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8/1/2020 UBGF VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS PRESENT

Recording Secretary – Brad Wilcox

1st Vice President Tim - Kasmarzik

Treasurer – Bill Kirk

Two Couple Pack Rep – Steve Cox (virtual) Jimmy Apple (present)

2nd Vice President – Keith Loudermilt

Corresponding Secretary – Billy Dry

JR. Handler Coordinator – Amy Smutherman

Conformation Director – Lisa Apple

President - Brett Jones

Meeting

Meeting started with word of prayer via Keith Loudermilt.

*** Brett Jones called meeting to order.**

Roll Call - 37 Clubs present (virtual)

- Special Guests: Purina (not present) Bret Jones Thanked Purina for their support, AKC (not present), Hounds and Hunting (Kaylynn Williams), Okie (Mike Franklin), Garmin (not present spoke Bret Jones)

Reading of minutes: 2019 Minutes Available on UBGF Web Site

- Motion to pass and defer reading of minutes and post on UBGF Web Page by Ill-MO, 2nd by New River Valley,

Passed, 0 opposed.

Treasure Bill Kirk

- Total balance 2019 \$52,056.31 increase to 2020 \$58,660.39

- Written report not available at time of meeting

Motion by Tidewater to accept treasure report, 2nd Ill-MO,

Passed, 0 opposed

Treasurers' report approved

1st VP Tim Kazmarik

- Black Oak (in NC) held there Obsv. Trial at Tarheel, President called for vote for Black Oak to be approved as new member of UBGF.

Yes - 36 No - 0 Passed

- Worth County has submitted application to join UBGF, Obsv. Trial will be in October at South GA.

2nd VP Keith Loudermilt:

- Clubs must advertise on UBGF Calendar 30 days prior to trial, can also call, text and/or email for trial date application. Informed all that contact info for UBGF Board is on UBGF Web Site.
- Advised members to check calendar at times for correctness
- Marj Roach requested explanation of how judge books and trial cards will be distributed. Keith explained they would be distributed by Board Members present back to their local area and/or mailed to clubs.

Corresponding Sec: Billy Dry

- Award letters were mailed
- All Age 2018 – Dog Total 183 (less than 2017)
- Derby National 2019 – Dog total 241 (greater than 208)

Recording Sec Brad Wilcox;

- Prior meeting (2019) minutes are available on UBGF Web Site
- Please provide to me updated club directory info

Confirmation Dir. Lisa Apple:

- Confirmation Seminar held October w/ seven participants, no other seminars due to COVID 19 at this time

CHB Records, Amy Smotherman for Jamie Carson (absent):

- 43 derby trials 1,600 entries (2 trials not counted due to lack of submission for approval)
- 72 all age trial including Run-Off, Total of 6,542 entries (11 trials not counted due to lack of submission for approval)
- Jamie Carson will not be seeking nomination for a new term

Bret Jones Thanked Jamie for her service and dedication.

Two Couple Pack Jimmy Apple for Steve Cox (absence) ;

- 4 trials completed, 4 trials schedule for Fall 2020
- Run Off is 10/9 & 10/10 2020 at UBGF Grounds pending no Govt. Restrictions by State of KY.

Jr Handlers Amy Smotherman for Jamie Carson (absent):

- 28 youth Participated
- One Rule Change – Ask that JR. Handlers Submit Trail Points within 30 days of trial
- New Program – Service Program allows youth to participate by completing duties at trials, more information to come forth

BAC Report by Bret Jones for Rick McDonald (absent):

- Rules changed to combine classes for Traditional Brace

President Report Bret Jones;

- Announced opening of UBGF Running Grounds
- Shared photos of current condition of grounds
- There are signs of some rabbits of all sizes at grounds in all pens.
- Running Grounds; Ground improvement looks good, Dozer work is completed, began process of planting food plots. Back Porch of Club House Steel Supports and Poles are painted. Work is in process of refurbing pavilion & kennel barns, siding, fascia, painting etc...
- Agreement with State of KY ref. Tularemia Case; still required to test dead rabbits until Jan 2021. Required to maintain signs on gates and distribute paper copies of Tularemia Hazzard Information until Jan 2023.

Butler County Report by Bret Jones–

- Grounds & Building Maint. Balance of \$770.43

-Checking account started with 8/2019 \$770.43 ended year balance 7/2020 with \$1,328.91

Expenses were seed, feed and fertilizer. A/C Equipment Repair. Spray & Tick infestation prevention

UBGF SPONSORSHIP – Bret Jones thanked sponsors and expressed importance of sponsorship.

- Purina renewed sponsorship
- Garmin renewed sponsorship
- Currently working on new 3-year contract with Holiday Inn in Bowling Green KY.

