

ATCA Hunting/Working Committee Minutes

Chairman Dave Morgan called the ATCA H/W Committee meeting to order at 7:11 pm on Friday, March 24, 2006. Committee members in attendance were Jim Middaugh, Dale Burrier, Kim Burrier, Jerry Sibert, Jim Lanning, Steve Gilbert, Bonnie Gilbert, Suzanne Hampton, Mal Graham, Chris Halvorson and Mick Younkins. Guests in attendance were Mike Fisk, Kim McPeek, Tom McPeek, Lori Taylor, Ron Swisher, Sandi Cooley, Barbara Weiss, Dr. Ed Weiss, Corally Burmaster, Ellen Gordon, George Gordon and Barb Tulanko.

Dave asked Dale to report on Regional Hunt Tests. Dale reported that the 2006 Virginia Hunt Test and Workshop was successful. There was a good entry for the workshop and average entry for the fur test. Dale believes that each regional event should factor in a workshop, as it seems to increase attendance. The workshops also add some “walk-up” entries to the tests. Dale reported that the dog to pass the most regional events for 2005 was “Norman”, owned and handled by Chuck Megan of Horicon, Wisconsin. Norman passed all three Junior components at the Cooley Memorial Hunt Tests in May of 2005, thereby winning the “Road Dog” trophy.

Dave thanked Dale for the regional report and the success of the Virginia event, and sends a hello to Paula and Holger Falk who could not attend hunting weekend.

Jim Lanning reported that the new format (new start and gunfire) for the Master Fur Test works well and this was seconded by Dave and Dale who ran their dogs as test dogs at the Virginia test.

Steve Gilbert started discussion regarding an official name for the Hunting/Working weekend. He felt that it should be called “The Airedale Field Nationals”. There was some discussion as to various names the weekend could be called. Steve motioned for the change to “Airedale field Nationals” and _____ seconded. The motion carried with votes of 6 yes, 5 no, and 2 abstentions.

Dave reported that the traditional workshops held during the hunt tests will be changed to fur on Friday, with bird work on Saturday and Sunday.

Dave discussed the future judges for retriever and upland tests at the Airedale Field Nationals. Steve reminded Dave that the previous H/W Chair, Dorothy Miner, had hired Mitch White for the 2007 tests. Dave spoke about the possibility of judging our own retriever and upland tests in the future.

Bonnie Gilbert reported that the Australian Sash will now be offered by Di and David Barclay, thereby continuing the tradition. Dave announced two trophies being offered for the first time this year. First, the Dorothy Miner Chairman's Award for the master fur dog that passes with an average score of 9.0 or higher. The other is the Stephen Gilbert Chairman's Award for the upland dog that is breeder/owner handler.

Sandi Cooley introduced the Randy and Winston Memorial Trophy for the dog that earns the title of Master Versatile Hunter, which was a beautiful bronze sculpture of Winston retrieving a bird on a wood base engraved with the likeness of Randy and Winston awaiting a retrieve.

With all of the new trophies being offered, adding to the "inventory" of existing trophies, Dave asked Suzanne to chair a subcommittee on H/W trophies. The new committee Bonnie/Suzanne/Darla Fisk. will make recommendations to the H/W Committee regarding H/W Trophy Policies.

Bonnie Gilbert reported on the state of H/W finances. She was concerned that there had been few Gator tickets sold for the raffle. The cost of the Gator had not been covered and she did not look forward to writing refund checks to people who bought tickets. Chris Halvorson motioned that, if we did not sell enough tickets, we go ahead and hold the raffle and make up the difference with H/W funds. The motion was not seconded. Suzanne Hampton motioned that we hold the raffle and make up any difference up to \$500.00. The motion was seconded by _____, and was carried by a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, with 1 abstention.

Bonnie also encouraged everyone to donate H/W money to the ATCA Charitable Trust, for H/W education (workshops) so that it is tax deductible. Suzanne explained the donation process in more detail. Bonnie would like committee members to help her with ideas for future fund raisers

Dave clarified of the simplified water series for upland and retrieving tests.

Ed Weiss raised the possibility of giving a demo of Schutzhund. Dave proposed that the H/W committee have a tracking workshop at WOTA with three different types of tracking. Suzanne Seconded, the motion carried by a vote of 11 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Chevron report: no report.

State Game Regulations report: no report.

Mick Younkins inquired about the status of the fur tests and whether encouragement would be permitted on the track with point deductions. After some discussion that the encouragement could be detrimental to the integrity of the junior and senior tests and that scoring would be difficult to regulate, Mick motioned that encouragement on the first 1/3rd of the junior track be allowed, with point deductions. _____ seconded, and the motion failed by a vote of 4 yes, 6 no, with 2 abstentions. Further lengthy discussion centered on losing entries in junior fur, so Dave asked for a subcommittee to look into the formation of a lower level fur test where handlers may encourage their dogs on the track and at the tree, much like a “pre-novice” class in obedience. This fur test level will not offer a title for a passing score. The committee consists of Jim Lanning, Dale Burrier, Steve Gilbert, Dorothy Miner and Mick Younkins.

Dave mentioned the Airedale article in *Dog Fancy* and that he will contact them about their not mentioning anything about hunting, except in the profile.

Dave read a letter from Cary Drijber, resigning his position on the ATCA H/W committee.

Dave then spoke of the idea that the Hunting/Working Committee separate from the ATCA for tax and accounting purposes, as suggested by Charley Foley, ATCA president. Much discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of becoming a separate entity. Suzanne motioned that the Hunting/Working Committee “wishes to reaffirm its commitment to remain an integral part of the Airedale Terrier Club of America, and to continue its’ long term efforts to benefit the Airedale Terrier”. Seconded by _____, the vote carried unanimously.

Dave concluded the meeting with the note that Suzanne Hampton is to be included on all H/W committee correspondence; that she was inadvertently left off of the HWC report in October.

_____ motioned to adjourn, seconded by _____. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Burrier