

The Northeast Beagle Gundog Federation 2010 annual meeting was held at Lebanon Beagle Club on June 5, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Slick at 8:00pm.

Roll call was made to recognize the delegates in attendance.

Minutes from the 2009 meeting were read by Vice President Bob Silva.

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Donna Anderson.

Balance: 2571.00

Deposit: 4591.00

Payout: 5926.00

Balance: 1563.00

Report was accepted.

Donna Anderson would also like you to email her instead of calling her as that would be a lot easier. You can get her email address off the NEBGF website. Just click on her name. If it is something that needs to be addressed over the phone, please call her.

President Gary Slick recognized the committees and thanks them for their effort and commitment to helping the Federation excel.

President Slick also thanked Gary Keller for his commitment and related how well the trial moves along with his guidance.

Mike Luchetta from Purina thanks everybody for their support and excellent job.

Vice President Bob Silva notes that in 2009 the NEBGF had 50 clubs report results: 2115 entries, 115 dogs qualified.

2009 Derbies: 21 clubs reported a total of 419 entries with 115 dogs qualified.

Communications Director Stan Breon thanked the sponsors.

Field Trial Secretary Arin Wood spoke about good judges and marshals. He also thanked Bob Silva and Donna Anderson for an excellent job.

Gary Slick had each delegate get out their packet. In the packet was a list of Nominations for Nationals, BAC Representative, Host club for 2011 and Delegates at AKC Nationals. Each delegate had a vote.

The results are as follow:

The National Judges: Blaine Grove, Bill Petteruti, Kevin McEwen, Jack Couperus and Stan Carpenter.

BAC Representative: Bob Silva, John Gible and Robbie Kane

Host Club for next year's championship: Lebanon County Beagle Club

AKC National Delegates: Blaine Grove, John Gible and Ed Sankey

Old Business:

Bob Silva reported on last year's BAC teleconference. One issue they discussed was combining the classes by gender as well as size. The delegates voted in favor. Also discussed was modifying the 100 mile rule to 200 miles if the club was having a second trial.

AKC stated this would be difficult for them to manage.

2010 Teleconference: There are a couple things that need to be discussed.

First: Judges and their Decisions: Remove wording to allow officers of a club to judge their own club's events. The NEBGF delegates voted against.

Second: Instructions to Judges: Allow handlers to agree to a different order.

The hounds shall be cast to search for game, but the decision as to whether the hounds are to be cast or whether they are to be kept on leash until they are laid on a line where game has been sighted shall be made by the judges alone.

The NEBGF delegates voted for.

Third: Beagle Hunting Test for Two Couple Pack: 3 hounds must be tonguing the line and making forward progress, 4th hound must be in the pack before credit time clock can run. Credit time clock will be stopped if less than 3 hounds are tonguing the line, the pack is split, stuck at a check or not making forward progress. The NEBGF delegates agreed.

Fourth: Entries: spayed and neutered hounds to complete in trials.

The NEBGF delegates voted against.

Bob Silva also related that small pack had 1251 more entries, large packs was down 435 entries and gun dog down 214 entries.

Mike Luchetta from Purina spoke about the SPO Rules and Procedures. Tina Grim, PBGA Communications Director, sent a letter out to each PBGA club by email. Mike wanted a back up for Eddie Wiley so that is why the letter came out. Also, if you did not get a copy, it is on the PBGA website. You can still email both Eddie and Mike before June 1st, 2010. Your application for Purina's point trial will still be accepted. After June 1st the new guidelines will take effect. There will be no exceptions to Purina's procedures after the deadline on June 1st, 2010.

Hilltop's results will not be counted because their trial was not advertised in a national beagle publication.

Question was brought up by Ed Sankey about who handles all the points. Eddie Wiley is in charge of all the points and you can also email Mike Luchetta.

Stan Breon talked to TriTronics who is one of our sponsors. Our contract with them has run out. Stan is working on getting us a new contact.

