

ETRC Board Meeting, 4/8/19

Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher, J. Michael Evans

Absent, excused: Tom Gibson, Mike Smith, Cory Smith, Jeff McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 2/23/19; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Jim Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** None to report.
- **Membership:** Current 2019 membership is 41 as of 4/8/19, including 2 waiting first reading and assignment of sponsors. 22 members have not renewed yet from 2018; EOY membership was 61. Sent out membership reminder to people who haven't rejoined on 3/16/19, will do another reminder in a few weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 4/8/19 is \$19,241.13. Karen passed out copies of a report showing income and expenses year to date, and the status of funds in the Youth program.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing to report.

Old Business

1. *Master Midweek Hunt Test:*

- **Financial info:** so far, we have netted \$2,122.40, with some bills still out:
 - Keith Maready judges fees (\$200?)- emailed him 4/8/19, reminding him that I need an invoice from him.
 - Scratches (Tammy & Mike Pierce? 4 dogs @ \$50 = \$200, No others received). Have not received a refund request from the Pierces, but since they were already at the test ready to go, and had to leave to take Mike to the hospital for a medical emergency, and always support our tests and help out as needed, Michele moved that we give them the partial refund. Lois seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Karen will write them a refund check.
 - Not counted directly, but we used about \$185 in ribbons, title ribbon, and duck bands from our overall supply.

- Lunch: sandwiches from Subway cost us about \$4 per lunch. Extra cost for cookies and chips, some napkins and bags; most of the chips/napkins/bags left over and will be used for spring hunt test. Charged \$7 for the one lunch we sold.
 - Extra invoice from Holston Gas – Michael called and got this corrected.
 - Bottom line: looks like we will net around \$1,700 which is NOT BAD for such a small test.
 - Ducks: There was some discussion about the club buying Brady ducks that ended up being for free, since we used Ken's duck facilities instead of Brady's. Lois contacted John Broucek to see if the ducks ended up with Ken, which is fine, or if Brady took them. If so, he needs to refund us the \$290 for the cost of the ducks.
 - Missing stuff: one of the radios went walkabout; may have been left in a field or out in someone's car. We had it Wednesday morning but not by the evening. Also, a hammer is missing from one of the tool bags, but Jim thinks that Jeff McNutt has it.
 - Overall, the test went very smoothly. It was two long hard days for the club members out in the holding blinds, since our relief plan didn't work out too well and we couldn't get school-age birdkids for a midweek test. And, asking people to take three days off from work to put this on was a big ask. These were reasons expressed for deciding not to have a one-day field trial qualifier before one of our hunt tests in the past.
2. ***Sherie Catledge Handler Workshop 3/31/19:*** Not much attendance, but excellent info and very helpful for those of us who attended. Thanks to Sherie and Lois –lunch was delicious, and their place is gorgeous!
 3. ***Club Trial 4/13/19: Darryl Miller's place:*** Lois won't be there. Both Alan and Michael had talked to Darryl in the last several days, and found out that the road through the Holt Farm is washed out. With lots more rain yesterday, the chances of it being repaired and dry enough to use on Saturday are slim and nil. After some discussion, we decided to change the location to Roane Regional. Jim checked the road up onto the hill and it looks more or less OK unless there is more rain on Friday / Saturday. Karen will write emails tomorrow notifying Roane Regional and letting the membership know of the change in location.
 4. ***Spring Hunt Test:*** We went through the checklist, and the following updates were noted:
 - a. Judges have been selected, and J. Michael has entered them into the AKC website. He does not yet have approval. As soon as he receives approval, we can finalize our test. He will notify Karen and Michele, could possibly receive approval on Tuesday.
 - b. 17 rooms have been reserved at the Dayton Best Western. After a brief discussion of the possibility of having to split one of the Senior or Junior tests, Michael agreed to call them back and ask them to hold on to 20 rooms in all.
 - c. Honoring Roberta: Karen will write up a brief blurb and send to Michele for use in the premium and program, and will send Michele the picture we decided to use. Melody says she has some information / posters from the funeral that she will loan to us.
 - d. Chief Marshal status: Lois will be at the Master Amateur with Woody during the test. She is working to identify marshals and reliefs, and will get us the info before she leaves. She can also make phone calls if someone falls out before the test. Michele

agreed to be the acting chief marshal at the test, which shouldn't involve much work that would interfere with her HT Secretary duties.

