

2015 NGSPA Board of Trustees Meeting
February 23, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

Present: President, Keith Richardson; Trustees - Peter Kainz, Brooks Carmichael, John Lunseth, Lori Rezzardi, Don Kidd, Bob Reynolds, Harvey Franco, Mark Verdoorn, Kirk Bomer, Art Armbrust, Mike Patrick, Dean Crabbs, James Messer; Associates - Chris Streitenberger, Mike Aldrich, Joe Orendorf

The meeting was called to order

- A. Roll Call and Review of Latest Website List: Lori Rezzardi conducted roll call and passed around a member list asking members to make any corrections.
- B. Reading of the Minutes from June 2014 Meeting: Don Kidd motioned waiving the reading of the minutes; Brooks Carmichael second. Motion to suspend reading of the minutes passed.
- C. Report of the President: Keith had nothing to add to what he said at the delegates meeting.
- D. Report of Secretary: No new information
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Keith conducted an informal audit of the records and found the NGSPA records are in order and accurately reflect assets and expenditures. Peter Kainz motioned to accept the audit, Bob Reynolds second. Motion to accept the financial audit passed.

Don Kidd said he did not have anything additional to add to the Treasurer's Report from the Delegates Meeting. Peter Kainz motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mike Patrick second. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report passed.

Don Kidd shared a few observations where the club could save some money as follows:

- 1. In lieu of giving the Bird Dog Foundation a dollar per dog the recommendation was to stop. This would save \$250-300. There was much discussion. The NGSPA is responsible for ongoing maintenance to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame, and the one dollar per dog helped to diffuse the overall payment. The money would stay with the NGSPA and when payment is made to the Bird Dog Foundation it would be noted exactly what the money was for. Keith Richardson, Lori Rezzardi, Harvey Franko, Art Armbrust, Mark Verdoorn, James Messer, Peter Kainz, Kirk Bomer, and Mike Patrick opposed the motion. The motion to stop giving the Bird Dog Foundation one dollar a dog failed.
- 2. For the June meeting, it was recommended Trustees pay for their own hotel room. It would need to be made known that if you want to be a Trustee you would be expected to attend meetings at your own cost. Going to have to cut somewhere. All age we spend 2500 on trophies and entries bring in 4800. Open shooting dog and all age should be cut to 1000. These are good first steps. Keith Richardson said he would hate to see this become an impediment on board members and put them in a position where they miss the meeting. John Lunseth asked

what costs the Board currently pays. Don Kidd indicated \$1,185.50 was paid out last year, most people pay their own way. Don motioned the Board stop paying for rooms at the June meeting, Art Armbrust second. Brooks Carmichael, Lori Rezzardi and John Lunseth opposed. Motion for Trustees to pay for their own lodging passed.

3. Reduce the monetary payout at the Championship for open shooting dog and all age from \$1,500 to \$1,000. Don Kidd motioned to accept the proposal, Dean Crabbs second. There was discussion over if the monies were totally eliminated would professionals have a concern with this. Other organizations do not have monetary prizes. John Lunseth felt there could be a risk. John said we did not have trophies in the past and recommended eliminating the trophy and keeping the cash prize. Don Kidd said while trophy costs have gone up, shooting dog trophies did not. He also indicated there is a lot of pride when a trophy is awarded. There will be further discussion at the June meeting so it could be determined if this championship was profitable. Motion was made by Kirk Bomer to table the discussion, James Messer second. Motion to table passed.

F. Report of Committees

- a. Field Trial Coordinator's Report: There is an NGSPA endowment of 150K for maintenance on the wing dedicated to the German Shorthair exhibit. This is for operating expenses. The dollar a dog for the bird dog foundation goes against the endowment monies owed. Keith shared an idea to have Board members sell raffle tickets, with a drawing held next year. For every dollar the NGSPA would keep a dollar. Drawing is next year. Cost of the ticket is \$10 or three for \$25. Keith Richardson will distribute more information to members at the June meeting.

Mike Aldrich reported he received a letter from Ray Dohse indicating Mr. Dohse wanted Region 16 and the Savannah River Trial to continue. There was much discussion on who should be running the stake. Dohse indicated he would put the stake together, rebuilding it with local people. Any placement would be reflected onto the following year's qualifications. Keith Richardson indicated while the Board has received complaints, no action will be taken while Dohse is trying to resurrect the field trial.

Heath Kooima and the Ringneck GSP Club indicated interest in starting up Region 17 again. Because the championship has not been held in several years it would have to run as a Classic initially. The NGSPA Trustees approved Mr. Kooima to conduct a Classic for Region 17, with final approval not given until after a successful event is held.

