

**Minutes: Banquet and General Membership Meeting,
Saturday, February 28, 2015
Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN**

Present from the Board: : J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Lois Luthenauer, Derek Dieterich, Chuck Atchley, Patti Gibson, Brent McCoy, David Knott, and AKC Delegate Diane Fyfe.

Absent, excused: Robert Dodson, Ken Wade

Absent, unexcused: None

Members present: Donna and Mike Smith; Richard Fletcher; Rick Fyfe; Alan Bruhin; Peggy Crowden; Thomas Art and Elizabeth Gibson; Ron and Valerie Burger; Mitzi Evans; Kevin Niethammer; Valerie McCoy and daughters; Terry Warwick

Guests Present: David Caldwell

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. 18 families were represented, and the current membership stands at 58 families. Therefore, a quorum was present (31%).

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Officer's Reports

Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report: Michael Evans. Michael thanked everyone for coming in spite of the recent wintry weather, and recognized that at least four members who had planned to come were absent because of icy road conditions. He also thanked Calhoun's for providing us with the banquet facilities and for taking such good care of us. He noted that last year was a successful one for the club and that we had two successful hunt tests plus a variety of other activities, and ended with a call for everyone to volunteer to help – without lots of people helping we can't do all that we do.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on November 11, 2014. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since November 19. Call for a motion that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Chuck Atchley so moved; Lois Luthenauer seconded the motion, and it was passed with no dissenting votes.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Atchley. Chuck passed out a summary sheet showing that the club balance at the beginning of 2014 was \$10,665.74, and on December 31, 2014 was \$13,111.08. Current balance in the treasury as of February 27, 2015 was \$11,182.84 after paying for new Thunder 100 stands, ribbons, and other bills. Bills outstanding include the payment to the engraver and a few other bills still to be paid. Brent McCoy moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; Jim Pearce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election of New members: Michael Evans. We have 12 new / provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval. All sponsors recommended approval.

- Lane & Terry Arthur: live in Dalton, GA, very active in various retriever clubs. Sponsors J. Michael Evans and Roberta Williams
- Peggy & David Crowden: Live in Loudon, TN, own a Golden Retriever. Sponsors Karen Edwards & Beth White
- David & Katie Didier: Live in Flinston, GA, joined at March Club Trial. Sponsors Brent McCoy & Michael Evans
- Patty & Maynard McClain: live in Woodstock, GA, joined at our spring hunt test. Sponsors Michael Evans & Karen Edwards
- Billy Ray: Lives in Ten Mile, TN, joined at the March club trial. Sponsors Michael Evans and Roberta Williams.
- Cameron Stewart: lives in Soddy Daisy, TN, joined at the March club trial. Sponsors David Knott & Derek Dieterich.
- Pat & Carol Trainor: live in Cherry Log, GA. Joined in August. Sponsors: Fay Norwood & David Knott
- Cullen Trew, lives in Athens, TN, joined at the March club trial. Sponsors: Roberta Williams, David Knott
- Jennifer & William Wise: Live in Ooltewah, TN. Joined in late November, will be automatically paid members for 2015. Sponsors Karen Edwards & Michael Evans.
- Scott & Tricia Underwood. Live in Athens, TN, joined at the April club trial. Sponsors: David Knott & Brian Caldwell.
- Terry & Mary Beth Warwick. Live in Alcoa, TN, joined at the March club trial. Sponsors: Hubert Helton & Ken Wade.
- Darryl & Heather Wilkerson. Lived in Lenoir City, TN, joined at the March club trial, have since moved out of the area. Sponsors: Hubert Helton & Ken Wade.

Jim Pearce moved that all provisional members be accepted into full membership; David Knott seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Old Business

- **AKC Representative's Report** (Diane Fyfe): Diane made a brief report from her work during the past year as our AKC delegate. Her report is attached to these minutes.
- **New Grounds Committee report** (Michael Evans): Michael reported that he had contacted TWRA about several other properties; TVA, and one private farm. No good results – TVA does not want to participate and the private farm did not want to suffer from the hundreds of cars and trailers that would be driving on the property. TWRA said they will continue to expand their use of the sharecropper program since it brings in money for the state – and this will continue to have repercussions on the use of the property for hunt tests. The share croppers will have priority.
- **Purchase of 5 additional Thunder Simulators:** David Knott. The additional simulators and stands for them have been purchased. The simulators have already arrived and the stands are expected to arrive soon.

