

Minutes for Banquet and Meeting, Saturday, February 17, 2018 Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN

Present from the Board: : Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, John Broucek, Donna Smith, Cory Smith

Absent, excused: Tom Gibson, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate), Carol McCorkle (HTSecy)
Absent, unexcused:

Members present: Mitzi Evans, Sherie Catledge, Denise, Tony and Ivan Chambers, David Knott, Cynthia Bruhin, Elena and Abigail Smith, Jeff and Cheryl McNutt, Mike Smith, Jake Greenwell, Lisa Styles, Ashley & Debbie Goddard

Guests Present: Katy Cundiff, Dusty Vaughn, Travis Vaughn,

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. Sixteen memberships were represented, and the current membership stands at 61 (20% would be 13). Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. following dinner.

Officer's Reports

Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report on last year's activities: Luke gave a brief wrap-up of events during the past fiscal year – AKC hunt tests in the spring and fall, with the spring test being one of the biggest we have ever had; a summer picnic / seminar conducted by Brian Caldwell, who filled in for Jody Ware at the last minute (Luke had a comment about Jody being a great dog trainer, but a lousy truck buyer); a Spring and Fall Club Trial; and 4 training/ seminars from November through February. Luke thanked Darryl Miller and Ken Campbell for letting us use their farms for club trials and hunt tests; Brian Caldwell for conducting the seminar and also leading several training sessions during January / February of 2018; and Lisa Styles, John Broucek, and Sherie Catledge for leading the recent training sessions/ seminars during November, December, January and February which amazingly all happened in spite of iffy winter weather. Recently, the club has continued upgrading our equipment with the purchase of 2 new Thunder Launchers (10-bumper) which will be used in training sessions and club trials this coming year.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on January 6, 2019. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since January 14. Alan Bruhin moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Lois Luthenauer and passed unanimously.

Correspondence: sent in ballots for Master National judges as voted & directed by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards: Balance in the treasury as of 2/22/19 is \$18,768.50. Karen handed out a single copy of the full Treasurer's report for the past year; this included separate sheets for calendar year 2018 and for Calendar year 2019 to date, as well as a sheet that showed the money

in and out of our Youth Program fund. Balance in our ORNL FCU account at the end of 2018 was \$23,364.13, of which \$4,616.74 is earmarked for the youth fund. Recent payments were for the purchase of the Thunder remote launchers and for the first insurance bill of the year.

Old Business

Election of New members: Michael Evans. We have 11 new provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval. All sponsors recommended approval.

1. Michael & Robin Jones, Lenoir City: Has a young black lab, previously belonged to Atlanta RC and Old South RC, interested in hunt tests, field trials, and dog training. Sponsors Jim Pearce & John Broucek.
2. Victor & Jo Ann Burk, Chuckey, TN. Have 3 Goldens, also active in obedience & agility, interested in Hunt tests and dog training, DU members. Sponsors Cory Smith & Mike Smith.
3. John & Teena Hewgley, S. Pittsburg, TN. Has an MH level black lab, interested in getting handling experience & dog training. Sponsors Carol McCorkle & Michael Evans.
4. Gwen & Bill Coon, Crossville. Have Golden Retrievers, also do agility & obedience plus field. Live part of the year in Michigan, active in various other dog clubs. Sponsors Sherie Catledge, Lois Luthenauer.
5. Barb and Mike Reed, Cincinnati, OH. Breed chocolate labs, belong to a number of retriever clubs. Interested in hunt tests, training. Sponsors Tom Gibson, Sherie Catledge.
6. Sparky & Nikki Roberts, Chatsworth, GA. Have a yellow lab, interested in hunt tests, dog training. Sponsors Lois Luthenauer, Mike Smith.
7. Shane & Mariah Doughty, Kingston, TN. Black lab. Sponsors Jim Pearce, Michael Evans.
8. Rachel & Ryan Smith, Dayton, TN. Yellow lab, interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, breeding. Sponsors Carol McCorkle and Luke McCoy.
9. Peter & Mara Torok, Rogersville, TN. Have a young golden Retriever, interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials. Sponsors Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce.
10. Nathan & Nicole Osbourn, Ringgold, GA. Have a young yellow lab. Interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials. Sponsors Luke McCoy and Jim Pearce.
11. Jay & Heather Richards, Greenback, TN. have a young black Lab. Interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials, breeding. Sponsors: Mike Evans, Cory Smith.

