

ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 8/16/22
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Cory Smith (telephone), Peter Torok (telephone), Denise Chambers, Luke McCoy, Jeff McNutt

Absent, excused: Jim Pearce

Others Members Present: Lois Luthenauer, Cheryl McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 5/4/22; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website on 5/6/22. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Luke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** None to report.
- **Membership:** Membership at the end of December was 58. 53 today, with three needing first reading and vote.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$32,149.40 after depositing \$1,000 grant from MNRC for Judges' Seminar.

Old Business

1. **Other Hunt Tests in 2022.** we have the following dates and locations:

- a. September 10, Saturday morning, Cory's place: Club trial, Summer picnic, General business meeting. Cory stated that he will not be there, but his wife will open up the big barn for us. He will try to find out if his hay person will have hayed off the fields by then; if not, we may need to drive up to the pond and do water setups only, as the grass will be too high. Several of our usual judges are planning to attend, so we shouldn't have a problem locating judges. We will start at 9 a.m. with the club trial; have lunch at 12:30 or so, and then start the meeting at 1 or 1:30.
- i. Alan will buy a pack of 30 frozen hamburgers and we can use Cory's nice gas grill. The McNutts will make a batch of potato salad. We will ask people to bring their own drinks, and Karen will coordinate people bringing other dishes to share including cheese, chips, tomatoes and lettuce, and desserts. Karen will also ask for RSVPs in the next newsletter so we have an idea how many to expect.

fall and winter events. No formal vote was taken, but there was general consensus around the table that she should order some, perhaps brown or hunter green.

5. **Winter Awards Banquet:** Confirmed for Bearden Banquet Hall, Saturday, **February 25, 2023.**
6. **Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA,** April 1-2, 2023, Saturday & Sunday: approved by AKC and tentatively with TWRA. Date change; we will be one of the very first tests but at least it shouldn't be hot!

New Business:

1. **New Members:** Two for first reading & assignment of sponsors:
 - a. Thomas & Madeleine Gavin, 15 Whispering Pines Drive, Signal Mtn, TN 37377, 423-800-1457, abacus@epbfi.com. Mike Smith and Mike Evans volunteered to be sponsors.
 - b. Bella & Lisa Martin, 2456 Hyde Road, Lynnville, TN 38472, 931-619-6775, summitretrievers@yahoo.com This is our new Youth person and her mother. Lois is one sponsor, need another. Jeff McNutt volunteered to be the second sponsor.
 - c. Jordan & Leah Adcox, 7269 Ghiradelli Road, Knoxville, Tn 37918. 865-776-6568, jordanAdcox@comcast.net. This came in on an ancient membership form, on a weird website (insightbb.com/~hext/etrc/). Karen will contact Mary Hext to see if we can get this taken down since it is badly out of date but still showing up on search engines. The McNutts also agreed to sponsor this couple.

Alan moved we accept these people into membership; Jeff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **MNRC Bylaws proposals:** this is concerning the proposal to have a split Master National each year. Instead of having one, in alternating sections of the country, the new format would have two each year – one in the 'east' and one in the 'west.' Exactly where these lines are drawn are a bit problematical, since there are many more dogs in the eastern part of the country and the line might be drawn around the Mississippi River, meaning that people in parts of Alabama might be considered western, and have to travel to the west coast every year. Something has to be done; last year there were 1,500 dogs entered, and this is not workable. However, the simpler solution – making it harder to qualify – doesn't seem to have any traction. This will make it easier for most people to be able to make it to the Nationals every year, but the downside is that it will mess up local hunt tests every year instead of about one every couple of years. This test uses up about 3 weekends including training time in advance, which will affect regular weekend tests quite a bit. We will be asked to vote on this at the MN meeting which will be held in conjunction with the MN this year which is out in Oregon. None of our members are planning to take dogs to this test; however David Knott has gotten an assignment to be a ground steward or something and is possibly getting a free trip. So we may need to make him our proxy. Those forms have not yet come out from the MNRC, asking for our delegate / proxy.

Assuming we can find someone to cast our vote, Alan moved that we cast ETRC's vote in favor of this change in format. Luke seconded the motion, and the vote was 7 in favor and one opposed. One person had already left the phone call by this time so did not vote. Motion carried.

3. *Any other new business?*

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Luke moved that we adjourn. Jeff seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Karen Edwards, Secretary

Changes:

1. Spelling on Lin Gelbmann's name, Michele Fletcher, 8/17/22

Approvals:

1. Jeff McNutt, 8/18/22
2. J. Michael Evans, 8/18/22
3. Denise Chambers, 8/18/22
4. Peter Torok, 8/18/22
5. Michele Fletcheer, 8/18/22
6. Karen Edwards, 8/19/22
7. Jim Pearce, 8/19/22