

**PBGF Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020**  
**Zafar's Grotto, South Williamsport, PA**

**Delegates in Attendance:** Bald Eagle, Beechton, Blue Juniata, Carlisle, East Carolina, Eldred, Elizabethtown, Indiana, Jacobus, Lebanon, Lykens Valley, Northern Lancaster, Oil Creek, Presque Isle, Pucketos, Rainbow, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Towanda.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Bowles at 11:00 AM
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** October Meeting Minutes were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Shamokin and Lykens Valley- approved)
  
- III. **Introduction of Guests-** Mike Luchetta (Purina), Terry Gerhart (Junior Handler Program)
  
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
  - A. **President-** Josh Rissinger- Not present. Scheduling conflict
  - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Jeremy Bowles- None.
  - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik- Not present. Distributing 2020 Field Trial Schedule to Claire to distribute to group.
  - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Dave Sharer gave a detailed treasurer's report: Opening Balance \$9,784.66 & Ending Balance of \$10,449.29. A motion was made by Carlisle, seconded by East Carolina to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed unanimously.
  - E. **Secretary-** Brian Phillips- None.
  - F. **Communications Liaison:** Claire Spettell- Not present. 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-** Audit successfully conducted by the Hooks.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **Field Trial Scheduling Opportunities-** Continue to work with neighboring clubs

B. **C-3 Non-Profit Status Update-** Dave Sharer explained the long form application was submitted by the lawyer to the IRS. A letter was received from the IRS stating the application is under review and will follow either a 90 or 180 day review. A great thanks to Breakneck for all their support in this effort.

C. **Raffle Tickets-** raffle tickets need submitted by the end of January. The raffle was approved for 2020 as well. (Carlisle, Oil Creek)

D. **2020 PBGF Championship Trials-** The Derby trial will be held on the Friday of the All-Age trial on a trial basis. If this is determined to be a permanent change, a Running Rules revision will be required.

a. Proposal to have one set of judges for the Derby Males and one set of judges for the Derby Females. Approved (Carlisle, Bald Eagle)

b. Host Club for 2020 Trials will be Blue Juniata Beagle Club. Approved (Shamokin, Carlisle)

E. **AKC Judging Seminar-** Mark Malloy informed there will be a judging seminar the Friday evening of the Championship Trial (tentative date). The PBGF will pay for any attending members as well as any junior handlers. Mark is working with the AKC for final approval.

F. **Confirmation Show Seminar-** Show seminar is in the works to be held at Conemaugh Valley Beagle Club. Mark Malloy to reach-out to Bill Moyer to see if he would be interested in instructing a seminar on the east side of the state. More to follow on both items.

## VII. New Business

- A. **2020 AKC SPO Trial PBGF Judge Selection-** Jay Long
  
- B. **2020 PBGF Championship Trial Judge Ballot-** ballots collected by Jeremy Bowles.
  
- C. **Purina Points Update-** Mike Luchetta informed the Federation that he has assumed the duties of tracking the Purina Points Trial Program. The Award Point System is going back to the 5,4,3,2,1 award format. Mike also informed field trial secretaries to submit points to Mike immediately, as there is a 14-day window for redemption. Any results received after the window will not be accepted.
  
- D. **PBGF Recognizes Cheyenne Colon-** Cheyenne is on track to complete the Junior Handler Program. Approved. (Oil Creek, Shamokin)
  
- E. **Junior Handler Program-** Terry Gerhart spoke about the success of the program. He acknowledged Cheyenne Colon is on track to be the first junior handler to complete the program. Terry expressed an interest in having the junior handler host and run a trial with all junior handler participants. Jim Mcknight suggested the Junior Handler Program form a “paper” club to represent the program and hold a trial. In doing so, the program would have the opportunity to hold a trial and receive a vote in the Federation.
  
- F. **Junior Handler Application to Form a PBGF Club-** Application accepted by Federation and will need to hold a Plan A Trial. Approved (Bald Eagle, Carlisle)
  
- G. **Budget Increased for Championship Trial Awards-** Jeremy Bowles working on awards for Championship Trials.
  
- H. **Youth Field Day-** Mark Malloy announced the event is a go for 2020 and will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled tentatively at Breakneck Beagle Club.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Shamokin made motion, second by Presque Isle. All approved.