

The annual meeting was called to order by Fred Scheetz at 8:12 AM.

Following a prayer by John Stuckwisch, Pres. Scheetz recognized Art Slyke from Hounds & Hunting and Mel Stewart from AKC. Mel Stewart explained that effective January 1, 2011; the format that a champion finishes in will be listed on the champion certificate from AKC. Mel reiterated that the two couple judging requirement as there has been confusion about the 10 trial limit. He also explained that we can make our all age national runoff a licensed trial. He also explained that they are developing a Grand Champion award that will be for 2 wins & 80 points. He also explained that the beagle field trials are the only one who doesn't allow spayed females or neutered males.

Next he recognized Rod Carter from Purina. He stated that Purina appreciates us and consider it an honor to work with us. Ed Wiley of Purina addressed the group and said Mike Luchetta of Purina had the information for getting on the PPCP program and urged everyone to get on board.

No one was present from Tri-Tronics, but Pres. Scheetz explained that we really appreciate the support that they have given to our federation.

Pres. Scheetz next recognized the attending members of the Beagling Hall of Fame – Mel Stewart, Art Slyke, George Pirman, Wayne Thompson, Jimmy Snell, Teddy Atkins, Jess Yates, and John Stuckwisch. Next he recognized the past Presidents attending, George Pirman and Carl Buchanan.

Next President Scheetz announced that \$17,500 had been presented to the UBGF and \$17,500 had been presented to the Deep South over the last six years. Rick McDonald, Jess & Gladys Yates presented a check from the most recent Little Warrior Picnic for \$2,500.

Fred Scheetz next recognized Bill Emerson, Vice President of the AKC National Field Trial Committee.

Following Roll Call with 62 clubs present, Brian Jenks read the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting. President Scheetz said that if there were no corrections, the minutes would be approved as read.

Mike Mooney then presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that we would have 26 more payments on the loan to Mrs. Boyd, and that loan would be completed on October 1, 2012. General Fund balance is \$22,687.14, Land fund is \$11,642.37 and Scholarship Fund \$655. Motion by Perry County, seconded by Ill Mo, to accept the report as read was carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Todd Odle reported that in 2009 we brought on 7 clubs and following elections today, we will have brought on 6 clubs in 2010. Motion by Todd Odle to accept Lotts Creek, Mason-Dixon, and Foothills into membership was carried unanimously. The new clubs for 2010 are Elgin County, Pontotoc, Chicago, Lotts Creek, Mason-Dixon, Foothills. We are expecting North Louisiana, Robb City in Texas, and Robinson County in NC, Amelia County in VA, Central Virginia and Down East in NC to complete the process for application shortly. Todd also reported on the AKC National Committee of which he is a representative for the UBGF. He is working with Bill Emerson on the Judge Selection Committee and also on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the AKC Nationals. He also stated that we need to be sure that the judges that we nominate need to be able to physically judge or be able to ride a horse well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President John Phillips reported that the Board of Directors had developed a new Judges Award. The top five judges will be awarded a plaque with the Top Judge receiving a jacket. He stated it is also a problem getting the trial dates from the clubs. We send the trial date forms to the club contact person listed in the directory. If the person in the directory is not correct and we have not been given an update, the wrong person will be getting the form. Goshen Trail moved to dispense with the publishing

of the trial dates in the November issue of Hounds and Hunting, but instead just post on the website, seconded by River City, approved with four clubs dissenting.

Mel Stewart from AKC stated that it is a problem when judges don't show up. AKC is tracking the cancellations, and if you cancel three times in a year, you won't be approved to judge. Also, in 2011, you must have had the advance seminar.

Marj Roach presented the Corresponding Secretary report. The Board is working on getting forms on the website that will be fillable and able to be updated quickly. We are getting close to having to need advance registration on the website for the convention so that we can be closer in our estimated numbers for dinners for the banquet. Marj next reported on the letters received from the Internal Revenue Service regarding penalties and interest on the 2005 & 2006 returns in the amount of close to \$7,500. Marj reported that she had responded to the letters requesting abatement of all penalties & interest, but had not heard back from the IRS as of the Annual Meeting.

