

**AGENDA - PBGA Delegates Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 9, 2010**  
**West Branch Beagle Club – Lock Haven, PA**

Clubs in attendance: Bellwood, Carlisle, Central, Elizabethtown, Jacobus, Indiana, Lebanon, Lycoming, Oil Creek, Pucketos, Rainbow, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Susquehanna, Tunkhannock, West Branch, York & Adams. Officers: Jim Katchko, Blaine Grove, Kay Coles, Dave Sharer, Tina Grim, Mike Johnson. Clubs absent: Breakneck, Cambria, Conemaugh, Eldred, Hilltop, Lykens, Mason Dixon, Monroe, N. Lancaster, Rayburn, Towanda, and Webster. Officer absent: Frank Keene.

Call to Order 6:55 p.m. Minutes. Tina read the minutes, which were approved as read.

President Jim Katchko thanked West Branch for hosting the trial, and we gave them a round of applause to show our appreciation. Jim thanked the officers for their hard work and emphasized their experience and how capable they are of doing their jobs. Jim further reported that the officers are already working on things for next year. Acquiring sponsorships is a key issue and we have several leads that look very promising. Eastern Vice President Blaine Grove - no report. Western Vice President Frank Keene - Jim announced that Frank was on a pre-scheduled hunting trip and sent his apologies for missing the meeting. Secretary Kay Coles - encouraged everyone to sign in on the sheets provided so we have proper documentation. Treasurer's Report - Dave Sharer - See attached. Dave reminded clubs about the \$5 gun ticket. Please sell them if you can, otherwise turn them before the banquet in January. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Central, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tunkhannock; motion passed. Director of Communications - Tina Grim Tina reminded clubs to make sure all information is accurate and up to date, especially with club elections.

Board of Directors: West: Kevin McEwen, Jim Roush, East: Mike Johnson, Mark Malloy: Mike thanked West Branch for hosting the trial on such short notice. He also thanked to Dave and Sara Sharer for their hard work on the consistency paperwork—calculated and posted on line promptly.

### **Committee Reports**

Political Awareness - John Gible, Tina Grim. John updated everyone on the situation with the owner/handler with the Murder Hollow Basset Pack (via the National Alliance Interest Group) whose dogs were confiscated. She used the monies donated in July 2009 to hire a lawyer. In October she was found to be in compliance with all laws and the 22 charges were withdrawn. She will now be suing due to the handling of the situation and the loss of some of her dogs. John announced that the state historically had over 300 kennels licensed, but now are under 100 in the state. He said stats also showed that only an estimated 36 ½ % of dogs are licensed. We were also warned that changes in the commercial kennel regulations stipulate that if you (as a private seller) sell a hound to a commercial kennel, you are now considered a "commercial breeder." Next issue of concern will be the anti-tethering law which is now gaining momentum.

Show Seminars - Tina Grim / Sam Lauchman. Tina announced that 10 people took the show seminar held in Cambria on August 29<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Bill Moyer for judging and noted that Bill has brought two show hounds to the trial that are worth seeing. One is an AKC Show Champion and the other one is almost finished as well.

Hall of Fame Ballot- 2010 - Jim Katchko. Jim distributed the ballots. They are due on December 1<sup>st</sup>, mail directly to Jim. People being nominated are Dave Sharer and Todd Seitz; hounds are FC Bone Hollow Sunshine Sally and FC G's Line Taco Belle. Two other hounds that were nominated do not meet the criteria; Jim will contact the involved parties and brief them on the situation. *Must have 50 votes to be elected into the hall of fame.*

Banquet (2011) - Dave Sharer. Flyers were distributed promoting the event, as well as a reservation form. Date is January 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting starts at 11:00 a.m., lunch served at noon. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony and a dance. No alcohol can be brought into the facility. January 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for reserving your space. Stan has a contact for the DJ if needed.

