

Minutes of August 9, 2008 Annual Meeting

Carl Buchanan called the meeting to order at 8:12 AM. We began with a prayer led by Rick Persing. When roll call was called, delegates were asked to respond with their name.

Atwood – Bennie Prater, Beaver Lake – No rep, Butler County – Mario Santilli, Central Alabama – Jess Yates, Chain of Lakes – Marj Roach, Chestnut Log – Ronnie Kilgore, Clay County – John Guy, Cookville – Jimmy Apple, Elkhart County – Rick Persing, Elkhorn – Anthony Wiley, Friendship Hill – No rep, Garden State – Gary Grey, Goshen Trail – Carl Buchanan, Great Lakes – George Pirman, Green River – Robert Biggerstaff, Henryville – Casey Wayt, Highland – Jerry Lane, Hiawassee – Dean Moorhouse, Ill-Mo – Don Coplen, Jacks Creek – Ed Coffman, Kenn Tenn – John Phillips, King City – Kevin Rudolph, Lake City – Debbie Scheetz, Lavaca – Jamie Poe, Little River – Bill Reynolds, Mid-Michigan – No rep, Milwaukee – Phil Secker, Mo-Kan – No Rep, Monon Valley - ??Jarvis, Monroe Toledo – David Condon, Music City – Troy Coleman, New River Valley – Mike Mooney, North Alabama – Tim???, North West Virginia – No Rep, Okaw Valley – Leighton Posey, Owensboro Ohio County – Bill Walthen, Peach Country – Jerry Wright, Pendleton Gundog – No Rep, Perry County – Fred Scheetz, Prairie Creek – No Rep, Quail Farm – No Rep, Richland County – Bill Hudson, River City – Andy Anderson, Rocky River – No Rep, Sandhill – No Rep, SEMO – Danny Gordon, Silver Creek – Glenn Cole, Sooner – Nicky Pinson, SE Georgia – Chris ?????, South Georgia – Jason Potts, SE Indiana – Marvin McGlothlin, SW Ohio – Teddy Atkins, Southwind – Keith Burgess, Tallahatchie - ??Jason Tayler, TAM – Todd Odle, Tarheel – Jerry???, Tennessee Virginia – Lynn Hutson, Tidewater Virginia – No Rep, Tokeena – Sonny Morris Sir, Tuckasegee – Betty Armstrong, Volunteer – Chester Haston, Wayne County – Rick McDonald, Webster – No Rep, West Georgia – George Criter, Western – Alan Shepherd, Willowa – Lori Tews, Wisconsin – Kevin Tews, Woodland Ferry – No Rep, Yankee Lake – Barbara Arm A total of 57 clubs represented.

Carl introduced our guests, Mel Stewart, Robert Oliver & Jim Tigner from AKC, Eddie Thompson from Tri-Tronics, Eddie Wiley from Purina, Art Slike from Hounds & Hunting.

Next the members of the Hall of Fame were recognized: Rick Persing, Teddy Atkins, Mel Stewart, Robert Oliver, Sam & Rita Butler, George Pirman, Ronnie Kilgore, Jimmy Snell, John Stuckwisch, Glenn Cole, Jim Tigner, Art Slike, Wayne Thompson & Jimmy Apple.

Past Officers were then recognized: Rick Persing, George Pirman, Betty Armstrong, Robert Oliver, Jimmy Apple.

Carl presented a Service Award to Joyce Stuckwisch & Annette Atkins recognizing their 28 years of hosting the Annual Meeting for SE Indiana Beagle Club. Next was a Lifetime Service Award to Jim Tignor for 55 years of Service to the sport of Beagling. Carl hoped that the award would become known as the "Tig" award.

Carl asked the members to take a few minutes to review the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. Following this they were accepted on a motion by Milwaukee Beagle Club/second by Elkhart County.