UBGF DATES via UBGF Constitution by Bret Jones

- Two Couple Run Off 41st weekend of the year 10/9 & 10/10
- All Age Run Off 44th weekend of the year 10/30 & 10/31
- Derby Run Off 18th weekend of the year 5/7 & 5/8
- All three of these above events are scheduled to be held at the UBGF Running Grounds

UBGF Scholarships by Bret Jones

- Rebecca Kingsland is the recipient of the UBGF 2020 Family Member Scholarship and is attending University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Lexi Manning is the recipient UBGF JR Handler Scholarship and is attending Missouri State University

All Age & Derby Run Off Report by Billy Dry

- Derby Run Off canceled due to COVID 19
- 191 total dogs entered, 8 dog increase over previous year

UBGF SE Run Off Report by Keith Loudermilt;

- SE2020 hosted by Green River had 157 Dogs,
- SE 2020 Derby postponed for one year
- SE All Age & Derby Committee Brad Wilcox (chair), Keith Loudermilt, Victor Lacks, Zac Smith formed guidelines for the SE Run Offs as below;

UBGF SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ALL AGE & DERBY RUN-OFF

POLICIES & GUIDELINES

SANCTION:

- MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE UBGF
- MUST FOLLOW UBGF RULES & STANDARDS
- WILL BE OPENED TO ALL UBGF MEMBERS *(no pre-qualification)*

SOUTHEAST REGION CLUBS: *(MUST BE UBGF CLUB IN FULL STANDING WITH THE UBGF)*

- CLUBS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR HOSTING & PARTICIPATE IN JUDGE NOMINATIONS & SELECTION BY VOTE IF LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING STATES;

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia & Florida

HOST CLUB/LOCATION:

- SOUTHEAST ELIGIBLE CLUBS CAN APPLY TO THE UBGF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH APPLICATION *(posted on UBGF Webpage)*
- ALL AGE SE RUN-OFF HOST WILL BE AWARDED BY THE UBGF BOARD OF DIRECTORS EVERY 3 YEARS *(host club chosen will have 3 year term to hold event)*
- SE DERBY WILL BE AWARDED YEARLY UNTIL OTHERWISE APPROVED FOR 3 YEAR EVENT BY THE UBGF

HOST CLUB JUDGE SELECTION

- MUST CONTACT ALL SOUTH EAST ELIGIBLE UBGF CLUBS AND POST VIA SOCIAL MEDIA 120 DAYS IN ADVANCE REQUESTING JUDGE NOMINATIONS FOR ALL CLASSES INCLUDING SHOW *(each club is eligible to nominate a total of up to five judge, one of which shall be a show judge).*
- SOUTH EAST UBGF CLUBS MUST RETURN JUDGE NOMINATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIVING NOTICE
- HOST CLUB MUST CONTACT SOUTHEAST UBGF CLUBS AND POST VIA SOCIAL MEDIA RECEIVED JUDGE NOMINATIONS REQUESTING VOTES *(voting window shall be up to 14 days)*
- HOST CLUB WILL BE ALLOWED TO NOMINATE/SELECT JUDGES IF ENOUGH NOMINATIONS ARE NOT RECEIVED FOR ALL CLASSES

HOST CLUB TRIAL ADVERTISEMENT

- MUST ADVERTISE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL RUN-OFF (*all age & derby*) VIA H & H MAGAZINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA. UBGF SHALL POST TRIAL/EVENT ON UBGF CALENDAR

HOST CLUB FEES TO UBGF

- SE ALL AGE ENTRY FEE SHALL BE \$35
- SE DERBY ENTRY FEE SHALL BE NO LESS THAN \$25 OR GREATER THAN \$35
- HOST CLUB SHALL PAY UBGF 40% OF NET TRIAL PROCEEDS (*remainder proceeds after trial expenses of judges, trial awards and advertisements*) COLLECTED FROM ENTRIES & SPONSORS

AWARDS (*FIELD & SHOW*)

- ALL FIELD CLASS WINNERS 1ST – NBQ SHALL BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND ROSSETTE (*or equivalent plaque or prize*). MINIMUM COLUMN TROPHY HEIGHT SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 36" FOR 1ST PLACE AND CAN REDUCE IN HEIGHT ACCORDINGLY FOR 2ND, 3RD, 4TH & NBQ
- ALL SHOW WINNERS 1ST – NBQ SHALL BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE (*or equivalent plaque or prize*). MINIMUM COLUMN TROPHY HEIGHT SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 36" FOR 1ST PLACE AND CAN REDUCE IN HEIGHT ACCORDINGLY FOR 2ND, 3RD, 4TH & NBQ
- GRAND FINAL WINNER & RUNNER UP SHALL BE AWARDED A TROPHY (*OR EQUIVELENAT PLAQUE*) AND A PRIZE. MINIMUM COLUMN TROPHY HEIGHT SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 36" FOR GRAND FINAL WINNER AND CAN REDUCE IN HEIGHT ACCORDINGLY FOR RUNNER UP

Unfinished Business:

Keith Loudermilt) Last Year 2019 Motion from Tarheel BC to open entries for the All Age Run Off

Committee Formed from 2019 UBGF Meeting - Keith Loudermilt, Todd Odle, Rick Persing and John Stuckovitch reported as follows;