Directory (2011) - Deb Overdorf. Deb had to leave; however, she made it clear that she was willing to do a new directory if that is what the clubs want. Tunhannock motioned that we do a directory every other year; Rainbow seconded the motion. Motion approved. Blaine encouraged clubs to update and revise the judging list and phone numbers.

Website - Tina Grim. Tina announced that it had once again been hacked, but within hours the website was back on line. She reminded clubs to keep their pages up to date.

Field Trial Schedule - Tina Grim. Field trial cards are here, courtesy of Hounds & Hunting, see Dave if your club needs cards. The knife (donated by Hounds and Hunting) will be kept for the banquet as an auction prize. Tina distributed the 2011 Field Trial Schedule, all changes are due to her by December 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time the schedule will be sent to AKC for blanket sanctioning.

By-Law Committee - Jim Katchko. By Laws are being updated and reviewed at all times. Anyone with any changes should notify Jim.

## **Voting**

PBGA All –Age Championship Date - Jim Katchko. The PBGA moved our date forward one week when a weekend opened up. This enabled us to bring all clubs into compliance with our bylaws. However this now means we conflict with the National Gundog Brace Trial in Ohio. The board recommends to the delegates that we retain this date. West Branch moved to keep the current date, Sharpsville seconded. Jim relayed that Shamokin is also happy with this situation. Motion passed.

Requirements for AKC National Judges - Gary Slick / Stan Breon. NEBGF has new requirements. A nominee must judge an NEBGF qualifier during the year to be eligible for consideration. This decision was made by a three member committee with a representative from each association. Anyone with issues on this ruling should bring this up at the NEBGF meeting in June.

Vote on Clubs to host 2011 – Trials: Derby (June) – West – Sharpsville nominated Hilltop, Central seconded it. Rainbow closed nominations, Bellwood seconded. No one was present from Hilltop, so if they decline, another club will be selected in January. All-Age (October) – East – Lycoming nominated Lycoming, Elizabethtown seconded it; Jacobus nominated York & Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Indiana. Central nominated Lebanon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Sharer. West Branch motioned to close nominations, Rainbow seconded, nominations closed. York and Adams won the vote.

Vote on Judges for 2011 NEBGF Championship – Nominations in order of voting were as follows: Todd Seitz, Jim Katchko, Ed Sankey, Mark Malloy, Kevin McEwen, Miles Lee, John Elder, and John Cable. 2012 AKC Nationals – Nominations in order of voting were as follows: Kevin McEwen, John Elder, Ed Sankey and Blaine Grove.

Election of Officers: President (1 year term) – West Branch nominated Jim Katchko, Shamokin seconded the nomination. Central moved to close nominations, York & Adams seconded. Jim was approved. East Regional Vice-President (2 year term) – Jacobus nominated Blaine Grove, 2<sup>nd</sup> by York & Adams, Lebanon moved to close nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rainbow. Blaine was elected. Director of Communications (2 year term) – Elizabethtown nominated Tina, Tunkhannock 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Sharpsville moved to close nominations, Rainbow seconded. Tina was elected. East Director (1 year term) Mark Malloy: term expired – Jacobus nominated Mark, Central seconded. Blaine nominated Todd Seitz, York & Adams seconded the motion. Todd Seitz was elected. West Branch moved to close nominations, Rainbow seconded. West Director (1 year term) Jim Roush: term expired – Blaine nominated John Elder, West Branch seconded; Shamokin moved nominations be closed, Rainbow seconded. John was elected.

**Brief break for dinner. Meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m.**

**Old Business: Youth Rabbit Season / Extended Season - Jim Katchko / John Gible.** John Gible reported that Elizabethtown held their youth rabbit hunt today. They had 10 junior hunters participate and it was a great experience all the way around. Two members were assigned to each youth hunter, and each had a parent accompany them. You can have a youth hunt any time during the regular season, so give this serious consideration. A manual is available on the PGC website, along with appropriate waiver forms. Elizabethtown had a local newspaper promote the event and they used the Hunter Safety course as a potential recruiting forum. The members had breakfast at the club, paired the kids with their mentors, then went off to hunt at the local landfill, returned to the club for lunch, shot clay pigeons, and the day concluded. They ended the day by cleaning the rabbits that were killed, and cooked them for all to enjoy. Jim reminded clubs to take photos to help us document the experience.

