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2017 UBGF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS PRESENT

Recording Secretary - Allen Smith

1st vice president Tim - Kasmarzik

Treasurer - Keith Loudermilt

Two Couple Pack Chairman - Steve Cox

2nd Vice President - Wally Libs

Corresponding Secretary - Marj Roach

CHB Records Coordinator - Jamie Carson

Conformation Director - Kevin Rudolph

President - Brett Jones

Meeting AM

- Brett Jones called meeting to order at 8:18 AM. He then asked John Stuckwisch to open with a word of prayer.
- Meeting started with roll call 50 clubs were present
- Introduced special guests, Purina, Hounds and Hunting, AKC representatives

Marj Roach then made motion to dispense of the 2016 minutes seconded by north Alabama, motion passed.

Treasures report – Keith Loudermilt made aware the detailed report was included in the packet, and gave the balance totals as of July 31 2017.

\$13271.81 general fund

\$4114.53 land fund

\$12907.22 junior handler fund

\$170.75 scholarship fund

\$30464.30 total funds

\$14515.04 total for savings account as of month end July.

Wayne County made motion to accept treasure's report, Ken-Ten seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

1st vice president report

Tim Kasmarzik made aware of the two new clubs that held observation trials, southern classic, southern classic accepted as a new ubgf club. Also the readmission of Mid Michigan beagle club, and they were also accepted.

Also made aware that there is interest of a new club wanting to start in northern Missouri and he is working with them in depth to get this club moving forward.

2nd vice president report Wally Libs

Wally spoke about the trial date selection for the individual clubs and that he will enter the dates on the website as he receives them. He also touched on the scheduling and rescheduling of trials dates and we would discuss in greater detail later in the meeting.

Corresponding secretary report Marj Roach

Marj spoke about the additional statement in the packet for the balance statement for end of 2016. She explained in detail the content and its where abouts. Made aware that we need 12 month operating capital available at the start of our calendar year. Marj had hoped to have a motion to the group to change how grand final winner is rewarded. Idea for the proposal is to not have field and show judges not have to score the dogs, and instead give a number of points to each placement to have an even chance at grand final winner. Marj also made aware to the delegates that Brett has made a committee to renew the bylaws so that the duties are in line with our bylaws for each board of director.

Recording secretary report Allen Smith

Allen spoke about updating the club directory online and to get info in if did not bring to the meeting.

Conformation director Kevin Rudolph

Kevin spoke about how grateful he was for the seminars he put on and the turnout they received and announced that he was able to get 19 new show judges. Also 12 more new judges added elsewhere.

CHB record coordinator report Jamie Carson

Jamie made aware that there were 68 derby trials this season with a total of 3018 entries and 70220 entries in UBGF all age trials. Also made aware that she changed the judge form to include the judging number with judges. She made aware that all forms are available online so you may keep from handwriting and make it more legible for others to read. She also spoke of reestablishing the judging list with contact info on website for clubs to utilize.

2 couple pack report Steve Cox

Steve made aware there were more trials last year with entries down 5% from previous year. He also promoted the clubs holding 2 couple pack should advertise to increase the entries being it correlates with entries.

Junior handler program Jamie Carson

Jamie started off by thanking George Peirman for his work in establishing this program. Then thanked the committee that took over the responsibilities. She then spoke about the changes made in the junior handler program that we are currently taking over, there are now 3 age groups, and trials of any federation count. She made aware that 26 new junior handlers have signed up, and once a junior handler is active will receive a t shirt. She then told of the opportunity for children to fill out forms to be featured in the hounds and hunting magazine for junior handlers to be selected for an article to be written about them each month. She also spoke about having a junior handler national event for derbies where the children can run up to five dogs whether they own the hounds or not. She then asked for fundraising ideas for junior handler program. She also made aware would like each club to select a junior handler ambassador to help promote this great program for the youth.

AKC Representative report Mel Stewart

Spoke how the licensing the derby runoff came about, and that it was voted on by AKC advisory committee voted in favor so AKC accepted. Made aware if want something changed to contact AKC committee representative and make aware of your concerns.

BAC Report Rick McDonald

Spoke briefly about the clubs being able to hold Field Champion only trials to go towards making a hound a grand fc. Spoke about discussion of licensing the derby runoff and why this new motion passed, to extend helping hand to other federation struggling for points to achieve field champion titles.