Jim Pearce moved that we accept all these people into full membership in ETRC. Cory Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events Updates: We have a full line-up of events for this coming year, and planning is already well underway for the following events:

1. ***Mid-Week Master Hunt Test:*** For the first time, we have added a master-only 2-day mid-week hunt test which will be held March 26-27 at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch. This was added to help our members who are trying to qualify Master dogs for the nearby Master National this fall and also the upcoming Master Amateur event. We will have 9 worker codes; anyone who plans to run a dog in this event is encouraged to contact Mike Evans, volunteer to help with the test, and be assured of a place in the test which will only house 60 dogs. We will be setting up all three series at once, and

need helpers to do the setup on Monday, plus people to work the test as bird boys on Tuesday and Wednesday.

2. **Youth Handler's Seminar and General Handler's Seminar with Sherie Catledge** : March 30 – 31. Lois announced that Sherie Catledge will be hosting a youth-only handler's seminar on Saturday, March 30. This will be free for all ETRC members but also we are inviting the Future Farmers of America groups to participate at no cost. Any youth who is interested in learning about retriever sports is welcome to come, and Lois and Sherie are looking for some experience member dogs who can be used by youth in the event they don't have a trained dog of their own. The following day, Sherie will offer a handler's seminar for all adult members of the club free of charge. Youth members are also welcome to attend, but this one will be a members-only event. The location will be at Sherie and Lois's new property, 3508 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, Tn; for people coming out of town who want to attend both days, there may be lodging available as there are some guest houses on the property.
3. **Spring Club Trial:** this is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Darry Miller's Farm, Sweetwater.
4. **Spring Hunt Test:** May 25-26, 2019, Hiwassee. This is usually our biggest event of the year and we need help with set-up, marshaling, and more.
5. **Summer Seminar and Picnic:** date and location to be determined.
6. **Fall Club Trial:** Not scheduled yet, look for news in the newsletter.
7. **Fall Hunt Test:** October 20-21, 2019, Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm.
8. **Fall Training:** We will pick up with more club training events starting next November.

New Business:

1. **Awards Presentations** . President Luke McCoy announced the following awards for 2018:
Junior Hunter: 3 dogs earned their Junior Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:
 - Roddydogs Rocky Top Gal JH, Labrador Retriever owned and handled by Haley O'Neal
 - Southern Pro Gar JH, Labrador Retriever owned and handled by Ben O'Neal
 - BRF I Missed Bring More Ammo JH ("Ammo"), Chesapeake owned and handled by Tom Gibson.**Senior Hunter:** 2 dogs earned their Senior Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:
 - McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name SH ("Echo"), Golden retriever bred by Brent McCoy, owned by Luke McCoy, and handled by Luke and Brian Caldwell.
 - HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen SH ("Ivy"), Yellow Labrador owned and handled by J. Michael Evans.**Master Hunter:** 4 dogs earned their Master Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:
 - Troublesome Oklahoma Girl MH ("Okie"), Labrador Retriever owned by Jake Greenwell;

- Blythe Ferry's Bristol MH, Labrador Retriever owned by Chad Suttles;
- Troublesome Delta's Highseas Mae MH, Labrador Retriever owned by Jeremy Majors; and
- HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen SH ("Ivy"), Yellow Labrador owned and handled by J. Michael Evans.

QA2: (Qualified All-Age at field trials two times): Congratulations and an engraved plaque were awarded to Indi's L7 Nellie, owned and handled in field trials by John Broucek. Nellie earned her QA2 title in November 2018.

