

## **ETRC Minutes: Banquet and Meeting, Saturday, February 17, 2018 Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN**

**Present from the 2017 Board:** Lois Luthenauer, Donna Smith, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Tom Gibson, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce, John Broucek

**Absent, excused:** Alan Bruhin, Rick Fyfe, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate)

**Members present:** Mitzi Evans, Mike Smith, Sherie Catledge, Carol McCorkle, Chambers family (5), Chris Miller, Brandon Lawson, Liz Gibson, Cory Smith family (3), Jeff and Cheryl McNutt

**Guests Present:** Chris Miller's guest Samantha Lawton, Luke McCoy's guest, Trevor Tucker (John Broucek's guest), Jake Greenwell (John Broucek's guest), John B.'s guest #3

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. 17 individuals/families were represented, and the end-of-year 2017 membership stands at 61 families. Therefore, a quorum (12.2 voting members) was exceeded.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. following dinner.

### **Officer's Reports**

***Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report:*** Lois Luthenauer thanked everyone for the opportunity and privilege to serve as President over the last two years. She highlighted the events the club put on last year – two spring club trials, a very successful spring hunt test, a summer seminar and picnic with Jody Ware, a smaller but still successful fall hunt test at Lucky 7 ranch, and a fall club trial. During the year we continued to upgrade our equipment – new dokkens for use in training and club trials, new camp chairs for birdkids instead of buckets, 10 new holding blinds among other items. The Luthenauer Youth Program completed its second year, and a new set of rules and application form have been approved to make the program easier to understand and to apply for. In addition, the board has completed a revision of the rules for Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year awards, plus established some new awards for next year.

***Secretary's Report.*** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on January 14, 2018. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since January 20. Michael Evans moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted on the website; Luke McCoy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Karen reported that as of the end of 2017, ETRC had 61 members, and that renewals are now due.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Karen Edwards reported that the current balance in the club bank account is \$23,307.56. Last year, our income exceeded expenses by \$7,464.88. She passed around a detailed report of expenses/income during 2017, and year-to-date in 2018.

***Election of New members:*** Lois Luthenauer reported that we have 7 new provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval. All sponsors recommended approval.

She read out the following information on each new member, and those that were present were asked to stand up so people will know who they are. The names of those present are bolded.

1. Bryson Bayles, college student, Evensville, TN. Has a young black lab. Sponsors: Luke McCoy, John Broucek
2. Scott & Libby Chaney, pro dog trainer, McMinnville, TN. Sponsors: Lois Luthenauer, John Broucek.
3. **Brandon Lawson**, Customer Service, Church Hill, TN. Sponsors: Lois Luthenauer, Tom Gibson.
4. **Sherie Catledge**, pro dog trainer, Bethpage, TN. Sponsors: Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer.
5. Larry Moody, TDOT, Morristown, TN. 2 Chessies. Sponsors: Tom Gibson, Lois Luthenauer.
6. **Chris Miller**, EMT, Knoxville, TN. Young Golden Retriever. Sponsors: Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce.
7. Danny & Robin Lawson, retired. Georgetown, TN. Labradors; also member of Chattanooga RC. Sponsors: Tom Gibson, Wayne Rasbury.

Carol McCorkle moved that these people be accepted into the club as final members. Cory Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Welcome all!

### Old Business

- **Spring & Fall Hunt Test 2018 updates:** Lois Luthenauer announced the dates for these two events (May 26-27 at Hiwassee, and October 19-20 at Lucky 7). Planning for the spring test is coming along well and we are currently pursuing judges and hope to have that finalized soon.
- **Club Trial and Training Updates:** The first spring club trial will be on March 10, location still to be determined – it will be announced in the next newsletter. There will be a training session in the afternoon following to give participants a chance to work on things they identified during the morning runs. We are hoping to have a trial in April as well, but a location and date has not yet been finalized.
- **Kevin Luthenauer Youth Fund:** Lois Luthenauer announced that the program is fully funded for next year thanks to the generosity of Ken Campbell of Lucky 7 Ranch. Karen passed out the new rules and application forms to people at the banquet who have kids who might be interested in participating; these are also up on the website. Lois is working with Sherie Catledge to have a junior handlers seminar, possible the first weekend in May; more details to follow.

### New Business:

#### 1. Awards Presentations (Lois Luthenauer & Luke McCoy)

**Junior Hunter:** 4 dogs earned their Junior Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:

- Dead River's Rascally Reed JH, Cade Chambers (Junior handler)
- Zeke Lawson JH, Brandon Lawson
- HR Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen JH (Ivy), J. Michael Evans
- Coon Creek's Polly Wanna Quacker (Polly), Lois Luthenauer

**Senior Hunter:** 2 dogs earned their Senior Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:

- MACH RPO's Calamity Jane UD SH MXS MJS MFB T2B2 CGCA (Callie), Michele Fletcher
- Zeke Lawson SH, Brandon Lawson

**Master Hunter:** 1 dog earned its Master Hunter title this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:

- Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH, Alan Bruhin

**Qualifying at the Master National:** Congratulations and a picture plaque to:

- Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MNH, "Coal," owner David Knott, handler Brian Caldwell. Coal also earned the prestigious MNH title this year, indicating that he has successfully completed three Master Nationals.