John Stuckwisch spoke next about the research that Rick Persing had been doing about the Baymont Inn and Nicely Center as a possible alternative to the Holiday Inn University Plaza & Convention Center. John Stuckwisch asked for a motion to allow the board to make the decision to move or stay based on what we can negotiate. Motion by Jacks Creek, second by Richland County, to give the Board authorization to make the decision if we need to move was approved.

John Stuckwisch next gave the Conformation report. He said that there had been 27 people at the Conformation Seminar at the running grounds on Friday. He will also be doing another seminar at South Georgia in September. He had given out certificates for 1 derby and 1 chb for each club.

John Stuckwisch also reported on the recipients of the scholarships; Brittany Evans from Butler County High School and Cassandra Shad from Owensboro Ohio County Beagle Club. Cassandra also got \$500 from the Junior Handler program. Applications are on the website and are due March 15, 2011.

Brian Jenks presented the Records Coordinator report. He wanted to compliment the clubs and Field Trial Secretaries for the timely filing of the reports. He stated that we had 71 derby trials in 2008-2009 and 78 in the 2009-2010 season. Entries increased from 3,787 in 2008-2009 to 3,946 in 2009-2010. For All-Age, we had 86 trials in 2008-2009 and 93 trials in 2009-2010. The entries increased from 8,104 in 2008-2009 to 9,138 in 2009-2010.

Marvin McGlothlin gave the Two Couple Pack report. Only 12 clubs had held a qualifying trial prior to the meeting with three more scheduled before the run-off. He reported that the program can't gain if more clubs don't have qualifying trials.

George Pirman reported that Purina gave 150 hats & 6 jackets to the Junior Handler program. He had given out 80 sweatshirts in 2009 at a cost of \$1900 which was made possible by donations from clubs and other hunting groups – a deer hunting group in Ohio donated \$500. The program gave 75 t-shirts to the Junior Handlers in 2010. A medallion went to the top handlers. The program gave \$500 to the UBGF scholarship fund and \$500 to the Deep South scholarship program. Paige Mike received \$1,000 from the Leo Burris Memorial fund. He recognized Art Slyke & Hounds and Hunting for their great support.

Mel Stewart asked Bill Emerson to give a report on the AKC National Field Trial Committee. Bill thanked the UBGF for allowing the AKC to use our grounds. They had the best turnout ever. Bill explained that each federation selects five judges for the pool that the judges are chosen from. It isn't necessarily the top vote getter from each federation that gets to judge. He also announced that the Hall of Fame

banquet will be held on Thursday night so that we don't have to stop the Female classes in order to go to the banquet.

BAC report was covered by Mel Stewart earlier.

President's Report – The Kubota tractor was purchased and fully paid for. Money came from the raffle of a trailer donated by Cary Waskom (9,020), Butler County (auction proceeds), the Little Warrior Fish Fry (3,000) plus many smaller donations. The Land Erosion problem has been controlled with a grant from the USDA. President Scheetz stated that the board is working on improving the website and will continue to try to provide everything that a club needs on the website. President Scheetz talked about the increase in the number of clubs, thanking Todd Odle for his continued work in that area. He stated he thought we would be at 90 clubs by this time next year.

Marj Roach reported that the IRS issue was the fault of an outside accountant and not a member of the board of directors. On the national runoffs, she reported we had 228 all-age entries in 2008 and 243 in 2009; there were 341 derbies in 2008, 329 in 2009, and 327 in 2010.

Farm report – Robert Alvey thanked everyone for the tractor to help Butler County maintain the grounds. Butler County has been working on feed plots to help maintain the rabbit population.

Regional Committee Report – Mike Mooney reported that the Feasibility Committee had pulled together a proposal on a regional to be held at Quail Farm on February 4-6, 2011. Purina & TriTronics had agreed to help sponsor the event. A new committee will be formed each year for a new regional. Twelve clubs were part of the original committee with six of those able to possibly be a host club. The proposal presented to the Board of Directors would have a 60% of profit going to the host club and 40% to the UBGF. Raffle profits will go to the same pot. \$2.00 up front will go to the host club for funding for rabbits. If the host club needs any more, they will have to take it out of their 60%. Any dog can run at the regional – the only stipulation is you must be a member of a UBGF club. After the first year, the Board will entertain other regional locations.

