenance on Friday afternoon before the test, and use a roving committee to handle problems during the test.

New Business:

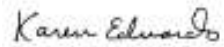
1. **First Reading, New members**
 - a. Patty McClain. Sponsors assigned were Michael Evans and Ken Wade. Ms. McClain lives in Georgia.
 - b. Alan Bruhin: Alan was a past president of ETRC and has been lapsed for a few years until getting a new puppy recently. No sponsors are needed since he is a renewal, although from a long time ago.
2. **Fall Club Test:** Darryll Miller has offered the use of his farm again, but we have to work around hunting seasons. The only possible date in October is October 4. Michael will contact Darryll to see if this date suits. Lois mentioned a location South of the River in Roane county that is used by Brady Collins and has excellent technical ponds. She will contact Brady to get the name of the owner, and will see if he might be willing to let the club use this land for any date in October.
3. **August Picnic:** August 16 looks like the best date for the most people. Karen offered to have the picnic at their Roane County farm at 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Times will be from 3 to 7, and the picnic will be potluck with the club providing hotdogs and hamburgers. Karen will work with Patti G. to coordinate other offerings. One of the items to be discussed at this meeting will be the establishment of a nominating committee for the February 2015 club officer and board elections.
4. **Training Dates:** Even though it is hard to find dates, we really do need to set up a date soon so that new members have a place to come and receive wisdom from older members. [Note: after the meeting, Michael and Karen agreed to shoot for Saturday, July 12 as a training date, provided this date is OK with Roberta who has been running these sessions. Karen will send

her an email to confirm and will get the date up on the website and send out a notice to the membership.]

Any other new business? NONE.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Ken Wade moved that we adjourn. Robert Dodson seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

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Approvals:

1. Derek Dieterich 6/19/14
2. David Knott 6/19/14
3. Ken Wade 6/19/14
4. Lois Luthenauer 6/19/14
5. Roberta Williams 6/19/14
6. Robert Dodson 7/1/14
7. Karen Edwards 7/1/14