**Qualifying for the Master National but did not go or did not qualify:** No awards, but congratulations for the achievement to:

- Crosspointe's Steady Teddy Noah Lott MH, owned by Rhey Houston, handled by Jody Ware. He made it through to the last series. Tough luck!

**Qualifying Member Handlers:** Kudos to the following ETRC members who successfully handled dogs at the Master National:

- Jody Ware
- Brian Caldwell

**Master Amateur Qualifiers, handlers, qualified for:** If anyone in the club qualified for the Master Amateur, we didn't hear about it. Please let us know if you did – we'd like to honor your achievement!

**Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year:** The perpetual trophy and a plaque was awarded to HR Hilltops Fowl Mouth Delta Queen JH (Ivy), owned and handled by J. Michael Evans. 19 points.

**Holcomb Award for Gun Dog of the Year:** Awarded to Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH, Owned and handled by Alan Bruhin. 24 points.

**AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2017:** Awarded to Brian Caldwell. Brian has hosted a number of training sessions for ETRC members during the year, and has helped out at all the hunt tests. His advice and assistance, as well as his talent in training and handling dogs, make him a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Sportsman award.

**ETRC Member of the Year:** Awarded to charter member Roberta Williams, who has since the club's beginnings been one of those people you could always count on to be there and work hard, and who has been involved in club management for 31 years.

**Special Award for Roberta Williams,** retiring HT secretary after decades of service: Roberta was awarded a special recognition plaque for her tireless and uninterrupted service,

and also was given a special jacket with her name embroidered on the front and an ETRC logo on the back.

2. **Special Recognition of our Pros:** Lois Luthenauer recognized the service of our club pros, and the help they provide during the year to other members through advice, seminars, assistance at club events, hosting training days, etc. We appreciate all of you! Current ETRC pro members include Jody Ware, Brian Caldwell, Sherie Catledge, and Scott Chaney.
3. **In Memoriam:** Lois Luthenauer – Several years ago we had a roll call and pictures, but it was such a tear jerker that we decided not to do that again. However, we do have an in memoriam page on the website, and welcome pictures and tributes to any member dogs who pass on during the year. Please send the info and photos to Karen Edwards for inclusion in the newsletter and the website. And if anyone wants to stand up and tell us now about a dog of yours who died during the year, we would be glad to have you make that tribute now.
4. **Election of Officers/Board** (*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 time period, and nominations are now closed.*)
  1. President: Luke McCoy
  2. Vice President: Alan Bruhin
  3. Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards
  4. Board Member 2018-2020: J. Michael Evans (Luke McCoy's vacant position)
  5. Board Member 2018-2021: Tom Gibson
  6. Board Member 2018-2021: Cory Smith
  7. Hunt Test Secretary: Carol McCorkle
  8. AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher
  9. Past President: Lois Luthenauer (non-elective)
  10. Chief Marshall for 2018 tests: Lois Luthenauer (non-elective)

Remaining on the board: Donna Smith & John Broucek until 2019| Jim Pearce until 2020.

Going off the Board: Rick Fyfe expiring at the end of this meeting

Jim Pearce moved that instead of a secret ballot that we approve the slate of candidates by voice vote. Mike Evans seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Karen moved that we elect the slate as presented. Luke seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

5. **Statement by New President:** New president Luke McCoy thanked the members for giving him the opportunity to serve and promised to keep things short. He briefly outlined our proposed activities during the year, and asked everyone to step up and volunteer their time for the sake of the club.
6. **First Reading of New Members:** Luke McCoy. Need vote for provisional membership and sponsors assigned.
  - Micheal & Robin Jones, Lenoir City, TN. Golf course superintendant, have a 10-month old Black Lab, previous member of Atlanta RC and Old South RC, interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, and dog training. Will volunteer for whatever is needed. Sponsors: Jim Pearce, John Broucek.


- Victor & Jo Ann Burk, Chuckey, TN. Vic is a teacher of HS math, Jo Ann works in a restaurant. Have 3 goldens with many obedience titles. Interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training, obedience training, and are members of Ducks Unlimited and Rocky Mountain EK foundation. Will volunteer for whatever is needed. Sponsors: Cory Smith, Mike Smith.

Motion to accept: Jim Pearce moved that we accept these people as provisional members. Mike Evans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*Any other new business?* There being no other new business, Jim Pearce moved that we adjourn. Lois Luthenauer seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

*Adjourn:* The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

1. Mike Evans, 2/19/18 Corrected typo on date, Member of the Year award from 2015 to 2017
2. Mike Evans, 2/19/18: corrected names/titles of some dogs

Approvals:

1. Donna Smith, 2/19/18
2. Lois Luthenauer, 2/19/18
3. Mike Evans, 2/19/18
4. Cory Smith, 2/20/18
5. Jim Pearce, 2/20/18
6. John Broucek, 2/20/18
7. Karen Edwards, 2/22/18
8. Jeff McNutt, 2/19/18 member
9. Terri Arthur, 2/19/18 member