

PBGF Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Zafar's Grotto, South Williamsport, PA

Delegates in Attendance: Bald Eagle, Beechton, Blue Juniata, Carlisle, Central, Conemaugh, East Carolina, Eldred, Hilltop, Indiana, Jacobus, Lebanon, Lycoming, Lykens Valley, Northern Lancaster, Oil Creek, Pender County, Rainbow, Webster.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Josh Rissinger at 11:00AM
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** October Meeting Minutes were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Pender County and East Carolina)
- III. **Introduction of Guests-**
 - Mike Luchetta, representing Purina, was in attendance for the meeting. Mike updated everyone on the new Purina Pro Club Points Redemption process (switched from weight circles to a receipt-based program). Anybody with questions on the new process, please reach-out to Mike. Mike would like anyone with questions or account issues to reach-out to him. The new program requires an update to users existing profile on the Purina website. Mike also noted that you can continue to send your receipt in through the mail, similar to the old weight circle process.
 - Terry Gerhart from the NE Regional Junior Beagler Program- Spoke about the program which currently has 51 kids enrolled and how the collar program is run, with requirements getting greater with age. There is a closed facebook group setup for the parents.
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
 - A. **President-** Josh Rissinger- None.
 - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Jeremy Bowles- None.
 - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik- Clubs need to verify 2019 Trial dates asap to Craig and Claire. Craig would like to receive input from all clubs before publishing a final schedule.
 - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Dave Sharer gave a detailed treasurer's report:
Opening Balance \$8,264.63 & Ending Balance of \$10,021.63. A motion was made by Rainbow, seconded by Hilltop to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed unanimously.
 - E. **Secretary-** Brian Phillips- None.
 - F. **Communications Liason:** Claire Spettell- Not present. Josh Rissinger noted that Claire's timeliness on communications is much appreciated. Any clubs with updates (officers, judging changes, etc) to reach-out to Claire to update on the website.

G. Board of Directors:

Ed Sankey- None. Mike Johnson- None.
Jim Roush- None. Mark Malloy- None.

V. Committee Reports

A. **Treasurer's Annual Audit Committee-** Jim Roush and Maribeth Krzesinski conducted a successful final audit of the treasury.

VI. Old Business

A. **C-3 Non-Profit Status Update-** Dave Sharer explained the quick form that was completed was not accepted. Our lawyer is now completing the long form for submission. Josh Rissinger thanked Breakneck for funding this effort.

B. **Raffle Tickets-** Dave Sharer said we are in pretty good shape with participation from the clubs and selling tickets. A decision was made to continue with the raffle for 2019 and Taylor Lewis will also be helping Dave with the Raffle Program. 2019 raffle tickets will be distributed at the June Meeting.

C. **Adam Keith Update-** Josh Rissinger acknowledged that the PBGF is handling the case in accordance with guidelines required by the PBGF By-Laws. There was discussion amongst the delegates on what we thought we could or could not do. Ultimately, Eldred made a motion to have no more discussion until AKC has made their decision. Bald Eagle second the motion and was passed.

D. Running Rules Updates & Further Discussions

a. The following updates were voted on and approved:

- i. Remove Spay/Neuter restrictions from the Running Rules per AKC now allowing spayed and neutered dogs to compete in field trials.
- ii. Per capita rate- Keep @ \$2 per dog- leave up to the Board of Directors to decide on pay-out to the host club, in an effort to make it worthwhile financially for clubs.
- iii. Remove East/West Championship trial rotation requirement in Running Rules- Open to any club.

b. The following items will be discussed more throughout the year

- i. Move Derby Championship Trial off of Father's Day weekend- possibility of running in September. Other possibilities include having in conjunction with a Club's licensed trial. Keep ideas coming in...
- ii. Trial Schedules- Clubs need to continue to work together (clubs close in proximity alternate classes, etc).

E. 2019 PBGF Derby and All-Age Championship Trials

- a. Derby trial will be held at Central Beagle Club- working on confirming the date...
- b. All-Age trial will be held at Blue Juniata Beagle Club on the standard weekend in October.

F. Taylor Lewis selected to Judge the 2019 AKC Nationals from the PBGF

- a. AKC looking at options on where the trial will be held.

VII. New Business

A. Youth Day

- a. Mark Malloy would like to see the Youth Day held in 2018 become an annual event and put on the PBGF yearly schedule.
- b. Ryan Grube will be taking the lead on this event.
- c. 2019 Youth Day to be held at Breakneck Beagle Club on July 13th.
 - i. Lycoming made motion, Eldred second, approved.
- d. Planning for events in the future:
 - i. Does the event stay at Breakneck or move around to other clubs/locations?
 - ii. Host clubs need to be very pro-active on items such as insurance, etc..
- e. Mark Malloy pointed out that whitetailsdowntv.com took a short video of the 2018 event and can be viewed online.

B. Club Contact Information on PBGF website (pabeaglefed.org)

- a. Craig Chelednik asked that each club review their contact information on the website and send any updates to Claire.

C. Prize package for Federation Championship Trials

- a. Discussion around prize packages that in the past have included e-collars, hunting coats/vests, gift cards.. The majority of delegates thought gift cards are preferred.

D. PBGF Derby Trial Participation

- a. Gary Keller asked how many derby trials are scheduled for 2019, which we found is 18 trials. The question was asked does it make sense to drop the derby qualifying trials and have only a yearly derby championship trial. This is a result of low participation and freeing up dates on the schedule. Gary also suggested that if clubs wanted to have a derby trial, they could have their own derby trial.
- b. Mike Brickhart suggest the option of having (4) derby qualifiers in the east and (4) in the west, that would rotate between clubs from year to year.
- c. We concluded with the option to let the clubs continue to have the option of having derby qualifiers. The end goal is to increase participation.

E. Location/Date for 2020 Banquet

- a. Hold the same location/date for next year
 - i. Bald Eagle made motion, East Carolina second, approved

F. 2019 Voting for PBGF Championship Trial judges

a. Field Judges

- i. 10 votes - Taylor Lewis
- ii. 7 votes - Jake Erhard
- iii. 6 votes - Ryane Grube, Jim Roush
- iv. 5 votes- Matt Minnick, Ryan Conley, Jeremy Hooks
- v. 4 votes- Steve Phillips, Mike Leaman, Ian Hannis, Jay Long, Scott Reifsnyder

b. Show Judge

- i. 6 votes- Bill Moyer

c. Apprentice Judge

- i. Cheyenne Colon

VIII. PBGF Hall of Fame Inductions

- A. Frank Keene
- B. FCGD Cable's Bonnie

IX. Adjournment: Carlisle made motion, second by Blue Juniata. All approved.