

ETRC Board Meeting, Tuesday, 9/15/15
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Michael Evans, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Lois Luthenauer, Derek Dieterich, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art Gibson, Diane Fyfe]

Absent, excused: David Knott

Absent, unexcused: None

Members present: Richard Fyfe

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

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Michael Evans: deferred until discussion of fall hunt test.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on August 15, 2015. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since August 20, 2015. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Diane Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Website changes made & pending: routine; fall schedule posted.

Membership: We have 52 members, 3 pending first reading and assignment of sponsors (later).

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU is \$18841.34. \$570 has been received for the Kevin Luthenauer fund, and we will need to decide what to do with this money perhaps for award at the winter banquet. Lois mentioned she has about \$400 additional to add to this. Year to date Treasurer's report is attached. Visa Card for Jason for spring test finally purchased and handed over to Michael for delivery. All bills paid for seminar and spring test; we are current on all amounts due.

AKC Representative's Report: Diane Fyfe. Nothing new to report.

Old Business

1. **Summer picnic/seminar:** a success. Notes from the seminar, prepared jointly by Karen Edwards and Diane Fyfe, were sent out to the membership via email.
2. **ETRC Club Trial October 3, 2015:** Roberta reported that she has sent the insurance binder to farm owner Darryl Miller. Michael will ask David to arrange for judges for the various stakes. As far as bird boys go, we will try to scrounge some up – hopefully Seth

Knott again, Lois may have a few she can bring, Diane may locate some FFA kids. We will pay each kid \$40 a day.

3. ***ETRC Fall Hunt Test, October 17-18.*** At the last meeting, we decided to have only one flight of Master (limit 60) since our test will be during the Master National over in Cheraw, SC and we do not expect pro trainers bringing lots of dogs to come to our test.

- a. **Status of finding judges:** Michael has made over 92 calls and so far has one definite (Otey Brabston for Junior/Senior) and one tentative, a 5-point master judge who lives in Western Texas and is willing to judge whatever we need if we will pay airfare for him. All others have declined for various reasons and a number of them have said they are not interested in judging anymore. Several have died! We are coming up very close to the opening date of our test (September 23) and things are getting critical. Also, Entry Express has been down for 8 days so far and if they aren't back up, we are not equipped to get entries done and catalogs printed on such short notice. We realize that we are not likely to make money on this fall test, but after having done so well during the spring, our treasury is in good shape. Michael stated the general consensus that we owe it to the members to put on two hunt tests a year, and that we should do this even if we lose several thousand dollars this fall. Michael also noted that he has already pinned down about 7 judges for the spring test. One good piece of news – duck supplier Kiley Buettner reports that he has obtained all the permits needed to transport live ducks across state lines during this time of bird flu.

After more discussion, Karen moved that we pay up to \$800 per judge on airfare for those we have to fly in, and that if we can't find a full judges panel of 6 judges by September 22, and/or if Entry Express is not up and running by then, we will cancel the test. Patti seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Lois volunteered to pick up and deliver judges from the Nashville airport if that was where we could fly them into. Michael mentioned that Karen, Carol Stone, and several others had also been helping to contact a few judges and that if anyone had any ideas or judge friends, please contact them and let him know ASAP if there are any takers.

- b. **Birdboys:** with only 1 flight of Master, we will need 20 per day, \$60 per birdboy per day (\$1,200 / \$2,400) if all 20 are there; docked back to \$50 per day if some are missing. The draft contract is ready to use with just number and date changes; however, Diane is going to hold off on talking with the school people until we know whether or not we are going to have a test.
- c. **Ribbon order:** 200 JH, 200 SH, 100 title ribbons and tags: Ordered 9/3/15; total cost charged to Karen's credit card, \$1745 including shipping. Order is in production and will be received by October 9.
- d. **Raffles for member workers and overall:** Lois has not done much with this yet, and will not, pending the decision on whether we are going to have a test this fall. If so, she will get right on it and make some calls.