Marj Roach reported that the IRS will give clubs the opportunity to file the 990-N postcard if they had not filed the tax return for 2007, 2008, 2009. If your club has gross receipts of \$5,000 or less, you don't even need to talk to the IRS.

Following lunch, President Scheetz announced that Steve and Sue Cox had donated to the Scholarship fund to bring the total up to \$1,000 so we can give the two scholarships.

President Scheetz urged everyone to make sure the dogs outside have water.

Carl Buchanan asked how the School Supplies drive was going – it was a challenge from Carl as President to help the kids of Butler County. President Scheetz turned the program over to John Stuckwisch.

Discussion continued on the regional proposal presented by Mike Mooney. Motion by Brad Ward of Pontotoc moved, seconded by Brian Jenks of Hiawasee, to proceed with the three year trial proposal. A secondary Motion by Steve Cox of Tuckasegee, seconded by Clyde Dunn of Ill-Mo to table the vote until Sunday morning was defeated on a vote of 24 for the motion and 33 against the motion. The original motion was carried on a vote of 36 for and 18 against.

New business:

Motion by Hiawasee Beagle Club to update the points system to give 1/3 points for the Derby Runoff as opposed to a full point for the qualifying trials. Motion was carried unanimously

Motion by Southeastern Indiana to change the Two Couple Pack Runoff to the 41<sup>st</sup> weekend because the AKC has scheduled the Gundog Brace National Championship on the 40<sup>th</sup> weekend. Carl Buchanan mentioned that it is the Kentucky Bluegrass Festival and no rooms are available on the 40<sup>th</sup> weekend. Motion was carried with 2 votes against.

KenTenn moved to make the All Age runoff a double points Purina trial, carried unanimously. Eddie Wiley stated that it is up to Purina on whether it is a Purina Point Trial, it is not up to the UBGF, but Eddie wants to know if we are receptive to it.

Motion by Ernie Jarvis of Monon Valley, seconded by Barb Arms of Highland, to make the All-Age Runoff a license trial for 2010 only, was carried with one vote nay. Ken-Tenn moved to raise the entry fee to \$40 for the All-Age Runoff, seconded by Chain of Lakes, and a vote cannot be taken for that, clubs must be notified 60 days in advance as it is a Constitutional Amendment. KenTenn moved to table the motion, seconded by Chain of Lakes, until the 2011 Annual Meeting. The motion will be carried over until 2011 Annual Meeting.

Selection of Judges for the 2010 All Age National:

13" Females – Adam Hughes & Michael Wright

15" Females – David Condon & Darryl Thomas

13" Males – Phil Pressley & Jeff O'Connell

15" Males – Mike Reynolds & Joe Hodges

Alternate Female Judge – Cliff Cooper

Alternate Male Judge – David Sawyer

Conformation Judge – Bob Rogers

Due to the lateness of the meeting, President Scheetz said we would move on to nominations for officers, so that people could campaign if they so wished this evening and we would continue with the judges selection in the morning.

Nominated for officers were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Todd Odle

Recording Secretary – Alan Shepherd & Ballard Slone

Corresponding Secretary – Marj Roach

Record's Coordinator – Brian Jenks

President – Fred Scheetz

President Scheetz then adjourned the meeting until Sunday at 8:00 AM



Announcements:

Fred Scheetz passed on the information from Mel Stewart that if a Judge has had a Regular Judging seminar since 2005, he/she will not have to have the advanced seminar until 2016.

Rick Persing announced that everyone needs to get the information in to us for updating the directory.

Rick McDonald announced he was asked again this year to get the Marshalls for the AKC National SPO Championship and he was asking clubs to give him names of people qualified and physically able to marshall.

George Pirman suggested that we continue an ad in the Hounds & Hunting magazine to at least show the number of clubs in the Federation.

Motion by Perry County, seconded by Little River, to adjourn.