

PBGF Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 3, 2020
Blue Juniata Beagle Club, McClure, PA

Delegates in Attendance: Bald Eagle, Blue Juniata, Breakneck, Carlisle, Central, East Carolina, Elizabethtown, Indiana, Lebanon, Lykens Valley, Mason-Dixon, Monroe, Pucketos, Shamokin, Webster.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Josh Rissinger at 4:30 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** January delegates meeting and February Board of Directors meeting were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Lykens Valley and East Carolina- approved)
- III. **Introduction of Guests- None.**
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
 - A. **President-** Josh Rissinger- Thanked all involved with the Run-Off trial, including Purina, Stonecreek, Blue Juniata Beagle Club, and everyone who attended the trial. Josh also highlighted the on-going successful scheduling and points tracking done by Craig Chelednik and Bob Bish.
 - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Jeremy Bowles- None.
 - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik- not present. Josh noted Craig is doing a great job with scheduling.
 - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Dave Sharer confirmed Cambria Beagle Club has rejoined the PBGF. Detailed treasurer's report: Opening Balance \$10,434.29 & Ending Balance of \$9,749.54. A motion was made by Bald Eagle, seconded by Breakneck to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed unanimously.
 - E. **Secretary-** Brian Phillips- None.
 - F. **Communications Liaison:** Claire Spettell- Not present. Josh Rissinger acknowledged that Claire's timeliness on communications is continually 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- Thanked Blue Juniata Beagle Club and all the sponsors.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer's Annual Audit Committee-** Taylor Lewis and Kyle Kamerer selected for January Meeting Annual Audit

VI. Old Business

- A. **PBGF/NEBGF Spring Meeting Status-** Not moving forward with discussions.
- B. **C-3 Non-Profit Status Update-** Dave Sharer explained that after an extensive review with the lawyer and the submission of the application, the PBGF is not qualified to have a C-3 Non-Profit Status. The PBGF will remain a C-7 organization.

VII. New Business

- A. **COVID-19 Updates/Concerns-** No further questions/comments.
- B. **2021 Consistency Programs-** Josh Rissinger confirmed the Purina Consistency Points Program runs from January to December. The PBGF Consistency Program runs from October to October, aligning with the PBGF Championship Trial. Mark Malloy explained that Purina plans on opening-up the 2021 Consistency Program on January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Watch for press release from Purina.
- C. **2021 PBGF All-Age and Derby Championship Trial-** Taylor Lewis would like to see an overall winner format added to the trial. Overall, the 2020 trial with combining All-Age and Derby Trial to same weekend/club, was well liked by the majority.
- D. **PBGF Hall of Fame Nomination-** Bob Bish's female FCGD Bish's Lady Ann has been nominated and a ballot will be sent out with these Minutes for all clubs to complete and return by December 15, 2020.
- E. **PBGF Hall of Fame Date Criteria Change Request-** Mark Malloy proposed to move the proposal of HOF candidates from the Derby Championship date to the fall meeting and require the 50 needed votes to be received by December 15 of the current year. (Breakneck motion, Indiana County seconded, all approved). This will require a vote to update the Running Rules at the January 2021 Meeting.
- F. **Application for new club membership: Imperial Beagle Club-** Club will need to have a Plan A trial for observation. George Prycl will be at the trial for observation. (Lykens Valley motion, Bald Eagle seconded, all approved).
- G. **PA Game Commission Eastern Cottontail Study-** The PA Game Commission reached out to Jeremy Bowles and would like to get participants for harvesting rabbits to test for a certain rabbit flu. An email will be sent out to delegates with more information and requirements, when more information is available.
- H. **PBGF Raffle Tickets-** Dave Sharer announced a reminder for all clubs to have raffle tickets/money returned by the January Meeting.

I. 2021 PBGF Championship Trial Status- Bald Eagle made a motion to have Blue Juniata be the host club. Indiana County seconded, all approved. Blue Juniata accepted and requested that the Federation provide help in terms of marshalling, etc at the trial. Jeremy Bowles announced that compensation will be given to the host clubs.

J. PBGF Election of Officers-

- a. East Region VP-** 2yr term- Taylor Lewis elected (Bald Eagle motion, Carlisle seconded, all approved).
- b. President-** 1yr term- Toby Fauver elected (Bald Eagle motion, East Carolina seconded, all approved).

VIII. **Adjournment:** Lykens Valley made motion, second by Blue Juniata. All approved.