**Championship Trial Review, Consistency Award, Outstanding Hound Award - Blaine Grove.** Consistency winners: 13” Male Class Winner - FC J-Line Bulldozer, o: Jay Long, Eddie Gooch, Gino Casseri; 13” Male Runner Up - FC Coal Hill Tom Tucker, o: Kevin McEwen; 15” Male Class Winner - FC Elder’s Rebel Run Major, o: John Elder; 15” Male Runner Up - FC C&R Mag’s Dunce, o: Charles Kehres. 743 total entries were acquired throughout the consistency competition (340 in the 13” class, 403 in the 15” class). Numbers were down this year, perhaps due to clubs that cancel qualifiers due to the weather situation and rabbit issues. Saturday there were 47 total male entries, [45 total females on Sunday] 22 qualified in qualifiers, 17 in licensed trials, and 8 were buy ins. 12 out-of-state males were entered on Saturday and 14 females on Sunday. 26 Male Field Champions were entered, and 21 Female Field Champions. Great sponsors and prizes were acquired. The delegates felt that trophies are great as they are. Tina suggested we do a formal thank you to the sponsors on behalf of the board and delegates. Treasurer’s Audit Committee - Jim Katchko - Kevin McEwen, Don Wagner, and Deb Overdorf were assigned to this task. They will review the books at 10:00 a.m. prior to the delegates meeting at Zafar’s Grotto in Williamsport. PBGA Sponsorship - Jim Katchko - The following sponsors were recognized: Purina, Tri-Tronics, Lion Country Supply, Stone Creek, Hounds & Hunting, Better Beagling, PA Outdoor News, eSPOMagazine.com. Thanks to Blaine Grove, Andy Purnell, Tink Russell, and Dave Sharer for their efforts in acquiring sponsors. Jim encouraged all delegates to really thank the sponsors by giving them your business.

## **New Business**

**NEBGF/BAC Update - Gary Slick / Stan Breon** - NEBGF gets 12 collars from Tri-Tronics, and they are eager to “give back” to their supporters, the trialers. They are planning to give each association one collar to do with as they wish. Every person who enters a dog at the NEBGF trial, would get a free raffle ticket and one collar would be raffled off at the trial. The federation is anxious to get a better turnout at the trials, please come to the meeting. Trial will be held at Lebanon on June 3,4,5. Bob Silva is our representative for the BAC.

Purina High Points Trial Judges

Jim Katchko / Todd Seitz

Todd Seitz is our Purina Ambassador. Many of our members participate in the Purina High Points Trial and competition. There are concerns about inexperience among some of the judges. Purina respectfully requests that we consider the seriousness of the competition and secure seasoned, experienced judges. A good rule of thumb would be to use judges with a minimum of 10 licensed trials.

### **Good of the Association**

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Blog – Tina announced that the PBGA now has a Blog for our beaglers. The link can be found on our webpage. Let Tina know if you want permission to post. Anyone is free to comment on the various posts. Please keep it positive.

Sharpsville made a motion that we give \$200 to the youth handler program, seconded by West Branch. Motion passed. Blaine made a motion to approve Jacobus hosting an advanced AKC judging seminar, York & Adams seconded it. Motion approved. Any issues with judging, contact Lisa King at [llk@akc.org](mailto:llk@akc.org)

Under good of the association, Jim encouraged everyone to be social, take the time to interact with one another.

He truly realizes that not only is the PBGA the biggest association in the nation, but it is truly the best association.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rainbow, seconded by Shamokin; meeting adjournment at 9:14 p.m.