When then took a moment of silence for the passing of late hall of famer Jess Yates. Brett thanked anyone who has helped in raising money for our organization, but made aware we have to implement more ways to raise finances for our endeavors.

President report Brett Jones

He made aware to the delegates that Riley Wilcox was recipient of scholarship award.

He followed by then giving the Butler county financial report. August 2016 \$7589.00 with a total of 10 trials. \$4827.11 was made from kitchen, \$2833.67 spent on limestone in parking lot and where is needed, \$449 dollars from seed and fertilize. He then spoke about ground improvements for habitat and feed. \$516.12 was spent on fuel. July 25th \$5513.57 balance as of now. Brent made aware need more stone for roads, food for the winter, lighting improvements made to the back porch, that they would like to purchase a three point hitch sprayer for the tractor to spray fences, spreading more lime, build feeders and dusting bowl for tick pressure. Brett then spoke about his conversation with Abner in the restoring of the pavilion on the ubgf grounds to preserve and protect for years to come. Quote he was given was \$4500 dollars but will have to check to see if the bid is still good or if the cost of material has increased and would be getting a new bid. He then touched on his idea for a pavilion to be built to stage handlers and dogs in pen 2 when we split the class at the runoff and what his idea for this project was. Suggested he believed it would be in the neighborhood of 10k but will work on a bid. He then went into fundraising to be able to make these changes happen and spoke of the committee that was appointed which includes Wally Libs, Tim Kasmarzik, Allen Smith and Rick McDonald. He then went on to talk about the committee that was formed to overlook the bylaws and report to board to amend anything that needs changed to make sure we are abiding by our bylaws. Brett then talked about the ambassadors for junior handler program and asked that each club would encourage and help the youth and implement this great program.

Brett then announced that we would take a ten minute meeting called back to order at 10:07.

After reconvening Brett touched based on having clubs cancel and reschedule a trial, but doing it in a timely manner. We could not allow clubs to make trial dates on short notices and allow these clubs to give points for these events. He then made aware that we decided that reschedule must take place with a 7 day period and a 30 day notice is necessary for a new trial date to be submitted for the points to count towards the standing, however qualification would still count if less than the desired notice. When asked for any questions Billy Dry from river city made a comment to thank the members of ubgf and all that participated in the gun raffle to help fix the fence at river city beagle club.

-Committee reports all age and derby runoff report

UBGF All Age 204 entries

UBGF Derby 236 entries

Made aware that a marshal by constitution a must be 18 years old, however we have made arrangements to use junior handler to do so because of lack of people willing to marshal. New rule is that a marshal no younger than 14 years old will be allowed to marshal at a national event. Marj also mentioned some dogs have qualified that owners may not be members of ubgf so from here on out the owner or handler is to put their home club on the back of the entry form for the ubgf national trials.

-Tony Clark made comment to have a junior handler marshal and have an adult accompany them and assist.

Brett spoke about an apprenticeship program for judges and to implement having young adults and junior handlers carry a judging book and make them aware of the decisions you make and why we make them as we are judging.

- Farm committee report

Brett – made aware that we need feed strips, new feeders, dusting boxes planting winter wheat for better feed for rabbits.

- Southeast regional runoff report Keith Loudermilt
Keith spoke about how the grounds are in great shape, attendance has been tremendous and the competition is very tough. Entries from last year was 131 entries total. Encouraged the ubgf to attend and also encouraged other areas to implement similar runoffs in their area.
- Kevin Rudolph had a question during the break about judging the show and getting the minimum points requested by a handler, made aware to the delegates that for the judge to the judge all hounds, to score a hound the hounds have to be showed. Made aware that minimum points without showing is not allowed all dogs must show.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

Elkhart Beagle club Bruce Stephens

Requested that the club house stay open during the trials and nights of the trials. Wants it open 24 hours a day while the trial is going on to be able to stay inside clubhouse.

Brett noted that there are camping rules on the website and camping is free for the runoffs and trials. The bathrooms and showers are now accessible with the code to the door.

Rick McDonald of Jacks Creek made comment that there isn't anyone immediately close by to take care of allowing access to the clubhouse.

New Motions

Music City Motion Number 1-Tony Clark-explained this motion and stated that they believed derby dogs should be able run in the class they qualified and not measure, to protect a borderline dog from measuring out at the national event and hindering a point leader from being a contender if measured in the other class.

Chain of lakes Marj Roach – Marj made aware that we sanction our derby national event to have the protection of the AKC and to comply with the AKC rule book. For us to hold a sanctioned trial we must measure the hounds to be in compliance.