- e. Michael will be handling helper codes. We will have 18; we discussed how to handle more requests than codes, and decided that priority will go to people who have helped in the past rather than to new people who promise to help, as oftentimes the help doesn't materialize.
- f. Alan will copy off more judges sheets, around 600 or so.
- g. Ducks: we will have to go with Kiley again since closer ducks are all promised for the Master National.
- h. Need more ammo; Michael will order. Need more garbage bags and paper towel rolls for marshal boxes, writing pads, and toilet paper.
- i. Meigs County FFA has agreed to provide 25 birdboys. Contract is with them for signature. Karen will need to contact them and tell them to be sure to wear appropriate colored tops (camo, brown, dark blue/green etc.) and hats for sun protection.
- j. Judges' dinner: After some discussion about the state of the cabin's kitchen, Alan moved that we take the judges out to dinner at a Dayton Restaurant. This will also make it easier on Patti, who we hope will still do the lunches for us on Saturday and Sunday. Michael seconded, and the vote passed. Lois texted Patti and told her about this; she agreed to do the lunches. After discussing the restaurant options, we decided to go to Jacob Myers steakhouse; Luke will make reservations for 20, and we will only be paying for the judges' dinners. All others will go dutch.
- k. Judges gifts: we had some discussion about keeping on with giving \$100 bills, or going back to getting them some kind of personalized or local flavor gift. Alan, Michael, and Luke, all judges, discussed what they liked but reported that judges are all over the board on this. Some of them are sick of getting personalized stuff that sits around collecting dust, some negative comments were made about getting food items, etc. We decided to keep on with the \$100 bills; everyone can use money and it doesn't clutter up the house.

5. ***Luthenauer Youth Handler Program:*** Lois reported no response on the youth handler seminar, but admitted that their move and subsequent lack of attention to advertising it had a major impact. The FFA people expressed that they had kids who would be very interested but they didn't get the info in time. Lois asked Karen to re-do the flyer that was prepared at the last moment to make it sort of a 'save the date' thing for next year, and they can pass it out to youth groups and people now, set up a contact list, and provide further info once next year's dates are set.

6. ***Equipment:***

- a. Poppers: We should try to have some of these available for the May hunt test. We have one good one and four cheap ones that tend to last only about one day before breaking. Karen moved we purchase 3 good ones, at around \$200 each. Lois seconded, and the motion passed. Lois will purchase some in time for the May hunt test.

7. ***Miscellaneous Club Business stuff:*** History stuff has been moved from Roberta's home to her daughter Melody's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. Michael Evans is trying to set up a time with her for pickup. She warns that some of it has been water

damaged. Michael reports he has had some problems with getting a hand-off set up. Karen volunteered to take over if Michael wasn't able to get with Melody in the next week or two; Karen's schedule is more flexible than Michael's and this may help.

New Business:

1. *New Members:*

- Catherine (Cat) Perry, Mauldin, SC, pro trainer, Labradors. Does hunt tests, field trials, obedience, dock diving. Says she was a member many years ago, none of our old members remember her. Will marshal at HTs.
- Jake & Jessi Webb, Cosby, Tn: have an 11-week old lab puppy. Interested in HT, Field Trials, dog training. Will do whatever is needed.

Michael moved that we accept these people as members; Karen seconded and the motion passed. Unfortunately, we forgot to assign sponsors, so please contact Karen to volunteer.

Any other new business?

- 1. *Summer picnic:*** Last year's picnic was not a success. Jody's truck broke down and he canceled at the last minute. Brian filled in for him, but had no opportunity to prepare. We didn't have a quorum with few members attending. We decided to use the same format, but change locations. Lois volunteered her new place, about 20 miles north of Crossville, with 20 acres of fields and a pond that is not technical (yet) but provides the opportunity to get wet. There is a covered pavilion and outdoor kitchen that is ideal for the picnic itself, and there are several extremely nice guest cottages where we can put up Jody and as much of his family as he brings along. Karen will talk with Jody on Wednesday to see if he is agreeable with the proposed date of Saturday, August 17; and Lois will discuss with Sherie who is leasing the training grounds to make sure she doesn't have something else planned on that date.
- 2. *Fall Hunt Test: 10/19-20/19.*** AKC has approved our dates and location, and we have got the basic info entered into AKC and EE websites. However, this date is right in the middle of the Master National over in Cheraw, and there are serious problems with going ahead with this date. Getting judges will be a major issue; attendance will be low as most of the pros east of the Mississippi will be at the MA; and many of our worker cadre will be over there participating and won't be available to help. We discussed various alternatives, including moving the date earlier or later so as not to conflict, and decided that Michael will talk to AKC to see if we can have the date of 9/28/19 instead, and if so, check with Ken Campbell to see if this changed date is OK with him. If this doesn't work out, we will have to look at other options.
- 3. *Fall club trial:*** Ideally, we would have this at Lucky 7 about two weeks before our fall hunt test. However, until we get the date for that test pinned down, we need to hold off on selecting a date.

4. Possible replacement of big trailer: Mike Evans commented that our big trailer is getting close to the point where it will no longer serve our needs. It is 14' long and extremely heavy; the brakes don't work; and we have too much stuff to store it efficiently and effectively. He suggests we look around for a newer trailer – maybe a 20' trailer made of aluminum, with a drop ramp tailgate and barn doors on the side that we could fix up with shelves and cupboards. He thinks we could get a used one for \$5 to \$8,000, and a new one would be from \$10 to \$15,000. Alan moved that we ask Mike to do more study on this issue and report back after the spring hunt test. Jim Pearce seconded and the motion passed. The general consensus was that this was a good idea if we could find a good used one. Ken Campbell has said we can store the trailer at his place permanently if we want, and we still have the option of using Hiwassee.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Alan moved that we adjourn. Michael seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

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Approvals:

1. Mike Smith
2. Alan Bruhin
3. Michele Fletcher
4. J. Michael Evans
5. Jim Pearce
6. Karen Edwards