

PBGF Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 3, 2015
Lykens Valley Beagle Club, Millersburg, PA

Delegates in attendance: Beechton, Breakneck, Carlisle, Eldred, Elizabethtown, Hilltop, Indiana County, Jacobus, Lebanon County, Mason-Dixon, Northern Lancaster, Pucketos, Sharpsville, Susquehanna Valley, Towanda, Webster.

Clubs not represented: Bellwood, Cambria, Central, Conemaugh Valley, Lycoming County, Monroe, Oil Creek, Shamokin, Stein's Hollow, Towanda, Tunkhannock, Webster, West Branch, West Mayfield, York & Adams.

Attending Officers: President - Jim Katchko, Western Vice-President - James L. Kazmarek, Eastern Vice- President – Jim Girafalco, Secretary - Kay Coles, Treasurer - Dave Sharer.

Directors: John Cable, Jim Roush.

I. Call to Order - 4:51 PM. In prayer, Jim Katchko asked all to remember Andy Purnell who is being honored at this year's All-Age Championship.

II. Approval of Minutes - Minutes were discussed as were procedures for completing them in a more timely fashion. Motion made to accept the minutes by Lebanon and second by Pucketos. Motion passed.

III. Introduction of Guests – Jim expressed the regrets of Tom DePriest from *Hounds & Hunting / Better* Beagling and of Mike Luchetta from Purina for not being able to attend the meeting and Championship trial.

IV. Officers' and Directors' Reports

- a. **President** - Jim Katchko thanked Lykens Valley for hosting the championship trial. He also thanked Jim Kazmarek and Dave Sharer for their efforts in fund raising for this trial and Kay Coles for her years of service as secretary as she steps down from her office at the end of the year.
- b. **Eastern Vice President** - Jim Girafalco became ill; there was no report.
- c. **Western Vice President** - Jim Kazmarek – no report.
- d. **Secretary** - Kay Coles asked the delegation to make sure they signed in.

- e. **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Sharer gave the report; Lykens Valley made motion to accept the Treasurers report and Mason-Dixon 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- f. **Communication Liaison** – No report, Claire Spettell was unable to attend.
- g. **Board of Directors** –
 - West:** Jim Roush, no report
 - East:** Dr. John Cable said the new www.pabeaglefed.org website looks great and thanked Claire Spettell for her work in establishing it.

IV. Committee Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Audit Committee** - TBA
- b. **Hall of Fame Committee** – Jim Katchko reported that there were 6 nominees this year: two people: Dr. John Cable and Keith Collins; four hounds: FCGD Shoreline Ellie, FCGD Willey's Double Copper Penny, FCGD Indian Run Moose, and FCGD Cable's Aesop. Ballots will be distributed via email and are due back by December 21, 2015.
- c. **Banquet Committee** – Dave Sharer reported that the Annual Banquet would take place on January 10, 2016, at the Zafar Grotto in South Williamsport. The banquet will not be a dinner on Saturday but is actually going to be a luncheon on Sunday and that represents a change from past years. Please let Dave know if you plan to attend, although reservations are not required.
- d. **By-law Committee** – No new proposals at this time.
- e. **Directory Updates (2016)** – The bi-annual directory is due to be published in 2016. Claire had a message delivered on her behalf asking that the delegates please update information for publication as soon as possible. You can also contact Western Vice-President, Jim Kazmarek, with updates.
- f. **Website** – As reported earlier, the new website is up and operational, thanks to the work of Claire Spettell. If you have updates for the website, again please contact Claire or Jim Kazmarek
- g. **Championship Prize Committee** - Jim Katchko reported that we continue to be grateful to have Purina as our prime sponsor. In addition to Purina he also thanked the following for their continued support: Lion Country Supply, *PA Outdoor News*, Tractor Supply Company, *Hounds & Hunting*, and *Better Beagling*. Thanks to Jim Kazmarek and Dave Sharer for obtaining donations of TSC gift cards for this trial. TSC's policy of working with individual stores and store managers makes getting these donations difficult. A special thanks to Jim Kazmarek for gaining the support of Walmart. We hope to further cultivate that relationship in the future.

- h. **Political Action Committee** – Toby Fauver reported that SB 77 remains in the House Game and Fisheries Committee. If and when it is reported out of committee, it would receive three considerations in the full House before a vote would be taken on the third. If the bill passes the house with no changes, the governor would have 10 days to sign the bill. If there are amendments, the Senate and House versions would have to be reconciled, voted on, and if passed, sent to the governor.

SB 373, the anti-tethering bill, remains in the House Judiciary Committee. All reports to us are that the Judiciary Chair, Rep. Ron Marsico, has no intention of bringing the bill before his committee at this time.

Toby reminded the delegates to ask club members to contact their representatives and let them know of their support for SB 77 and opposition to SB 373. It is especially important to let Chairman Marsico know that you oppose SB 373.

VI. Old Business

- a. **Derby Championship Review** – With Jim Girafalco being ill, Dave Sharer reported that we had 56 hounds at the Derby Championship and that the trial went well.
- b. **PBGF Raffle: 2015-16 Update** – Dave Sharer reported that the tickets have been distributed and a number of clubs have already sold them. He asked that any unsold tickets be returned to him as soon as possible and that money and tickets stubs be turned in by the January meeting so that we can know where we stand and still have time to sell the remaining tickets.
- c. **Consistency Standings Report** – Dave and Sarah Sharer provided a report on the All-Age Consistency Standings. Most of the races had been decided heading into the Championship Trial weekend.
- d. **Presque Isle Application** – Jim Kazmarek stated that he will be attending the Presque Isle observation trial. Pending Jim Kazmarek's report in January, everything should be in order to hold a vote on Presque Isle's membership in the PBGF.
- e. **Purina Youth Handler Program** – If anyone is in need of information on the "America's Junior Handler Program" or a pup, please contact Mark Malloy or Kaylynn Williams at kwrabbitdogs@gmail.com or (708) 446-6180.
- f. **Beagle Advisory Committee** – John Cable indicated there was nothing new from the committee at this time.

VII. New Business

- a. **2016 Trial Schedule** – Please review the tentative 2016 tentative trial schedule and submit any changes to Jim Kazmarek who will verify them and in turn will submit them to Claire Spettell for inclusion in the master schedule.
- b. **Thanks to Sponsors and Host Club** – Jim once again thanked the PBGF sponsors: Purina, *Hounds & Hunting*, *Better Beagling*, *PA Outdoor News*, Lion Country Supply, Tractor Supply Company, and Walmart. A special thank you to Mike Luchetta from Purina, who, via telephone during the meeting, approved two, 12-bag donations of dog food to be auctioned off to help offset the cost of the trophies.

Jim once again thanked the officers and membership of the Lykens Valley Beagle Club for their efforts in the field and in the kitchen to make the trial a success.

- c. **Election of Officers** – The following officers and directors were elected to new terms: President – Jim Katchko (1 year), Western Vice-President – Jim Kazmarek (2 years), Secretary – Grace Roland (2 years), Eastern Director – Dr. John Cable (2 years), and Western Director – Jim Roush (2 years).
- d. **Good of the Association** – No additional comments to report.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.