- b. Report of Hall of Fame Committee – Peter Kainz. Lisa Bebbie gave a presentation on the Bird Dog Museum project. The committee is working on a design for the background panels for the timeline. The idea is the timeline background must be flexible enough to add things over that backdrop over time. Don Kidd and Mike Aldrich have been working on a timeline for the display. The backgrounds will be up in a few months. Hayley has had a large cabinet made for the project, and David O'Brian has offered to have it shipped in one of his trucks.

Hall of Fame Committee: Peter stressed the importance of participating in nominating two dogs and two people for induction into the Hall of Fame. Peter believes someone from the Board should be on the nomination committee. John Lunseth motion Mike Aldrich be on the nomination committee, Don Kidd second. Peter Kainz motioned Brooks Carmichael be

on the nomination Committee and Mike Aldrich withdrew his nomination indicating he would like to see Brooks on the committee. Mike said it should be someone with a good historical perspective and Brooks has been in the game a long time. Motion passed to have Brooks be part of the nomination committee.

G. Old Business

- a. Pass around Member Club List. Help in Recruiting.
- b. Pass Out Copies of HOY Standings: Distributed. Keith Richardson indicated in a letter to Bernie last year, Bernie wanted to leave the number of dogs needed for a stake to be left at 8 and 12. Keith said NGSPA would do what works best for the club. Basically NGSPA does not have the strength to increase dog numbers at this time.
- c. Update on Quail Championship Paperwork: Handout distributed.
- d. Update on Tom Oswald Audit: Handout distributed. Oswald was contacted and advised during an audit it appeared some statements were missing; that instead of \$4K missing it could be \$10K. This issue was tabled until the June meeting when Keith should have additional information to present. Brooks Carmichael motioned the issue of Oswald and missing funds be tabled until June; Don Kidd second. Motion passed.
- e. Update on Apprentice Judge Issue (see handout): This discussion item was removed as it was covered during the Delegate Meeting.
- f. Other Business: Keith Richardson is asking Berne for clarification on: (1) does America Field sanction walking trials and does this qualify dogs for field trials; and (2) the placement of champion or runner-up. Many are duel sanctioned and there are four placements. The Board would like to see 3rd and 4th place dogs being entered in the Nationals. Both of these issues will be addressed at the June meeting. Gulf Coast GSC their walking trials qualify them if the ad is put in the catalog. Under the rules being drafted this would not qualify.

H. New Business:

- a. Vote on Associates: NGSPA is approved to have five Associates on the Board; currently there are two, Mike Aldrich and Chris Streitenberger. Keith was approached to have Joe Orendorf nominated as an Associate. John Lunseth said the new By-Laws reads that associates need to be re-nominated every year, and Keith has the authority to appoint associates. Joe addressed the Board and said why he would like to be an Associate. Brooks felt Eldon should also be an associate because he gives a professional perspective. Nominees left the room. Kirk Bomer motioned to include Eldon as an Associate Dean Crabbs seconded. Keith will speak personally to Eldon.
- b. Discuss delegate ballot issues as required
 - i. Associate Trustees: Change in bylaws
 - ii. Recording secretary: Secretarial duties will be divided. Keith asked Lori Rezzardi and Mary Carmichael to extract the responsibilities in the By-Laws and come with a recommendation in June indicating who will be responsible for the different functions.

iii. Printing and distribution of new bylaws. Refer to delegate's meeting

Don indicated the NGSPA Corporation papers have expired in the State of Arkansas. Don has taken care of this. The recommendation is the NGSPA corporate secretary keeps all the information, including a corporate minute book with by-laws, meeting minutes. Mike Aldrich has the records and Lori Rezzardi indicated from 2012 forward she has the minute binders. Don motioned four copies be made, one for the Treasurer, one for the keeper of records (Mike Aldrich), one for the President (Keith Richardson, and one for the Corporate Secretary (Lori Rezzardi). Brooks Carmichael second. Motion passed.

John Lunseth updated the Board on the running rules (handout). Most running rules were approved at the last meeting. John went over the changes. Change #4 was discussed. If a dog is qualified 5 days before the entry closing date the dog can still be entered in the drawing. Kirk recommended adding a penalty. Lori said a lot of people enter dogs that don't qualify and then pull them if they don't qualify. The whole motivation is to add entries to the trial. Change #6 bird planting – language written makes this more flexible. John recommended taking the first sentence in b. out to clarify. Brooks recommended getting rid of sentence d. Board agreed on both. John suggested he mail the rules out to the delegates and have open public comments prior to the June meeting. The Board agreed.

- c. Discuss Changes Proposed by Arkansas F&G and Action; includes discussion of bird planting, feeding, purchasing, and strategy: Keith indicated Arkansas F&G said NGSPA would have use of these facilities and use of the dog wagon (given to the Blue Mountain Conservation District). We would need a vehicle to plant birds, provide food for birds, buy 1200 birds. NGSPA will check with Blue Mountain to see if they will help pay for birds, but the Board needs to be prepared to deal with this and not wait until June.

