

Pennsylvania Beagle Gundog Association
Minutes – PBGA Delegates Meeting
October 10, 2009 at Lebanon County Beagle Club

Attendance:

Breakneck, Carlisle, Central, Elizabethtown, Hilltop, Jacobus, Indiana, Lebanon, Lycoming, Lykens, N. Lancaster, Oil Creek, Shamokin, Sharpsville, Susquehanna, Towanda, Tunkhannock, Webster, West Branch, York & Adams. **Absent:** Bellwood, Cambria, Conemaugh, Eldred, Mason-Dixon, Monroe, Pucketos, Rainbow, Rayburn,

Officers present: Jared Shade (president), Jim Katchko (eastern vice president), Kay Coles (secretary), Dave Sharer (treasurer), Tina Grim (Communications); Mike Johnson, Jim Roush, and Kevin McEwen (directors); **absent:** Doug Pears (western vice president), and Mark Malloy (director).

I. Meeting Called to Order: 6:45 p.m. by President Jared Shade

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the June 2009 meeting at Rayburn as read was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Hank Russell. Motion passed.

III. Officers' and Directors' Reports:

A. President's Report:

Jared was excited to announce that the entries for Saturday consisted of 51 hounds. At previous trials we have had a total of 57 entries total for the two day trial, so this is quite an improvement. He also applauded our sponsors for their help in making the event a success.

B. Eastern Vice President:

Jim also commented on the trial thus far and announced a judge change for the next day, John Yagielniski III will replace Mike France. He mentioned we had 23 little males, 10 of which were Field Champions. We had 28 big males and 14 of them were Field Champions. That means that 47% of the entries consisted of Field Champions. He also commented on the quality of the prizes, the healthy rabbit population, the great help and the excellent grounds. He talked about a recent Hounds and Hunting article about Hilltop--one of our newest clubs--and the unity between the traditional brace and SPO members of that club.

C. Western Vice President: No Report

D. Secretary: Kay announced that it is important for everyone to sign the PBGA sign in sheet.

E. Treasurer's Report:

Dave reported a balance of \$5,358.55 on May 31, 2009 with an income of \$3,253.00 and expenses of \$2,697.90, resulting in an ending balance of \$5,913.65 as of September 30th. He also reported bills to be paid totaling \$838.25. Jim Roush made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills, John Gible seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Director of Communications:

Tina stressed the importance of giving her a current E-Mail Address so she can keep you in the loop on important issues. Also she mentioned the PBGA Webpage domain name needs to be renewed, so a motion was made by Mike Johnson to renew the Domain name of "PABEAGLE.ORG", which was seconded by Blaine Grove, and passed..

G. Board of Directors:

Mike Johnson commented on the great job of improving the attendance and entries at the run-off trial.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Political awareness:

John Gible distributed some political action updates and he explained some issues with the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. He said to be careful that your dog warden doesn't try to regulate you under commercial Kennel Standards (Act 119). Copies of these standards can be downloaded from the Pa. Dept of Agriculture Website. John also shared a recent incident in a Philadelphia County kennel where basset hounds were taken by the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. He recommended that we give a contribution to National Animal Interest

Alliance / Attention Willard Defense, PO Box 66579, Portland, OR, 97290-6579. Mike Johnson made a motion to send \$200.00, Stan Hepler seconded the motion, Motion was passed.

John also touched on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's invitation from Jason DiCoskey representing the Bureau of Law Enforcement to rewrite the "Training Area Permit," and Commissioner Jay Delaney's proposal to establish a Youth Rabbit Season like the Youth Pheasant Season. We need someone to work with the Commissioner on this and a list of clubs that would participate. This will be on the agenda at the January Commissioner's meeting and the PBGA should be represented at this meeting. If you do not have a copy of the flyer John distributed, you can obtain a copy from either Kay Coles or John Gible.

B. Show Seminars:

Jared said that Cambria Beagle Club would be interested in hosting a show seminar, and this would be open to neighboring clubs. Tina announced the seminar could be schedule over the winter months and will try to schedule a seminar with Cambria.

C. Hall of Fame Committee:

Jared Shade reported the hounds nominated are as follows: FC Moss Glen Diamond Lilly, FC Kotch's Moss Glen Tucker, and FC Fisch's Black Rabbit Attack.

D. Banquet:

Dave Sharer reported the Banquet will be held in Williamsport again this year on Saturday, January 9th.