Next Sam gave the Treasurer's report. The current balance on the loan is \$64,200.38. Motion by Hiawassee/Elkhart County second to approve was carried. Sam then auctioned off Performance Dog Food donated by Randy Snapp, purchased by Jamie Poe, Danny Gordon, Ronnie Kilgore, Anthony Wiley & ??????. A bag of rabbit pellets "stolen" from Jess Yates purchased by Terry ??? was next. Then the Purina Jacket with the Hall of Fame members autographs was purchased by Silver Creek Beagle Club for \$1,100. Next a Tritronics collar donated by Eddie Thompson was raffled and was won by Music City. They then donated it back and it was auctioned off for \$1,000 to Ronnie Kilgore. Little River then donated \$500 to the Building Fund, and Volunteer Beagle Club donated \$2,000.

First Vice President Dean Moorhouse extended a big Thank You to Jess & Gladys Yates, they had donated to the UBGF a total of \$14,514 to date from their various fund raising efforts on our behalf. Dean then reported that he has been working with Gary Hanks in Texas to try to get Rose City & Texarkana to join the UBGF. He is also working with Homachita, Ponchatrain & Poplar Branch. He then presented Battlefield Beagle Club for membership. They have met all the requirements for admission, having held their observed trials. Motion by Hiawassee, second by Green River, to accept was approved unanimously. Next Dean spoke of the elimination of the Qualifying Forms from the Secretaries Packets. This was done on a decision of the Board of Directors. Entries will be taken on the normal AKC entry form in the future. Also, the result forms will be available on the website, as well as a form to order your CHB certificate. Dean then explained that he would not be seeking re-election to the First Vice President position. Carl presented him with a plaque for his years of service.

Second Vice President Fred Scheetz thanked all for coming. He explained about the new packets and asked everyone to look at their club sheet in the directory and submit any corrections to the new recording secretary.

Corresponding Secretary Marj Roach explained about how the addresses are used to distribute the packets for the annual meeting. Also she requested email addresses so that we might distribute the packets by email and save postage. Motion by Chain of Lakes, seconded by Western, to allow distribution by email was carried. It has gone up 50% to mail the packets, just on Postal Service increases. Marj explained about the banquet and when she will sell tickets for the dinner.

Recording Secretary – Christine Hubbard was absent. Annette Atkins accepted a plaque on her behalf for her years of service to the Federation.

Conformation Director John Stuckwisch spoke of how our Federation had grown since it's inception in 1976 with 7 clubs to our current 71 clubs. John said we had held three conformation seminars for judges this past year, John in Central Indiana, Robert Biggerstaff in NC, and Clyde Dunn in MO. He explained that show certificates had been passed out at registration for the derby & all age trials. If you

need anymore packets because you are holding more than one derby or all age trial, please email him at least two weeks in advance, and he will get them to you. On the Scholarship side of his position, two scholarships were awarded. The UBGF scholarship went to Taylor Farthingham from Yankee Lake. The Morgantown High School scholarship went to Ashton Fields. John explained that he is the new liaison with the webmaster, and he will do his best to get things updated and corrected.

CHB record Coordinator Brian Jenks gave his report. He thanked the field trial secretaries for getting them into him in a timely manner. He has been trying to keep his reports simple and to get the Top Ten reports into the magazine & on the website. He asked if it would be possible to develop a form whereby FT Secretaries could input the information & email it to him. John will look into this.

Brian presented his report on total entries. He explained that discussion had been ongoing about possible changes to the awards program. Currently, it has been the top field dogs at the runoffs who have been receiving the top performing hound awards. A dog that competes in 6 trials at the local level and doesn't enter the runoff may not garner enough points to win, but a dog that places in one trial at the local level and wins the runoff gets the top prize. Qualifying trials are one of the ways our member clubs benefit from our organization and we all need to support them. Any proposals to change the current rules need to be submitted by a club to the Corresponding Secretary at least 75 days before the Annual Meeting, for inclusion in the meeting packet; or be submitted 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting by the sponsoring club to each of the member clubs at their expense.

Marvin McGlothlin gave the Two Couple Pack report. He said the program is improving much too slow. He asked clubs to please consider holding one of the qualifying trials. These trials are very easy to run, and are usually quite profitable. He explained that the Two Couple Pack Runoff would be held the 40th weekend, which is the first weekend in October.