WindWalkerOutdoors and Dan's Hunting Gear donated a coat and bibs to chance off at the NEBGF trial. Also Wind Walker and Dan's Hunting Gear had some samples on display that were for sale. I hope you had time to stop by and see them.

If we support them, they in return will support us. If you did not have time to check them out, go on the website www.windwalkeroutdoors.com or just call and talk to Kurt Kraft at 866-449-7445. WindWalkerOutdoors also carries electronic tracking and training collars as well as other outdoor gear.

Another sponsor that just came on board is Seneca Kennels & Supplies.

Floor was open for discussion:

Good trial this weekend.

Question was asked of Gary Keller about checking with the person who owns the cornfield by the trailer park to see if he/she can spray the field a couple of weeks before the trial or wait until the trial is over. Gary will try to work on this before next year.

New Business:

Gary Keller would like to separate the derbies and get two more judges so they can get through the class and shorten some time off on Sunday for those who have to travel. Question was brought up about running the derbies on Friday with the

Field Champions. Delegates felt this would not solve the problem so it was turned down.

What the delegates decided to do was start the derbies @ 7:00 am and add two more judges.

Field Champion Only: Delegates agreed to still have this class by itself.

Votes: 18 yes & 1no

Licensed Trial: Do we want to make the NEBGF a Licensed trial? There was a lot of discussion about this. AKC would get \$3.50 per capita fee, Purina could not sponsor, it would have to be open to the public , it would eliminate the need for qualifiers and the 100 mile distance between clubs is a concern.

The NEBGF delegates voted against. 16 no & 6 yes

By-Laws: Bob Silva proposed that Article 11 Section G be changed. Also, John Gibble proposed that Article 6 Section H be changed. Bob Silva is going to rewrite the proposed changes to the by-laws and send out copies to all NEBGF clubs for approval. Once proposals are back to him, Bob will bring the proposal to the table at the next meeting. The NEBGF delegates agreed.

AKC National: At the 2009 NEBGF annual meeting it was determined that there may be a better solution in the process of selecting the best active judges to represent the federation at AKC Nationals.

President Gary Slick decided that a sub-committee should be formed with the task of determining the best solution for the process and asked for a presentation of the solution to the officers and federation at the 2010 annual meeting.

A sub-committee was formed with one individual representing each association that is in the federation. The representatives are as follows: representing the IBGA was Mr. Robert Kane III, representing the NEHBA was Mr. Jason Wiseman and representing the PBGA was Mr. Ryan Becker. Throughout the remainder of this report the sub-committee members shall be referred to as “we” or “our”.

We determined that there currently is a solution to bettering the NEBGF’s process of selecting judges to represent the federation at AKC Nationals and it is broken down into three steps. Our determination is that if the federation implements all steps recommended, it will result in selecting the best active judges in the federation to judge at Nationals. We additionally determined that by

implementing these steps the NEBGF would be able to better meet the main goal of the federation which is to promote the beagle as a hunting hound.

We determined that the first step be that each association only nominate three individuals to judge at AKC Nationals. This would result in a total of nine nominations to be voted on at the annual meeting.

We determined that the next step would be that an association may only nominate a judge from a member club that actively participates in the federation's prior calendar year trial season by holding an NEBGF qualifying trial and paying the per capita fees to the federation for that trial.

The final step of the solution would be that only an individual that judged at least one NEBGF qualifying trial in the federation's prior calendar year may be nominated to judge AKC Nationals.

We strongly recommend that the officers of the federation as well as voting member club representatives implement these three steps in the solution to reach the objective of sending the best active judges in the NEBGF to AKC Nationals. The NEBGF delegates agreed with the sub-committee.

NEBGF Officers Elected in 2010:

President: Gary Slick
Vice President: Bob Silva
Secretary: Deb Overdorf
Treasurer: Donna Anderson
Communication Director: Stan Breon
Field Trial Secretary: Blaine Grove
Delegates agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.