E. Directory:

Tina Grim reported Deb Overdorf has taken over this job and has proven herself to be a real dynamo.

F. Webpage:

Tina Grim reported that the 2010 PBGA Field Trial Schedule is on the web and any changes to the schedule must be approved by Tina. It will be sent to the AKC for official sanctioning in early January.

G. Field Trial Committee:

With Doug Pears absent, Tina Grim reminded beaglers that the AKC's Corresponding Date Table may cause some clubs confusion as they look at trial dates for the 2010 season. Tina thanked Deb Overdorf for her preliminary work on next year's schedule and asked delegates to clear any changes to the proposed schedule through her at the present time. Changes are due to Tina by December 1, 2009 so that they can be printed in the 2010 PBGA Directory.

H. By-Law Committee:

Jared Shade reviewed the bylaw changes that were discussed at the last meeting: (1) The proposed changes were that hosting clubs will receive \$1 per dog for sponsoring the championship event; and (2) complaints against individuals (section 4). These proposals have been accepted and will go into effect immediately.

V. Old Business:

A. PBGA Fundraiser- Dave Sharer

Dave reported that every club was given 34 of the \$5.00 tickets from the June meeting. Congratulations to those clubs who have already sold their tickets and returned them. Dave needs all tickets by January 1st.

B. Championship Trial Review/ Consistency Award / Outstanding Hound Award.

Jared Shade asked for a motion to create a \$400.00 Outstanding Hound Award, After some discussion, it was decided to wait until January.

C. Treasurer's Audit Committee -Jared Shade

Jared asked for a group of three individuals to check into Dave's recent trip to the beach to make sure it was not sponsored by the PBGA. Blaine Grove, Don Wagner, and Lenny Wert volunteered for the task.

D. PBGA Sponsorship- Jared Shade

Jared announced the great support we have received from the following sponsors: Purina, Tri-Tronics, Stone Creek, North American Beagler, Hounds and Hunting, Better Beagling, Gun Dog Supply.com, and Seneca Kennels.

VI. New Business:

A. NEBGF/BAC update - John Gible – no report.

B. Pa. Youth Cottontail Rabbit Hunting - John Gible

PA Game Commissioner Jay Delaney (from Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County) is pushing for a Youth Rabbit Season. The

commissioner would like to have beagle clubs support this effort. He envisions individuals and beagle clubs being involved in the Youth Rabbit Season in the same way that individuals and bird dog clubs assist with the Youth Pheasant Season every year. The delegates were asked to take the information back to their home clubs and to discuss the matter with their members.

C. Website Polls - Jared Shade

Jared had an epiphany. The PBGA is a great source of information to the clubs and he proposed we conduct polls on the website where you can only vote on issues like: "What do you consider to be the most important qualities for a beagle club in regard to field trials?" No decision was made as to whether clubs would actively participate, so Jared put this on hold.

D. Voting on clubs to host the 2010 Championship trials was handled at the June meeting.

E. Vote on Judges with the following results. Emailed to Gary Slick in January 2010.

(a) 2010 NEBGF Championship - Fifty-one individuals received votes and the top eight vote getters, plus ties, are listed below in the order of most votes received: (1) Jim Katchko, (2) Blaine Grove, (3) Jim Roush, Ed Sankey, (4) Todd Seitz, (5) Jared Shade, and (6) Brandon DeHaven, John Hilliard, Mike Johnson, Gary Keller.

(b) 2011 AKC Nationals - Twenty-six individuals received votes and the top four vote getters, plus ties, are listed below in the order of most votes received: (1) Kevin McEwen, (2) Dan Zerick, (3) Blaine Grove, and (4) Stan Hepler, Mike Johnson. This information will be given to Gary Slick, President of the NEBGF, and if more names should be needed, they will be provided.

F. Election of Officers: President (1 year term) - Jared Shade nominated Jim Katchko, Don Wagner seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed, and Jim accepted his office. **Western Vice President** (2 year term) - Stan Hepler was nominated, he declined; Jim Roush was nominated, he declined. The position remains vacant. **Treasurer** (2 year term) - Dave Sharer was nominated and he accepted. **West Director** (2 year term) - Kevin McEwen was nominated and he accepted. **East Director** (2 year term) - Mike Johnson was nominated, Bill Moyer seconded the nomination, and Mike accepted. **Eastern Vice President** - Blaine Grove agreed to complete Jim Katchko's term of office.

Adjournment at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Coles, Secretary