Mel Stewart spoke of the recent BAC meeting. He explained that Carl had prepared & passed out a report on the meeting and Mel said he is available for any questions we may have.

President Buchanan then gave his report. Our entries were at a record level at both the All-Age & the Derby Runoffs. We have had a record number of representatives at the Annual Meeting. He wanted to give special thanks to the Board & its Committees for all the hard work over the past year. He also wanted to again recognize the contributions of Jess & Gladys Yates to our Federation. He spoke about the donation of some kennels & wire that will allow us to move ahead with the requirement of AKC that you must have a place for the dogs to rest. Next Carl spoke about the AKC Advance Seminar that had been held the previous evening. Motion by Chain of Lakes, Chestnut Log second, to hold an advance seminar on Friday & Saturday from 10-12 at the All-Age & Derby runoffs, carried.

Sam Butler gave the report on the status of the building. Plans are to be in the clubhouse by the All-Age Runoff. On National Runoff reports, Marj Roach gave the entry numbers for the trials, and then requested assistance in gallery marshalling & collaring positions.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Carl reported that the board had decided to set a price of \$5.00 per dog for non-UBGF members to hold a trial on our grounds. Those clubs that are members of the Federation would be asked for a donation, no set price per dog.

Following a break for lunch, Lake City moved to change the term of office from "January 1st to December 31st" to "from the conclusion of the All-Age Runoff to the conclusion of the All-Age Runoff". This passed on a vote of 51 yes and 5 no.

Southeastern Indiana's proposal to change the Two Couple Pack rules was withdrawn following much discussion and will be brought back at the next annual meeting.

Next we elected the judges for the three national runoffs.

2008 All-Age:

13" females – Shadrick Seals & David Condon, Alternate judge, Bill Hudson

15" females – Travis Leake & Nicky Pinson, Alternate judge, Mark Ledet

13" males – Todd Odle & Phillip Nixon, Alternate judge, John Plunkett

15" males – Tim Kasmarzik & Jason Potts, Alternate judge, Jackie Johnson

Conformation judge – Bill Reynolds

2008 Two Couple Pack:

Reid Cole & Jimmy Apple, Alternate judges – Don Trowbridge & Phil Secker

Conformation judge – Robert Biggerstaff

2009 Derby:

13" Females – Wesley Studdard & Lynn Hutson, Alternate judge, Paul Goersch

15" Females – Tim Smiley & Bob Branch, Alternate judge, Gary Blevins

13" Males – Phil Secker & Jeff Edwards, Alternate judge, Ronnie Grass

15" Males – Tristan Bramblett & Casey Wayt, Alternate judge, John Satterwhite

Conformation judge – Jamie Poe

Before we broke for the banquet, we took nominations for officers:

1st Vice President: Mario Santilli & Todd Odle

Recording Secretary: Lynn Hutson

Corresponding Secretary: Marj Roach

Records Co-ordinator (Appointed by Board – to be Confirmed by delegates) Brian Jenks

President: Carl Buchanan

We then recessed for the evening to prepare for the banquet.

Sunday morning we began with a prayer by John Stuckwisch. President Buchanan notified members that he had recently received word that Ted Roberts, one of the founders of the UBGF, passed away.

Following roll call, there were 54 clubs present.

We began the morning session with nominations of AKC judges.

2009 AKC Nominated Judges:

1. John Phillips, 2. Nicky Pinson, 3. Lynn Hutson, 4. Ballard Sloan, 5. Brad Ebling

Then we returned to taking additional nominations for officers.

Additional nomination for Recording Secretary was Rick Persing.

Motion by Great Lakes, seconded by Western to close nominations.

The results were:

1st Vice President: Mario Santilli – 8, Todd Odle – 45

Recording Secretary: Lynn Hutson – 17, Rick Persing – 35

Corresponding Secretary: Marj Roach – white ballot

Records Co-ordinator: Brian Jenks – white ballot

President: Carl Buchanan – white ballot

Following the elections, President Buchanan asked for any announcements.

Motion by Elkhart County, seconded by Chain of Lakes, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Roach