

PBGF Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Zafar's Grotto, South Williamsport, PA

Delegates in Attendance: Bald Eagle, Beechton, Breakneck, Carlisle, Central, East Carolina, Eldred, Elizabethtown, Indiana, Jacobus, Lebanon, Lykens, Mason-Dixon, Northern Lancaster, Oil Creek, Pender Co., Rainbow, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Stein Hollow, Tunkhannock.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Josh Rissinger at 11:00 AM
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** October Meeting Minutes were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Tunkhannock and Shamokin)
- III. **Introduction of Guests-** Mike Luchetta, representing Purina, was in attendance for the meeting. Mike provided some new information later in the meeting (listed in the minutes) on the new Purina Pro Club Points Redemption.
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
 - A. **President-** Josh Rissinger- Happy to see suggestions and ideas are coming into the Federation. Josh also thanked Craig Chelednik for accepting the WVP Role and his work on the 2018 Field Trial Schedule. All clubs are to contact Craig to confirm/update their 2018 schedule.
 - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Jeremy Bowles- The Revised Running Rules are listed on the website. Jeremy also emphasized that a club that would like to combine their license trial with their AAQ with show can do so and try for the first year. If the club would like to return to two separate trials they will not lose their original dates.
 - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik- Please contact Craig for 2018 Field Trial Schedule.
 - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Dave Sharer gave a detailed treasurer's report: Opening Balance \$6,922.83 & Ending Balance of \$7,614.57. A motion was made by Rainbow, seconded by Webster to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed unanimously.
 - E. **Secretary-** Brian Phillips- Any delegates that are not on the email distribution chain, please send email address to me.
 - F. **Communications Liason:** Claire Spettell- Josh Rissinger acknowledged the great work Claire does with the website and communications.
 - G. **Board of Directors:** Nothing new to discuss.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer's Annual Audit Committee-** A successful audit was performed Jim and Mary-Beth.

- B. **PBGF Hall of Fame-** Persons inducted: Jim Katchko, Ed Sankey. Hounds inducted: FC Choptank Red Ringtail, FC Boomerang's Willie.
- C. **By-Law Committee-** none.
- D. **Political Awareness Committee-** The Federation discussed it is important to be aware and comprised of our rights. Jim Katchko acknowledged the Annual Sporting Dog Meeting (April date to be determined). Also, the PA Game Commissioner's meeting is coming up on January 28 at 1 pm. This meeting will hear public recommendation on the 2018-2019 hunting and fur-taking seasons and bag limits.

VI. Old Business

- A. **2018 PBGF Derby Championship Trial-** Shamokin Beagle Club accepted the use of their grounds.
- B. **C-3 Non-Profit Status Update-** Dave Sharer informed us that he is working with our lawyer to clarify how we operate as a Federation. The lawyer provided the necessary updates to the by-laws to clearly indicate we are a 501-C3 organization, and was put to vote. In short, the requirement is We, as a Federation, cannot have lobbyist or lobby at a Federation level. However, this does not restrict the Federation to provide support to member clubs for petitioning, etc.. Lycoming made a motion to accept, Carlisle second, all clubs were in favor. The updated version of the by-laws will be completed and sent to the lawyer.
- C. **Annual Raffle Fundraising-** Tickets were handed-in for this meeting. We are taking suggestions for other money raising activities as well, and/or updates to the current raffle ticket. Mike Johnson made a suggestion to ask companies for a \$500 gift card at a cost of \$250. It was also decided that tickets for this year will be distributed at the June meeting to provide more time to sell (was distributed at October meeting last year).
- D. **Annual All-Age Championship Trial-** This will be an AKC Licensed Trial. Jacobus beagle club nominated Breakneck Beagle Club as the host club. Breakneck accepted.
- E. **Revised Running Rules-** Updated on website.

VII. New Business

- A. **New Clubs-** Josh Rissinger emphasized the importance to wrap-up the 2018 Field Trial Schedule to assist with dates for new clubs coming into the Federation. It was noted that if new clubs holding a Plan A trial on a vacated club's date (existing club trying the combined AAQ and Licensed Trial), this is not a permanent date for the new clubs. Also, new clubs are on a probation period and will receive voting rights after the Plan A trial is complete.
- B. **Hall of Fame Reform-** Jeremy Bowles noted that the Hall of Fame criteria is currently in our By-Laws and would like to remove from the By-Laws, due to the cumbersome manner of making updates- requires two meetings to vote. Lebanon County made a motion to remove

the HOF criteria from the By-Laws, Webster second, all clubs voted yes. **This will be up for vote at the June Meeting.**

- C. The show requirement that accompanies the All-Age Qualifier was discussed. Mark Malloy (Carlisle) made a motion for clubs to have the option of having the show. The show requirement would still be in place for the Championship trial due to the Grand Final Winner Award. The proposed would remove *show* (still an option) from the AKC/PBGF Trial requirement. The show can still be held for stand-alone trials. The show requirement will still remain for new clubs having a Plan A trial. There were 16 yes and 4 no. **This will be up for vote at the June Meeting.**
- D. The following judges were the top vote getters for the upcoming Derby Championship trial, with Ed Sankey, Kyle Mariacher, Ryan Conley topping the votes, multiple other judges received the same amount of votes in the 4th spot. Jeremy Bowles will work on securing the judging line-up.
- E. **New Purina Points Redemption-** Mike Luchetta from Purina updated us on how Pro-Club members submit their now weight circles that will be eventually be scanned receipts. The official switch-over date to scanned receipt is July 31, 2018. However, it is important to get your weight circles in ASAP, before this date. Mike noted the scanned receipt can now be used, but once this option is chosen, members cannot go back to submitting their weight circles. Mike also stated that dog food won or bought at auction will not be available for point redemption. Anyone with questions can contact Mike directly at 573-647-5567 or email at Luchetta.Mike@gmail.com
- F. **Discontinuing printed Directory-** It was decided that all content is available and more easily accessible through the website. With that said, we ask that all clubs send any updates (judges, contact info, etc.) to Claire to keep current.
- G. **Running Rules Update-** Jeremy Bowles will be updating the running rules related to consistency points. If there is there is less than 6 starters in any class the 13" and 15" classes may be combined. Hounds will be awarded for points for the class they were measured in.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Lycoming made motion, second by Central. All approved.