

ETRC Board Meeting, Saturday, 2/25/22 After the Banquet, Bearden Banquet Hall

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Lois Luthenauer, Denise Chambers, Luke McCoy, Lois Luthenauer, Jeff Rader, Jim Pearce

Absent: Cory Smith, ..

Mike S called for a quick meeting after the banquet, which was called to order at 8:37 p.m. The first order of business was a chastisement (well deserved) from J. Michael Evans, who was distressed that he only received four nominations from the Board for Member of the Year and AKC Sportsman of the Year. He urged us to please take these awards more seriously in the future and provide him with our nominations.

Second order of business was the duck situation for our upcoming tests. Because of the cycle of raising ducklings in Iowa, where we get our ducks from Buettner Farms, they will be small and ratty for our first test in March. They will also be costly, as Kiley B doesn't have any other duck deliveries in the area for either this test or the April test. There may be a few people who want ducks and that may make it a little cheaper, but basically we should expect duck prices to be higher than normal.

J. Michael's question was, should he order enough ducks for both the March and April tests to arrive at the same time, and keep the ones for the April test at Cory's place? One problem with this is that our April test won't close until after our March test has ended, which means we don't have a good idea how many ducks we will actually need. After some discussion about the high price of duck feed, and Cory trying to deal with so many juvenile ducks who still need special handling, we decided that it makes more sense to just pay the extra in freight once we know how many we will actually need. The ducks will be larger and more mature in April if they stay at the farm, and the possible death rate plus feed costs for several weeks will probably offset the higher cost for transport.

Alan Bruhin mentioned his desire to have an ETRC Facebook page, and mentioned that the other clubs in middle Tennessee and upper Georgia have such pages. Karen remarked that we used to have a page, and that Patti Gibson managed it. Lois said she had looked at it and had made a few changes in early days but is no longer able to find it and assumes that Patti shut the page down when she left the club. Lois suggested we ask Kyle and Tracey Griffins, who had come to the banquet, if they would be willing to set up such a page and manage it. The Griffins agreed that they will set one up and manage it for a while until we can find someone else to take it over. Karen will send them the ETRC Logo, pictures, and copies of the agenda so they can pull info from there to post. Thanks so much, Kyle and Tracey!

Karen mentioned that our long-time webmaster, Mary Hext, had just sent an email announcing that she was retiring as of July 1, and that we needed to find a new webmaster. Karen has asked Mary to send the log-in info, and she will take a look at the code. If it's primarily an HTML page, Karen can take it on but if it has Java, Flash and some of the more advanced web tools, that

is beyond her capability. Karen will also try to talk with the Oak Ridge Kennel Club to see if it is a professional service that manages their web page, and if so how much they cost. More info on this later.

Questions were raised about whether we had bird techs line up for our March test at Brian Caldwell's. Mike reported that Brian was working on it, and had one so far (Bob Smith). Alan reported that the Wildlife Club, who has provided techs for our weekend tests for the last several years, only had 10 people lined up so far each day. This will be a Quad JH / SH so we will need a bare minimum of 12 and 16 would be much better. Alan will keep in touch with the Wildlife Club, and Lois volunteered her partner Bob and nephew Gavin to serve as bird techs.

At this point, Jim moved we adjourn, Lois seconded, and we all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Mike Smith, 2/26/23: It was Alan Bruhin who suggested a Facebook page, not him.
Change made.

Approvals:

1. Michele Fletcher, 2/26/23
2. Alan Bruhin, 2/26/23
3. Mike Evans, 2/26/23
4. Jeff Rader, 2/26/23
5. Lois Luthenauer, 2/26/23
6. Jim Pearce, 2/26/23
7. Karen Edwards, 2/26/23
8. Luke McCoy 2/27/23