Field Trial Champion: Huge congratulations for this amazing achievement, one of the highest honors in our sport, and an engraved plaque were presented to Troublesome Ribeye Medium Rare, bred and handled by John Broucek, and co-owned by John Broucek and David and Kara McMahan. Ribeye earned his Championship in June 2018.

Qualifying at the Master National/Master Amateur: Congratulations and a picture plaque were presented to Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MNH4, "Coal," owned & handled by David Knott. This was David's first time handling at this level, and during the first series he forgot how to send a dog on the blind – sent him on his name rather than "Back". Coal knew what he meant anyway, he is the consummate professional, and after that David settled down and enjoyed the ride!

Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year, 2018: Congratulations, a plaque and a year with the Perpetual Trophy went to Bear Country's Love on the Rox ("Roxie"), owned and trained by Lois Luthenauer and Sherie Catledge.

Holcomb Award for Gun Dog of year, 2018: This year the plaque and Perpetual Trophy went to HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH ("Ivy"), owned and handled by J. Michael Evans. Congratulations!

AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2018: Jody Ware, one of the club's pro members who has always helped out at every test he has attended, and also has conducted summer seminars for the club for many years, was elected as the Outstanding Sportsman of the Year for 2018. Jody is always willing to lend a hand, his professionalism, courteous behavior, and great training exemplify the very highest standards in the Sport.

ETRC Member of the Year, 2018: This year, the Member of the Year was awarded to Mike Smith, who attends every one of our events, helps out from the time it starts until it ends, and also brings along a cooler of beer.... Congratulations, Mike!

Young Handler Of The Year: Lois Luthenauer announced that we now have a trophy to be awarded for 2017 and 2018 for the Luthenauer Young Handler's Program. The winners in 2017 were Bai and Tay McCoy, and the winners for this past year were Ivan and Cade Chambers. Congratulations! The award didn't make it to the banquet; it just arrived and is stored in Karen's office – floodwaters cut the office off on Sunday so it was unavailable. It

will be engraved, and along with a plaque to keep, will be formally presented to the Chambers at the Spring Hunt Test the end of May.

2. **In Memoriam:** Luke McCoy mentioned that for those people who have lost dogs during the year, we do have an 'in memoriam' page on the website and in the newsletter, and welcome pictures and tributes to any member dogs who pass on during the year. Please send the info and photos to Karen Edwards. Also, Luke mentioned that a face who has been at every event, every banquet, and worked unceasingly for the ETRC from its inception, is missing from the ceremony tonight. Roberta Williams passed away last summer and is sorely missed. Our spring hunt test will be held in her honor.

3. **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 2019-2022: Mike Smith
 5. Board Member 2019-2022: Jeff McNutt
 6. Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
 7. AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher
 8. Past President: Lois Luthenauer (non-elective)
 9. Chief Marshall for 2019 tests: Lois Luthenauer (non-elective)

Remaining on the board: Jim Pearce & J. Michael Evans until Feb 2020; Tom Gibson & Cory Smith until Feb 2021. Going off the Board: Donna Smith and John Broucek, terms expiring at the end of the meeting.

Motion to approve by voice vote rather than secret ballot was made by Alan Bruhin, seconded by Lois Luthenauer, and approved by all present:

4. **Statement by New President:** Luke McCoy. Luke thanked everyone for working hard during the past year, and that he is pleased with the direction the club is going. More training, more testing, more enthusiastic members. He looks forward to another exciting year. Several members thanked Luke for his hard work during the year.

5. **Door Prize:** Photographer Ken Goss, who has taken photos at our hunt tests this past several years, donated a blown-up and matted photograph of ducks taking flight from a pond near dusk. Everyone who came to the Banquet had a chance to win this prize, which was drawn by Ivan Chambers. Sherie Catledge was the lucky winner – and this will serve as a housewarming present for her new home in Clarkrange!

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Mike Smith moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cory Smith, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

1. Corrected misspelling on Ivan Chambers' name – Jeff McNutt
- 2.

Approvals:

1. Michele Fletcher
2. Jeff McNutt
3. Mike Smith
4. Jim Pearce
5. Lois Luthenauer
6. Cory Smith
7. Karen Edwards

