

**PBGF Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2023 @ 7PM**  
**@ Blue Juniata Beagle Club**

**Delegates in Attendance:** Bald Eagle, Beechton, Blue Juniata, Carlisle, Central, East Carolina, Indiana, Lebanon, Lykens Valley, Mason Dixon, Pucketos, Rayburn, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Susquehanna, Swatara, Towanda, Webster, Southern Prince George, Charlotte Hall.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Toby Fauver at 7:00 PM.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** June Meeting Minutes were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Shamokin and Towanda - all approved)
  
- III. **Introduction of Guests-**
  - A. Mark Malloy from Purina was welcomed and thanked for their support. To see updated Purina Trial points, please refer to the Facebook page 'Purina Hound Group'.
  - B. It was noted that AKC did not have representation at the trial.
  - C. Terry Gerhart from the Eastern Junior Beagler Program was in attendance and introduced the next Jr handlers to be graduating from the program with a few more tasks left to be accomplished (Jayden Sharer, Zach Pitts). Terry thanked everyone for the support, including Purina. Mark Malloy (Purina) presented Terry with a \$400 donation from proceeds on a Purina dog food raffle at the trial this past weekend.
  - D. Dan Lang (President of the IBGF) was in attendance. The IBGF recently became it's own Federation.
  
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
  - A. **President-** Toby Fauver- None.
  - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Taylor Lewis- Thanked everyone for selling tickets.
  - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik. Not present, but asked for everybody to have open communication on club's trial schedule.
  - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Nate Zuroski gave a detailed treasurer's report:  
Opening Balance- \$14,127.80 & Ending Balance of \$15,788.42. This is the treasury report as of the October 2022 Meeting. Nate is stepping down out of the treasurer's position and a final treasurer report will be reconciled with the new incoming Treasurer.
  - E. **Secretary-** Brian Phillips- None.
  - F. **Communications Liaison:** Claire Spettell None.

**G. Board of Directors:**

Norm Prycl- None. Mike Bickhart- None.  
Jim Roush- None. Mark Malloy- None.

**V. Committee Reports**

A. **Treasurer's Annual Audit Committee-** Finance committee (Roger Savor and Dave Sharer) will start fresh once all is converted over to the newly elected Treasurer.

**VI. Old Business – None.**

A. **Yearly PBGF Membership Dues-** Dues are due by end of this year.

B. **New Member Club Application from West Branch Beagle Club-** Kellen Gerhart was the representative from the club (via telephone) and explained they have several new members of their club that have expressed interest in joining the federation. Blue Juniata made a motion to accept, Baled Eagle second- All were in favor and approved.

C. **Field Trial Cards and Judging Books-** See Toby Fauver at a trial to receive. Toby will not be shipping the cards and books.

D. **Field Trial Secretary role at the PBGF Championship Trial-** Bob Bish (with the help of his wife) has been in the acting field trial secretary role. Currently, the Eastern Vice President is the Field Trial Secretary according to the by-laws. These updates to roles will be addressed with an appointed by-law committee that is formed later in the meeting.

**VII. New Business**

A. **2023 Houndsperson of the Year is Taylor Lewis-** Toby Fauver nominated Taylor Lewis, Webster nominated Jeremy Hooks, Shamokin nominated Jim Roush. Taylor Lewis received the most votes and is the 2023 Houndsperson of the Year.

**B. Election of PBGF Officers:**

- President- Toby Fauver (Shamokin, Bald Eagle- All approved)
- Western Vice President- Craig Chelednik (Central, Pucketos- All approved)
- Secretary- Zach Bickhart (Carlisle, Shamokin- All approved)
- Eastern Director- Mike Bickhart (Shamokin, Indiana County- All approved)
- Western Director- Jeremy Hooks (Central, Shamokin- All approved)
- Treasurer- Ryan Becker (Blue Juniata, Shamokin- All approved)

- C. **2023 Consistency Points Reminder-** Bob Bish reminded clubs to get their PBGF consistency trial results in on time. Also, new clubs need to be informed on the process. Toby Fauver will work with Zach Bickhart on an email to distributed to all clubs.
- D. **2024 PBGF Championship Trial Location-** Shamokin made a motion to have the trial at Blue Juniata Beagle Club, Carlisle second- All approved. It was noted by everyone the great job Blue Juniata does holding this event.
- E. **2024 AKC SPO Nationals Judging Selections-** Mark Malloy (AKC SPO National Board) made a commitment to everyone on an improved 2024 experience. The following judges were nominated: Ryan Becker, Roger Savor, Ryan Grube, Max Lang, Nick Conti, Poppy Colon, Tyler Crissman. Ryan Becker received the most votes, and Max Lang and Poppy Colon had a tie, and the tie-breaker vote went to Max Lang.
- **Ryan Becker and Max Lang will be the 2024 AKC SPO National Judges.**
- F. **By-Law Updates-** By-law updates need to be reconciled with the running rules. There are currently several discrepancies that we are not in accordance with (including the June Meeting timeframe). Toby Fauver nominates Ryan Becker to head a committee with Jay Long, Taylor Lewis, Mike Bickhart, Seth Shoemaker, to revise the by-laws and running-rules to get everything aligned. Once updated and approved, updated by-laws and running-rules will be uploaded to the PBGF Website.
- G. **Qualifications for the PBGF Championship Trial-** there was some confusion around dog qualifications for the Championship trial (by-laws vs what is stated in the trial add). This will be aligned in future ads.
- H. **Prize package for PBGF Championship Trial-** Taylor Lewis and Roger Savor will oversee ticket sales in 2024. Also, club ticket distribution will be addressed in the by-laws.
- I. **Hall of Fame Voting 2023-** All nominations (Person and hound) need to have the paperwork completed and submitted by November 15, 2023. Donald Dobbs was nominated at the meeting. Also, a Hall of Fame criteria committee headed by Maribeth Krzensinski-Roush along with Jim Roush and Dave Sharer to bring criteria to a more current form. Shamokin and Lykens Vally motioned, All approved.
- J. **PBGF Youth Day Planning 2024-** Toby mentioned the planning needs to get started at the Club level for Youth Day(s), also if there are any fund-raising efforts to support youth days, now is the time to start the planning process, due to the large effort involved.
- K. **Sire and Dam Awards-** Mark Malloy acknowledged to continue Sire and Dam awards and \$150 gift certificates to be awarded each year.

**VIII. Adjournment-** Shamokin made motion, Susquehanna second, all approved.