A couple things need to happen. (1) Brad will come up with release sites for the three courses. (2) ARF&G will maintain grounds, but they will do it by burning and brush hogging. They will burn 1/3 at a time. (3) ARF&G will plant food plots but someone has to come out on Thursday prior to the championship, look around the course, decide where the bird stations will go and follow through with it. Stake managers should not be responsible for this. Dean Crabbs, Peter Kainz, and Mark Verdoorn will put a plan together and present it to the Board at the June meeting. Some considerations include:

- Birds: sanitizing pens, purchase, feeding, daily maintenance and planting.
- Courses: Plan the course, locate the 20 planting sites, and determine when to plant birds.
- Possibly hire someone to manage and commit to the overall plan.
- Find a truck to pull the dog wagon or rent a mule.
- Coordinate efforts with the Brittney Club.

Brooks Carmichael expressed concern, saying he has been through this type of cutback in Washington. He recommended the Board start looking for something in the future if ARF&G shuts this down. Keith said he asked point blank if ARF&G were going to cut us out and ARF&G said no, these are designated field trial grounds and that is their primary purpose. However, ARF&G must cut their losses \$30K to \$10K and feel they can live with that.

- d. Discuss Species Championship Proposal (handout distributed): When the Northwest, Rocky Mountain Chukar Championship wrote the letter to take over the Arizona Chukar championship if that failed, it was never intended to take anything away from the Arizona championship. The Arizona Chukar trial has not held All Age or Amateur championship to date. The concern is Arizona will not have the dog for All Age championship year after year as has been in the past and All Age dogs won't have the ability to earn the 5 points. It is felt if Arizona can't come up with an All Age championship the species championship goes somewhere else so those dogs can get those points. Mark Verdoorn asked if the Board has the jurisdiction to impose a decision on a club. Keith indicated the letter sent said the expectation was they would hold three quality stakes. Dean made the motion to watch the Arizona club to ensure they do hold three quality stakes. Bob Reynolds seconded. Motion passed.
- e. Region 16/Savannah River Discussion: Already discussed above.
- f. DOY Publication AF Update: The American Field (AF) posts the handler of the year standings in their publication at no cost. It was recommended as long as this remains no cost NGSPA continue to provide the update for ASD and OAA to AF. Kirk Bomer motioned to continue providing the information to AF. Art Armbrust second. Motion passed.
- g. Decide Dates for 2016 Nationals: Recommended the start date be February 27th. Brooks Carmichael motioned to accept the start date. Mark Verdoorn second. Motion passed.
- h. Discuss Judges for 2016 Requirements for Contact Pre-June. Special Discussion of All Age Judges: Board members are encouraged to pre-contact judges prior to the June meeting. Need to focus on our responsibility for the AA and select judges who are experienced AA people. Judges should have experience seeing AA dogs in big country and have experience watching and valuing AA dogs. Don Kidd said if they are very experienced pointer AA judges that is okay, but they would need to pick out the best two dogs. Discussion on whether or not to withhold placement. This will be on the June agenda.

Other items: Mike Aldrich – after working on the website we need to put some serious effort to go through and see what we need and don't need especially with a new webmaster. There is a lot of historical things that need to stay there and perhaps be updated. The forms need to be closely looked at. Need another form for entry that has somehow been dropped for regionals (not there any longer). Mike would like to see our ability for each regional to have a form on the website that can be filed out for the regional in advance and sent to the secretary. That form for the regional would be sent to Mike and remain as part of a record. Goes back to database Terry Bomer was speaking to at the delegate meeting. Mark said another good idea is to put sponsorships on the website by offering advertising for people who want to put their information on there (i.e. information like kennel info links) the money would go toward the running of the website and nationals.

A recommendation is to find a new person to work on the website. Names of webpage designers were provided to Harvey Franco, who volunteered to solicit bids from web designers for updating the website. It was strongly recommended updating the website be done by a Board member to keep the costs down. Harvey recommended the website needs to be cloud based and on a standard platform to make maintenance easy.

Dean Crabbs would like Keith to write a letter to AKC and ask them not to schedule their gun dog championship on the top of the NGSPA championship. Keith will draft a letter asking for cooperation in the future.

i. Decide Time and Place of June Meeting: June 12 & 13th, Memphis. Dinner meeting on the 12th and Saturday meeting is 9-4.

I. Election of Officers: President, VP1, VP2, Sec, Treasurer

President Nominations: Peter Kainz nominated Keith Richardson. Don Kidd second. Passed.

VP 1 and VP 2: Don Kidd motioned Peter Kainz as VP1, and Kirk Bomer as VP2. James Messer second. Passed.

Treasurer: Kirk Bomer nominated Don Kidd, Art Armbrust second. Passed.

Secretary: Art Armbrust nominated Lori Rezzardi, John Lunseth second. Passed.

Recording Secretary is a position that can be appointed by the President. Mary Carmichael will assume the duties.

J. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned.