

Minutes of ETRC After-Banquet Board Meeting, Saturday, 2/21/26 Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, TN

Present from the Board: J. Michael Evans, Brent Naveiro, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Nathan Lamping, Kyle Griffin, Lois Luthenauer

Absent, Excused: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin. Michele Fletcher

Absent, Unexcused: Bob Smith

Others Members Present: None.

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met with 7 people present. The meeting was called to order by Past President J. Michael Evans at 9:08 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None. In the absence of the newly-elected President Alan Bruhin, and since it was our new Vice President's first minutes as an officer, Past President J. Michael Evans ran this brief meeting.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Correspondence:**
 - Request for donation from Knoxville 4H
 - Request for donation from AKC Humane FundJim moved that we not make any donations to these organizations. Kyle and Lois seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- **Treasurer's Report:** *None*

AKC Delegate's report: None

Old Business

1. **Spring hunt test in honor of Jolynn Lamping:** We will have a banner or poster with her picture and a few brief words that the hunt test is in her memory. Michele will be asked to add this information to the Premium List on Entry Express. Nathan agreed to find a picture. Karen will provide any help as necessary.

New Business:

1. **New Members:** Three for first reading and assignment of sponsors:
 - a. Marsha & Bill Fuzia, retired. 2115 Fulton Street, Bluefield, WV 24701. Goldengirlmarsha@gmail.com, 503-738-2380. Golden breeder, Belle Terre Goldens. Has 5 Goldens, volunteers for assisting HT secretary, food prep/supplies and ribbon helper, will help "wherever I can". Member of GRCA and a dog training club in Salem, VA. Interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training, club trials, and breeding. They have trained with the Vencilles which is how they know about our club. They requested Michele Fletcher and Mike Smith as sponsors, and they were so assigned by the Acting President.

- b. Troy & Kirsty Perry. He's a fireman. 11104 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville, TN 37932, tperry398@gmail.com, 423-503-9673. Volunteers for whatever is needed, has 4 labs (3 black 1 chocolate), the oldest one (10 years) with an MH title. Interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, dog training, judging clinics, and breeding. Has signed up for our judges' seminar. Sponsors: none requested. Alan and J. Michael were assigned as sponsors.
- c. Josh & Macy Wilcox. He is a supervisor at CNS Y-12 plant. They live at 438 Miller Road, Clinton, TN 37716. Email is birdhunter2022@yahoo.com, phone is 865-661-6835. Will volunteer for hunt test set up, marshalling, training supplies, and ribbons handler. They own two young Labradors (6 months, 1 years) and are interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials, and are NRA members. They are friends of the Naveiros, and Brent and Lois agreed to be sponsors for them.

Brent moved that we accept these new members on first reading. Jim seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

- 2. **Winter Awards Banquet for 2027:** corresponding date would be 2/20/27, but the next Saturday is 2/27/27. J. Michael mentioned that Michele has a judging conflict already on one of these dates but can't remember which one. We will find out from her which date she can come, and go for that one.
- 3. **Club Trial 3/29/26:**
 - a. Frozen ducks? Lois agreed to bring a dozen frozen ducks from her freezer.
 - b. 2 free entries for members? Yes, general consensus was that this was a good idea and increased membership without costing the club a lot of money.
 - c. Free food? No, unless someone feels like baking something and bringing it. We will advise them in the newsletter to bring a lunch, drinks and snacks for themselves as well as whatever they need for their dog.
 - d. Ribbons for Club Trials – inventory done, we are running low but probably have enough for only two trials this year, especially since people often return the MH ribbons. Have:
 - i. 10 JH ribbons
 - ii. 11 AJH ribbons
 - iii. 17 SH ribbons
 - iv. 30 MH ribbons
 - v. Lots of puppy JAM and placement ribbons.
 - vi. 36 Singles Classic JAM
 - vii. 7 full sets plus some extra blues (5), red (1), and white (2) Singles Classic placement ribbons
 - e. Club Trial ribbons: we may need to order some later this year or at least next year. The general consensus is that having ribbons is a nice thing especially for new members and owners of new puppies just getting going, and we should continue to provide ribbons. Karen will keep an eye on our supply and bring up a request for reordering when necessary.
- 4. **HT Ribbons update:**
 - a. Inventory:
 - i. MH: 74
 - ii. SH: 100
 - iii. JH: 154
 - iv. Title: 73

- v. Title tabs: 35 JH, 45 SH, 86 MH
- vi. Duck bands: ~550, OK for now, just ordered last fall.
- b. Recommendation: order 100 MH ribbons, either now or in the summer when we see how many we use in the two spring tests. Lois moved, and Brent seconded, that the Board authorize Karen to order 100 MH ribbons when there is a sale on and when we need them, without a further motion being needed.

5. Lunches for HT: any changes anyone wants to make in what we get and how we do it? There was a discussion about whether there are easier alternatives to preparing home-made sandwiches and lunches. There are no complaints about the quality of the food, but most clubs don't do this and buy lunches somewhere else. Jim mentioned that when we tried getting lunches from Subway, it took forever at the store and they wouldn't authorize buying ahead. Sweetwater doesn't seem to have a lot of options; buying hamburger lunches is pretty disgusting when they are cold by the time they arrive and get eaten. No resolution to this was made; we still have some time before the first hunt test to explore this further. Karen and Jim stated they are very willing to continue making the lunches as we are doing now. It is a less expensive option, doesn't take all that long, and is more flexible than having to figure out a day in advance how many we will need.

6. Update on Judges' seminar: No one had much of an update. Just waiting for registrations. Karen asked for clarity on timing – when does this start in the morning and end at night?

Any Other new Business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business Jim moved that we adjourn. Lois seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Edwards
ETRC Secretary/Treasurer

Changes:

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Approvals:

1. Alan Bruhin, 2/23/26
2. Lois Luthenauer, 2/23/26
3. Michele Fletcher, 2/23/26
4. J. Michael Evans, 2/23/26
5. Kyle Griffin, 2/23/26
6. Brent Naveiro, 2/23/26
7. Karen Edwards, 2/23/26
8. Jim Pearce, 2/23/26