Mel Stewart – Mel explained we are measuring dogs in order to prove to all competitors that a hound considered for winners pack is eligible to compete in the desired class. He read the rule book from AKC states dogs are required to be measured in consideration for the winners pack. He spoke about the ability for the federations to make the derby runoff licensed and that the winner can earn one win and up to forty points towards his fc title.

Ken-Ten John Phillips – made a comment to potentially not use the runoff points and only use the derby trial season points.

Brad Wilcox – Tidewater – asked if we are required to make the runoff a sanctioned trial. And Marj clarified we follow the rule book of AKC and must to be sanctioned.

Motion was voted on and the motion was defeated with 41 no votes, we will continue to measure at the derby national.

Music City Motion Number 2 – Tony Clark – motion stated that all new board nominees should post and make public that they are running for a position sixty days in advance of meetings.

Steve Cox - Tuckasegee - stated that would also require sixty day notice of any board member making announcement to rerun.

West Tennessee – Lowell Welch – was in favor of the sixty day notice for clubs to vote to make a club decision to who they wish to vote on.

Chain of lakes - Marj roach – against this motion because believe is unnecessary and makes to political and that a delegate should be trust worthy enough to their club to make decisions on behalf of their club.

Motion was voted on and did not pass was defeated.

Motion Number 3 - Kevin Rudolph - King City - the motion was that a judge should be able to judge back to back years at national events and not skip a year between, however judge different classes in continuous years.

John Phillips – made a statement that the judges when use to follow this guideline that members got disgusted with running under the same judge year after year.

Chain of lakes - Marj Roach – made aware we have plenty of judges however clubs are not submitting them to be considered for national events.

Brad Wilcox – asked if we could reinstate handlers to be able to judge to help the judging pool.

John Phillips – made aware some fell in the cracks that were not professional handlers that handle that are unable to judge at this point with the current rule.

Larry Smith - Elkhorn – believes that this would turn into a popularity contest.

Tim Kasmarzik – Ill-Mo – believes its good motion because the clubs are still voting on them and the best judges will get voted in based off of the overall voting.

Rick McDonald recommended we go back to when nominating a judge the delegate tell a brief reason and give short bio of their judging history.

Motion was voted on and motion passed by a vote of 26 yes and 24 no.

- Brett dismissed for lunch at 11:58 to reconvene at 1:15 PM

Meeting reconvened at 11:21 PM

We then began the nominations and voting for the UBGF All Age and Derby National Judges for the 2017-2018 season.

Judges who were selected for all age and derby

All Age

13" Females

Caleb Cole

Tyler Ballard

13" Males

Phil Secker

Billy Dry

15" Females

Allen Smith

Timothy Clanton

15" Males

Chuck Randal

Chase Rudolph

Alternate Female Judge – Mike Weaver

Alternate Male Judge – Dustin Burroughs

Derby Nationals

13" Females

Brian Cawthon

Shannon Jackson

13" Males

Kevin Turner

Marvin Berry

15" Females

Keith Loudermilt

Tim Kasmarzik

15" Males

Dan Kibler

Dillon Cornett

Alternate Female judge – Tyler Atkins

Alternate Male judge – Dale Hudman

Next we moved to nominations for the selection of UBGF judges to be considered for AKC National Runoff.

The Nominations are

1. Gary Phillips
2. Billy Dry
3. Tony Clark
4. Danny Gordon
5. Chuck Randal

After finishing the selection of the UBGF National Judges and the UBGF AKC National nominations we moved on to the nominations and voting for new officers on the UBGF Board of Directors.

Keith Loudermilt and Tony Clark were the nominees for 2nd Vice President of the Board of Directors and Keith Loudermilt was elected the new 2nd Vice President

William Kirk ran uncontested for Treasurer of Board of Directors and was elected the new Treasurer

Kevin Rudolph ran uncontested as Conformation Director for Board of Directors and was reelected the Conformation Director.

Brett Jones ran uncontested for the President of UBGF Board of Directors and was reelected President.

Before adjourning the meeting Keith brought to the delegates attention that the Scholarship program account was very low, and asked for some ways to increase the funds for this program. From the generosity of many UBGF clubs we were able to collect \$2350 dollars from donations. Thanks to all the UBGF clubs who participated from the board of directors for their contributions.

Following Brett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ken-Ten seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned Saturday at 4:47 PM.