- e. **Donated item, crate carrier:** advertised to membership for private bids 9/8/15; so far have not received any. If nothing by the hunt test, we will take it there and do a private auction; if no hunt test, Karen will post it on Craig's list and handle selling it.
 - f. **Other work assignments:** Michael has located gunners for Saturday. Karen volunteered Jim Pearce for the new mounted patrol job for at least part of the time.
 - g. **Alternate plans:** If we are unable to have a hunt test, we should seriously plan on having a second club trial and/or multiple training sessions on the days of the test, out at Hiwassee. At least that way we can get some good training for our members and we have use of the grounds already. We will discuss this more at a board meeting following the Club Trial on October 3, by which time we will know whether or not we are having the hunt test.
1. ***Inventory, Sale of shotguns and equipment, purchase of new/improved equipment:*** Rough draft inventory provided to Board members, to be finalized at fall Club Trial. Consumable supplies (poppers, MAP gas canisters, toilet paper etc.) -- need separate list.
- a. **Small pull-behind trailer:** Karen stopped at Smoky Mt. Motors in LC and found that a new 5x8 closed trailer is about \$2,000, 6x10 would be about \$2,500. These both have ramp-closing rear doors. Michael found a used one on Craig's List that was a 5x8 with a single side-opening back door for \$1200 but it is no longer listed. Diane moved that we authorize Michael to purchase an appropriate trailer for up to \$1500 if he is able to locate one, without having to come back to the Board for approval. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - b. **Purchase of new Wingers:** the decision to buy 4 at not more than \$400 each plus tax and shipping was made via email vote 8/20-22/15: Karen moved, Patti seconded, Lois, Roberta, and David also voted aye, motion carried. Michele was instructed to try for a better price, club discount, gift certs or merchandise for raffles. She reported that she made a number of phone calls to various places. The two best were (1) an offer from Zinger for \$400 each, shipping \$35 each, they will throw in cases for the wingers plus a box of replacement rubbers; and (2) an offer from Dogs Afield for \$400 each, shipping at \$35 each, and a 10% discount which will cover shipping costs and a little bit extra. After some discussion about verifying how quickly things can be shipped, we decided that Dogs Afield sounded like the better offer and instructed Michele to make it happen.
 - c. **Sale of Old Wingers:** We decided to price the 4 old heavy wingers that will be excess once we get the new ones, for \$25 each. We could probably get \$50 each for them at the metal scrap yard, but this is a way we can support club members who want to get more training equipment. Karen will advertise them in an email to all members, after we make the final decision on having a hunt test or not, and they will be available for pickup either at the club trial or at the hunt test.

- d. **Shotguns:** We have decided to keep 7 and sell the rest, first to members, then to Mike Lett on consignment. We decided to sell them for \$25 each, and they will be advertised as “12 gauge single action shotguns / popper guns.” At the club trial, we will confirm the number available for sale, pick out and set aside the ones we will keep, and begin selling them to members. Karen will also notify club members of their availability in the email advertising the blinds. Michael suggested we keep two of the ones with non-working firing pins for use as handler guns. He will take these home and spray paint them orange so it is immediately obvious which ones they are.
 - e. Rubber for stringing wingers: Derek is going to order more in time for the fall test – if we have one – but has not yet done this.
2. **Tee Shirts etc.** Lois will work with Val to get new ones on order.
 3. **Advertising on the website:** Derek Dieterich: nothing new.
 4. **Training Committee and dates:** Saturday, September 26 is the next training date. This will be dependent on weather etc.
 5. **Nominating Committee:** Derek Dieterich was appointed to be chairman of the committee at the picnic and last night he drafted Rick Fyfe as one of the non-board members to help him. Michael will call Alan Bruhin to ask if he will also serve on the committee. Results from the committee are due by Mid November.

New Business:

1. **First Reading, New members:**
 - a. Rhey / Jennifer Houston: no sponsor requests; David Knott and Brian Caldwell were assigned.
 - b. Ben / Rhonda Rogers: requested David Knott, Brian Caldwell, request approved.
 - c. Jordin Luthenauer / Brice Franke: requested Lois, Jody Ware, request approved. Lois reported that she asked Jody who agreed to do this.

Lois moved that these new members be accepted on first reading. Patti seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Karen will notify the new members and the sponsors and the final vote will be scheduled for the winter awards banquet.
2. **New Jody Ware Seminar.** Jody is not available in November and does not want to set a spring date yet because he doesn't know yet what he will be doing, but is OK in principle with putting on another one then. We will need at a later date to decide on the format, whether or not we will charge a fee, and whether we will open it to non-members, perhaps after a week or two of announcing it to members. We will also need to discuss paying Jody.
3. **Membership for Jody:** He mentioned jokingly that we should have a multi-year membership so he didn't have to try to remember to send in his dues every year. Karen suggested that we offer him a 5-year membership (through fiscal 2020) to thank him for doing the summer

picnic absolutely free. Derek moved that we do this, Lois seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Karen was instructed to notify the Wares of their new membership status.

Any other new business? None

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

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

Change misspelling of name in first paragraph of page 5, Lois Luthenauer
Shipping charges will apply for Dogs Afield purchase, clarification from Michele Fletcher
Change "Kansas" to "Texas" in Old Business 3.a.

Approvals:

David Knott, 9/17/15
Lois Luthenauer, 9/17/15
Michele Fletcher, 9/17/15
Derek Dieterich, 9/18/15
Michael Evans, 9/18/15
Diane Fyfe, 9/22/15
Karen Edwards, 9/22/15