

PBGF Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Breakneck Beagle Club, Zelienople, PA

Delegates in Attendance: Bald Eagle, Beechton, Blue Juniata, Breakneck, Carlisle, Central, Hilltop, Indiana, Jacobus, Lycoming, Lykens, Mason-Dixon, Oil Creek, Presque Isle, Pucketos, Rainbow, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Susquehanna, Webster.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Josh Rissinger at 4:15 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** June Meeting Minutes were emailed out in advance of this meeting and were accepted (Motion by Oil Creek and Sharpsville)
- III. **Introduction of Guests-** Mike Luchetta, representing Purina, was in attendance for the meeting. Mike noted the new Purina Pro Club Points Redemption process has switched from weight circles to a receipt-based program. Anybody with questions on the new process, please reach-out to Mike. Purina donated 12 bags of dog food that was auctioned off for \$408 by highest bidder Jim Roush.
- IV. **Officer's and Director's Reports**
 - A. **President-** Josh Rissinger- The Federation has had a lot of positive changes and want to continue this effort going forward.
 - B. **Eastern Vice President-** Jeremy Bowles- None.
 - C. **Western Vice President-** Craig Chelednik- Not present. (attending wedding).
 - D. **Treasurer's Report-** Dave Sharer gave a detailed treasurer's report:
Opening Balance \$9,979.37 & Ending Balance of \$8,264.63. A motion was made by Webster, seconded by Sharpsville 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- Not present. Josh Rissinger noted that Claire's timeliness on communications is much 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- None.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer's Annual Audit Committee-** Kyle Mariacher, Maribeth Krzesinski, and Jake Erhard will audit at the January 2019 Meeting.

VI. Old Business

- A. **C-3 Non-Profit Status Update-** Dave Sharer informed us that we are waiting on the results of the submission of the application.
- B. **Successful PBGF Derby Championship Trial at Shamokin Beagle Club-** Josh Rissinger thanked Shamokin Beagle Club for hosting the trial. The days were hot, but the rabbits came easy and made for a great trial.
- C. **Show Option for PBGF Qualifier Trial-** The show can still be had at the option of the club. A show will remain a requirement for the PBGF All-Age & Derby Championship Trials and Plan A Trials for new clubs.
- D. **Youth Day Recap-** The Youth Day was a great success. There was a total of 61 kids participating. Mark Malloy asked that delegates take the topic back to their clubs to collaborate on new ideas for next year (activities, sponsorships, etc.).
- E. **Status of new clubs entering the Federation:**
 - a. Blue Juniata and Bald Eagle held Plan A trials and are now members of the PBGF.
 - b. (2) clubs held Plan A trials without show- do not have voting rights. Need to have another Plan A Trial with a Show.
 - c. Enchanted Mountain- No longer joining the PBGF

VII. New Business

- **Adam Keith Case-** Josh Rissinger brought the member clubs up to date on the current situation involving Adam Keith.
 - NEBGF- Suspended Adam Keith for Life
 - Per AKC/Mel Stewart- Until determination is made by the AKC Panel, he is ok to run at any AKC event. The original AKC statement was the individual club had the option, but has now changed to current decision.
 - Lycoming made a motion to move forward and let the AKC continue their investigation, Sharpsville second the motion- Approved.
- **Open Floor Discussion on Running Rules-** Jeremy Bowles will send out our discussion and any updates in the Running Rules to vote at the January Meeting.
 - Remove Spay/Neuter restrictions from the Running Rules per AKC now allowing spayed and neutered dogs to compete in field trials.
 - Per capita rate- Keep @ \$2 per dog- leave up to the Board of Directors to decide on pay-out to the host club, in an effort to make it worthwhile financially for clubs.

- Remove East/West Championship trial rotation requirement in Running Rules- Open to any club.
 - Move Derby Championship Trial off of Father's Day weekend- possibility of running in September. Other possibilities include having in conjunction with a Club's licensed trial.
 - Trial Schedules- Clubs need to continue to work together (clubs close in proximity alternate classes, etc).
- **2019 AKC Nationals Judge Selection-** Delegates submitted their selection and votes will be counted.
- **Hounds and Hunting Hall of Fame**
 - Stan Hepler led votes for houndsmen. Nominations included- Donald Dobbs, Dave Sharer, Edgar Burdette
 - Burdette's Little Darbin led votes for hounds. Nominations included- Flat Creek BustN Loose Bandit, Main Man Tucker
 - Please note: Due to the transfer of ownership at Hounds and Hunting and a misunderstanding these selections will not be in Hall of Fame consideration for this year.
- **Host Club Nomination for 2019 PBGF Derby Championship Trial-** Central Beagle Club
 - **Host Club Nomination for 2019 PBGF All-Age Championship Trial-** Bald Eagle and Blue Juniata both were nominated for selection. Bald Eagle received the most votes, however after further discussion with Bald Eagle, Blue Juniata will be holding the 2019 All-Age Championship Trial.
- **Voting of Officers:**

Board of Directors:

West Region- Ed Sankey- Sharpsville, Shamokin

East Region- Mark Malloy- Shamokin, Bald Eagle

Treasurer- Dave Sharer- Lycoming, Sharpsville

East Region VP- Jeremy Bowles- Webster, Sharpsville

President- Josh Rissinger- Rainbow, Sharpsville

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

