

PBGA Delegates Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2011

Clubs present: Bellwood, Breakneck, Carlisle, Central, Elizabethtown, Hilltop, Jacobus, Indiana, Lebanon, Lycoming, Lykens Valley, Northern Lancaster, Oil Creek, Pucketos, Rainbow, Shamokin, Sharpsville, York & Adams and PBGA Officers: Blaine Grove, EVP; Ed Sankey, WVP; Kay Coles, Secretary; Dave Sharer, Treasurer; Tina Grim, Director of Communications; Eastern Director: Todd Seize; Western Directors: Kevin McEwen and John Elder.

Absent: Jim Katchko, President; Eastern Director Mike Johnson and the following clubs: Cambria, Conemaugh Valley, Eldred, Mason-Dixon, Monroe, Rayburn, Susquehanna, Towanda, Tunkhannock, Webster, and West Branch.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Eastern Vice President Blaine Grove. Blaine introduced Ralph Harrington from *Better Beagling* and Robert Oliver from AKC. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. Oil Creek made a motion to approve, seconded by Central, and minutes were approved. Blaine explained that Jim Katchko was in Maine attending his best friend's wedding. He further reminded clubs of the importance of attending these meetings and reminded clubs that absences could result in clubs losing their qualifier dates. WVP – Ed Sankey had no report, Secretary – Kay Coles reminded delegates to sign in; Treasurer's Report – Dave Sharer reported the beginning balance of \$8,756.86; income received, \$1,955.00; expenses, \$4,495.26, leaving a balance of September 30 of \$6,216.60. Tina clarified that the website fee was actually for the renewal of the domain name. Lycoming made the motion to pay the bills, N. Lancaster seconded the motion, motion approved.

Blaine asked for three volunteers to audit the books at the winter meeting. Charlie Flexer and Jonathan Nichols volunteered; Dave Sharer volunteered Don Wagner as the third person. Director of Communications – Tina Grim announced that field trial cards are available for the clubs courtesy of *Hounds and Hunting* and Purina. Report from the Directors - Todd Seitz thanked the York & Adams Beagle Club for hosting the event this weekend; they did a great job.

Committee Reports: Political Awareness Report – Charlie Coles reported on behalf of John Gible that PA is still considering Sunday hunting, and there is current consideration to transfer the authority of this decision to the PA Game Commission. It will come up for a vote on October 27. Banquet – Dave Sharer announced that it is scheduled for January 7th in Williamsport—same place and forms are available today. It will be posted on the website as well. We will bring back the DJ who has kept his fee at \$200. Directory information is due December 16th – good club information is needed.

Election of Officers : President – Lycoming nominated Ed Sankey, Oil Creek seconded, Sankey declined. Lykens nominated Jim Katchko, Central 2nd the motion. Oil Creek moved to close the nomination, Shamokin seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. Western Vice President – Lykens moved to nominate Ed Sankey with Oil Creek seconding. Pucketos moved to close nominations, Shamokin seconded, nominations were closed. Secretary – N. Lancaster nominated Kay Coles with Breakneck seconding the motion. Rainbow moved to close nominations, Jacobus seconded, nominations closed. Eastern Directors: 2-year term to replace Mike Johnson – Lykens nominated John Cable and Sharpsville seconded the motion; Lycoming nominated Jack Eddy, Oil Creek seconded the motion. Motion to close nominations by Rainbow, 2nd by Jacobus; nominations closed. Western Director – Central moved to nominate Kevin McEwen, Bellwood seconded the motion. Oil Creek moved to close nominations, Lebanon seconded the motion; nominations were closed. Pucketos moved that we approve all

uncontested nominations, Rainbow seconded, motion approved. After a paper ballot, John Cable was elected Eastern Director.

Championship Trial Review – Blaine thanked everyone for coming, thanked York & Adams for doing an outstanding job of maintaining their grounds properly to ensure rabbits, providing plenty of marshals both days, and for the great food throughout the weekend. Scholarship Proposal will be presented by Tina at the January meeting. Derby Consistency – We have talked several times about eliminating the derby consistency competition but still holding the championship trial. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Lycoming that we continue the derby consistency program, drop the per capita fees, and eliminate the \$400 worth of awards (to compensate for the loss of per capita), York & Adams seconded the motion; motion passed.

Hall of Fame nominations were due today; Blaine announced that we will extend the deadline to November 1st; send them to Jim Katchko. Under new business, Jacobus moved that we donated \$200 to the Junior Handler program, Lykens seconded the motion, motion approved. Before closing the meeting, Blaine recognized the hard work that Sara Sharer does each year for the consistency award. Elizabethtown moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Results of voting for NEBGF Judges (listed in order of highest votes): Matt Minnick, Ed Sankey, Donald Dobbs; the following judges were tied with votes: Miles Lee, John Elder, Josh Rissinger, Todd Seitz, and Mark Malloy. Judges for AKC Nationals: John Cable, tied: Miles Lee and Jeff Sherman; tied: Donald Dobbs and Bryan Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Grim, Director of Communications