- Motion was amended and rewritten for the 2020 UBGF Meeting (was shared via zoom)
- Proposed Motion: Gundog Champion of the UBGF, Qualifications: Add 5. Exception, participants may enter additional, non-qualified hounds for an entry fee of \$50. Any hound entered under an exception must be confirmed to meet the CHB standard for qualification by the show judge or conformation director before qualifying for the winners pack. (This change will be implemented for 3 years. There must be a vote at the 2023 annual meeting to approve as a permanent change to the by-laws. Also because of government mandates related to the COVID 19 pandemic and the cancelation of many qualifying trials in 2020, entry exceptions will be accepted this year only for \$35.00)

Called for a Vote – 25 - yes 11 – no, Motion Passed and will be adopted in by laws in 2023 if accepted by membership at 2023 annual meeting

Tax Report by Marj Roach; 2019 annual return was accepted by IRS with no issues based on January – December activity

New Business:

New Motions;

- Tarheel Beagle Club proposed motion to add UBGF All Age & Derby Confirmation Awards for the top hound of the year,

This is an addition to Running Rules and General Procedures Proposed Motion: Add to the United Beagle Gundog Federation Awards Program Add to the UBGF annual awards : “Top All Age Conformation Awards” and “Top Derby Conformation Awards” as the high point Show Hounds for the year. Points and Class requirements will duplicate Top Performing Hound Awards pages 31-33 of the current By-Laws. Comments pertaining to the change: The mission of the UBGF has always been devoted to the complete hunting Beagle. The CHB program was designed to award both field and show performance equally to best serve the rabbit hunter. Major improvements were noted in conformation through the initial years. But, it is our opinion today the conformation portion of our events has been deemphasized both at the club and federation levels. There should be a points race for conformation as well as performance. Our conformation events have the most potential for growth and potential to generate much needed additional revenue. Some people have limited abilities to follow hounds in the field but most anyone of any age can participate in the show portion of our events. Being recognized as the Top Conformation Hound in a class would be more impressive than winning the National under a single judge. An owner that is on a roll in conformation events is more likely to continue to enter more events. The CHB Coordinator will be asked to forward show results to the Confirmation Director who will calculate, track and publish the results each year

31 = yes

5 = no

Motion Passed

- Perry County Beagle Club proposed motion to add Director of Youth Activities position to UBGF Board,

YES = 35

No = 1

Passed

All Age Run Off Vote for AKC Lic. Event yes/no vote;

Yes = 81 %

No = 19 %

All Age WILL be AKC Lic. Event

Derby Run Off Vote for AKC Lic. Event yes/no vote;

Yes = 26%

No = 74%

Will NOT be a AKC Lic. Event

Running Order for the Derby National Run-Off Closing Time 7am for all classes

13" Females Friday 4/30/2021

15" Females Friday 4/30/2021

13" Males Saturday 5/1 2021

15" Males Saturday 5/1/2021

2021 Judges Derby Run Off (judges were kept same from canceled 2020 Derby

(alternates were placed in for two judges who were voted to judge 2020 All Age)

Motion by Billy Dry to carry over judges from cancelled derby due to COVID 19

2nd the motion by Brad Wilcox

Yes = 30

No = 4

Passed

2021 Judges Derby Run Off

13 F – Brad Gilbert & Reuben Shemwell

15 F – Wayne Adams & Jason Hood

13 M - Rick McDonald & Dan Kibler

15 M – Cody McDaniel & Danny Gordon

Show – Bill Reynolds

Running Order All Age National Run-Off Closing Time 7am for all classes

13” Females Friday 10/30/2020

15” Females Friday 10/30/2020

13” Males Saturday 10/31/ 2020

15” Males Saturday 10/31/2020

2020 All Age Judges

13 F – Tyler Ballard & Josh Voight

15 F – George Pennington & Teddy Partin

13 M – Tony Clark & Donald Geary

15 M – James Wolfe & Terry Amis

Show – Sue James

Alternate Female (All age) – Albert King

Alternate Male (all age) – Antonio Higgs

2 Couple Pack Judges;

10/9/2020 & 10/10/2020

Reid Cole & Teddy Partin (may have conflict) needs confirmed by Two Couple Pack Committee

2 Couple Pack Confirmation – TBA by Steve Cox

2 Couple Pack AKC Licensed

Will be decided by Two Couple Pack Committee

AKC SPO National Champ Judges Nominated by UBGF Clubs –

(No Nominations needed judges are be carried over from 2020 Canceled Event)

UBGF Officers/Board Positions up for election:

President: Brett Jones (only nominee) **Confirmed**

1st Vice President: Marty Gipson (only nominee) – 2 year term
Confirmed/Ratified

Recording Secretary: Brad Wilcox (only nominee) – 2 year term
Confirmed/Ratified

CHB Records Coordinator: Andy Holiday (only nominee) – 2 year term
Confirmed/Ratified

Corresponding Secretary: Billy Dry (only nominee) – 2 year term
Confirmed/Ratified

JR Handler Youth Activities Director: Amy Smotherland (only nominee) – 2 year term
Confirmed/Ratified

Two Couple Pack CO-Chairman: Jimmy Apple – 2 year term **Confirmed/Ratified**

UBGF Door Prize clubs attending meeting; (Garmin Alpha w/ Collar)

- Winner is Tidewater BC

Meeting Adjourned