

## Annual Meeting, August 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President McDonald at 8:15 AM. Following a prayer, the President called the roll of officers. Ballard Slone & Debbie Scheetz were absent.

Roll call of the clubs was next. The delegates sheet is attached to these minutes. There were 50 delegates on Saturday morning.

The President recognized the special guests, Mel Stewart of AKC, Eddie Wiley & Karl Gunzer of Purina. Eddie Wiley said that it was important for the clubs to get the Purina Point trial information to Hounds and Hunting so that the points totals can be as up to date as possible. If you need Purina coupons for your trial, call Eddie Wiley at (314) 378-3739. Karl Gunzer thanked AKC for their support, Rick McDonald & the UBGF board for all the work they do, Eddie Wiley for all his work, Kaylynn for her work on the Jr. Handler Program, Hounds & Hunting, and Mike Franklin of Okie Dog Supply. Congrats to the entire UBGF community and what you have accomplished. Karl said that since they became supporters of our Federation, they have contributed close to \$200,000 and they hope to continue the relationship.

Mike Franklin of Okie Dog Supply said they have been coming to our events since 2005 and they appreciate all the support we have given to his and Sandy's company. Tom DePriest of Hounds & Hunting thanked the UBGF and Board for all the support we have given to the magazine as well as thanked Purina for their support.

Rick then recognized the past Officers and Hall of Fame members. He then presented a check from the Little Warrior Picnic for \$1,725.00 from the August 1<sup>st</sup> event.

Reading of the 2014 minutes. Marj moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they have been published for 11 months on the website, seconded by Tuckaseegee, motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Lori presented the spreadsheet of all the activity since January 1<sup>st</sup>. The checking account amount is \$25,217.48 and the savings balance was \$4,504.20. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Clay County, seconded by North Alabama, was carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President report – Brett Jones reported on the scholarship fund. Brett stated the scholarship of \$1,000 went to Rachael Delany (Wayne Mayhew's granddaughter) and a second family scholarship of \$500 went to Jessica Marie Oliver (Robert Oliver's granddaughter). Mid-Ark had been voted on by email and had been approved by the clubs. Clover Run Beagle Club of Virginia has completed their observation trial, and the clubs were asked to approve it as a new club.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President report – Terry Brown thanked Okie Dog Supply for all their help with the jackets and especially the logo on the back. The board approved the awarding of jackets beginning in 2016 to the top performing hounds and grand final winners, both All-Age and Derby. Terry explained that we were going to offer an alternate jacket for those who have received a field jacket in the past.

37 clubs have turned in their trial dates as of the meeting. People are looking at the calendar website for a listing of the trials available for the weekend.

Corresponding Secretary – Income Statement was for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. It was used to generate the tax return for the IRS. Marj spoke of the problems in getting the members to

reserve their rooms at the Holiday Inn by July 7<sup>th</sup>. We had 60 rooms set aside, but only 30 were reserved by July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Camaro Club grabbed every room of our block that was not reserved timely. Banquet tickets are also another problem in that people need to order these timely, and if not, they will have to go down the street to McDonalds.

Recording Secretary – Marj read Ballard’s report.

Conformation Director report – Rick McDonald reported there were two conformation seminars held by Kaylynn Williams and Nancy Holland.

CHB Record Coordinator’s Report – Whitney reported we had 77 derby trials and 101 All Age trials. We had almost 2000 dogs running in trials. There were 2900 hits by 1200 different people on our website. The calendar and top performing hound pages were the most often looked at.

Clubs should be sure to include a physical address for the location of your trials, so that the calendar can link to a map for directions.

Two Couple Pack Report – Adam DePriest reported on the 443 packs entered, up 117 from last year. 20 different clubs held qualifying trials. Average number entered was 19 packs, \$2200 in fees was contributed to the UBGF.

There was a ten minute recess.

Junior Handler Program – Kaylynn showed the jacket that will be awarded for the Junior Handler Program Puppy Runoff held in April. Thanks to everyone that supports the program, and especially those who hold youth events. Purina is available for a lower price on Amazon.com or Chewy.com.

AKC Report – Mel talked of the change in the judges seminar. You only need to have one advanced seminar, not a total of three as originally set up. The Field Trial Secretary or Field Trial Chairman needs to have the Judges Basic Seminar.