- **Ribbons Purchase:** Karen Edwards. Karen reported that our ribbon purchase is complete and we now have enough ribbons to last us for approximately two years at our previous usage rate. She brought along an example of the new Title ribbon that the Board decided to offer for the hunt tests: this is a green and gold ribbon with a triple ruffle rosette, and a light green tab that can be attached with super glue – different tabs for Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter.
- **Radio Purchase:** 2 additional pair – Jim Pearce announced that those have been ordered and received and he is ready to go for the spring tests.
- **Club Trials, Spring & Fall Hunt Test 2015 updates** (Michael Evans): Michael announced that planning is proceeding. He asked the Board members to stay around for a few minutes afterwards to set the date for the first club trial which will be at the Darryl Miller farm sometime in March. Note: The date selected was March 14; Secretary Karen Edwards will get information out to all members and get the date posted on the website. More details will be worked out at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for March 9.

New Business:

1. Awards Presentations (Mike Evans)

Junior Hunter: three dogs earned their Junior Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:

- **RPO's Calamity Jane**, Golden Retriever owned and handled by Michele Fletcher and bred by Diane and Rick Fyfe
- **Bailiwicks Riversmeet Dandy Andy**, black Lab owned and handled by Ron Burger
- **Mach3 Menina de Prata**, miniature Poodle owned and handled by Beth White. Nina is the 2nd ever miniature Poodle to earn the Junior Hunter title!

Senior Hunter:

- Troublesome Water Gwillie JKM – Labrador owned by Jeremy Majors

Master Hunter:

- **McCoy's Acapella Adirondac Crescendo:** Golden Retriever owned and handled by Brent McCoy.
- **Buck's Beau of Stoneridge**, Labrador Retriever owned by Donna and Mike Smith
- **Fern Hill Pandemonium**, Golden Retriever bred and owned by Jim Pearce and Karen Edwards

Qualifying at the Master National: During 2014, **HRCH Play it Again Sam MNH3**, owned by Allen and Lydia Dillard, completed his third Master National pass. Congratulations!

Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year: *J and J Timber Time*, owned by Terry Warwick, 32 points

Holcomb Award for Gun Dog of the Year: *Brandy's Queen Anne of Knox*, owned and handled by J. Michael Evans, with 30 points.

AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2014: David Knott, who helps out with everything the club does, and has trained and handled both his dogs to the Master Hunter level.

ETRC Member of the Year: Jim Pearce, who has served as Chief Marshall for the last three AKC Hunt Tests, lets us use his building for our board meetings, and is always first to arrive and last to leave at all the club events.

Special Platinum Award for Outstanding Service: To Chuck Atchley, a charter member of ETRC since 1986, who has served as our club Treasurer since 1996, who lets us use his beautiful farm for training and club tests, and who has personally bailed the club out of financial difficulties several times. Chuck is retiring as Treasurer but continuing on as a faithful member of the club.

Outgoing President's Award: The club traditionally gives a gift card to thank the outgoing president for work during the year. Although Michael has agreed to stay on for a third term, he has spent huge quantities of time during the year serving as hunt test chairman, coordinating all the events, finding judges, etc. The outgoing Board presented him a \$150 gift card for his service during 2014.

2. **Election of Officers/Board:** The slate of officers/board members and other positions from the nominating committee is presented for approval. There were no additional nominations from the membership during the allotted December / early January time period, and nominations are now closed. Jim Pearce proposed that the slate be accepted and elected via a show of hands. Lois Luthenauer seconded the motion and on a show of hands all voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers and directors as listed below.

1. President: Michael Evans
2. Vice President: Michele Fletcher
3. Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards
4. Board member Replacement (2014-2017): Patti Gibson
5. Board member (2015-2018) Thomas Art Gibson
6. Board member (2015-2018): Diane Fyfe
7. Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
8. AKC Representative: Diane Fyfe
9. Past President: Kevin Luthenauer (non-elective)
10. Chief Marshall for 2015 tests: David Knott (non-elective)


(Remaining on the board: Derek Dieterich and Lois Luthenauer until 2/16; David Knott until 2/17.) Going off the Board: Chuck Atchley, Guy Greer (resigned in spring), Ken Wade (resigned), Robert Dodson (term expired).

Any other new business? None.

Closing Remarks: Michael reiterated that the club cannot succeed without everyone pulling together to carry out the work. He called for new ideas from everyone; names for judges; volunteers for any variety of work, from a few hours up to positions of club management; and thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Terry Warwick moved that we adjourn. Jim Pearce seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. David Knott: he has trained his dog to the Master level but no titles yet. Change made 3/1/15.
2. Michele Fletcher: David Knott is Marshall for 2015, not 2014. Change made 3/1/15.
3. J.Michael Evans: changed name order on owners of Buck's Beau of Stoneridge.

Approvals:

1. Lois Luthenauer, 3/1/15
2. David Knott, 3/1/15
3. Michele Fletcher, 3/1/15
4. J. Michael Evans, 3/2/15
5. Diane Fyfe, 3/3/15