BAC Report – Rick reported on what the BAC is and what it does. He reported on the recent meeting and the minutes will be posted on the AKC website. There will not be a Grand Field Champion title. Two Couple Pack representative John Stuckwisch presented a two couple pack motion that would allow the movement of a pack in the rotation due to a hound running in back to back packs.

President’s Report – Rick thanked the members of the board for all the time they put into working for our federation. Rick stated that we couldn’t have accomplished all we have without the hard work of all the members of our clubs. Butler County members especially work very hard to maintain our grounds and to improve everything for us. Every decision that the board makes is made with the entire federation in mind, not just the local people around the running grounds.

Committee Reports:

All Age & Derby Runoff - Marj reported we were down 30 entries at the derby to 303, and down 8 at the All-Age to 229. She requested that the members help develop tag teams of marshalls to use for the trials. If you have volunteers, please call Rick McDonald. Marshalls are paid \$100 per day.

Farm Report - Wayne Mayhugh reported that the Butler County Beagle Club had a good year and was able to use the profits from the kitchen to do a lot of work on the grounds, planting food plots, graveling the driveway and parking lot, and around the barn. Chris English gave a financial report of the Butler County Beagle Club.

Southeast Regional Runoff Report – Rick McDonald and Keith Loudermilt reported on the trial for 2015. Keith reported that they had a great trial, the weather cooperated this year, and the beaglers supported the trial. After all expenses, Tarheel presented a check to the UBGF for a little over \$1,000 as our share of the profits. Rick McDonald reported the trial for 2016 will again be at Tarheel.

New Business:

Elkhorn Motion #1 was adopted on a vote of 26 yes and 24 no. Comments from delegates on motion; no sewage dumped on ground or in our system, no trash left behind

Okaw Valley says the camper needs to leave the grounds as good as they found it.

Mike Reynolds says camper should leave when the member leaves, no campers left behind.

Semo made a motion to make a committee for camper rules, seconded by Ken-Tenn, approved. Motion by Bill Reynolds, seconded by Mike Wright to call for a vote was adopted. President then appointed Brett Jones, Anthony Wiley & Mike Lutz to the committee to draft the rules.

Elkhorn Motion #2 was withdrawn by the club.

Elkhorn Motion #3 was amended to add that a sign in sheet will be in the barn for those using it. Amended to say, sign in sheet will be located in barn to record which stall your horse is in. It will say what time and date checked in and confirm stall was cleaned out upon leaving. The horse owner must leave a contact number where they can be reached. Horse owner must have proper health papers for horse to comply with Kentucky state law. The amended motion passed.

Chain of Lakes Motion #1 to change the criteria for a field judge for the National Run-off was amended to remove the #3 (minimum of 5 years). The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Chain of Lakes Motion #2 to change the office terms to January 1 – December 31 was approved unanimously.

Perry County Beagle Club Motion #2 was adopted unanimously as presented.

Discussion on an additional UBGF national event as proposed by Rick McDonald was tabled until next year.

The delegates voted to continue the All Age Runoff as a licensed trial.

Judges for the All-Age are:

13" Females – Nicky Pinson & Tim Clanton

15" Females – Keith Loudermilt & Bobby Tsatsaronis

13" Males – Michael Whitis & Malcolm Simeon

15" Males – Kevin Turner & Matt Yoder

Alternate Female Judge – Frank Thomas

Alternate Male Judge – Chase Rudolph

Conformation Judge: Haley Hudman

Judges for the Derby are:

13" Females – Art Clay & Dan Amorine

15" Females – Mike Reynolds & John Snow

13" Males – Leonard Robinson & Carl Farler

15" Males – Nancy Holland & Allen Smith

Alternate Female Judge – Shane Avery

Alternate Male Judge – Adam Hughes

Conformation – Steve Cox

The Two Couple Pack Championship will be a licensed trial

Two Couple Pack Judges:

Kenneth Stephens & Rick McDonald

Alternate Judges are Eddie Evans & Anthony Smith

Conformation Judge is Everett Pettus

AKC National SPO Championship Judges:

Wayne Thompson, Tim Kasmarzik, Mike Wright, Dan Amorine & Chase Rudolph

Officers elected were:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Terry Brown

Treasurer – Keith Loudermilt

Conformation Director – Kevin Rudolph

Two Couple Pack Chair (confirmation by delegates) - Steve Cox

President – Rick McDonald

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Roach