



CEB-US Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2017

minutes published by Todd Farris - Secretary: CEB-US

1. Call to Order and Approval of 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes

President Ken Teppel calls CEB-US membership meeting at 8:10 PM to order and asks for membership approval of March 2016 membership meeting minutes that have been distributed to all in attendance. **Unanimous Vote - aye**

2. President's Report

- a. Ken Teppel provides general information about the CEB-US attendance at the 2017 Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic in Minneapolis Feb. 18-19
- b. Ken discussed the 2017 CEB-US Wild Nationals to be held in Bloomfield, Iowa October 21-22 with all information and the premium will be posted to the CEB-US website when complete along with a blast e-mail to membership.
- c. Ken discussed the 2017 UKC Premier to be held in Kalamazoo, MI specifically the EB Specialty Show to be held on June 14 with the all breed show held June 15-18. All information concerning the UKC Premier can be found on the UKC website and will be posted to the CEB-US website with information emailed by club Secretary Todd Farris in April.
- d. Ken discussed with the membership the tentative plan to host the 2018 CEB-US National Conclave, Wild/Liberated Field Trials, and Specialty Show in South Dakota in April 2018.
- e. Discussion of the CEB-US plan to pursue specific Epagneul Breton breed recognition with NAVHDA will be investigated beginning May 2017.
- f. The CEB-US will reach its 20th anniversary of incorporation in August 2017. The summer issue of the CEB-US magazine will be an "anniversary issue" with articles inclusive of the club's history, and the new editor, Caitlin Farris, was introduced to the membership.

- g. Outgoing board members were announced: Clint LaFary-Post 2, Derek Lodermeier-Post 3, and Mark Bird-Post 5. All board members terms will retire in mid-May. Thanks were given to these board member's efforts the past three years.
- h. Local club announcements were provided for tentative upcoming events: Heart of the Prairie training events over this summer and liberated field trial in September, Cumberland Gap liberated field trial in early December and wild field trial in early January, Chisholm Trail training events over the summer and liberated field trial in October/November, Big Sky field trial end of August. All members were encouraged to view the CEB-US website for any upcoming events as well as UKC's website for updated information on events. Once regional clubs forward event information to the CEB-US webmaster or Secretary the information will be posted to the club website and listed in the magazine as a courtesy to the regional clubs.

3. Treasurer's Report

Denine Ackerbauer is absent due to attendance at an agility invitational event. Ken Teppel distributed the hard copy Treasurer's Report to the membership for review.

Ending club balance as of 12/30/16 is \$37,904.10.

4. Secretary's Report

Todd Farris distributed the Secretary's report for membership. As of 3/24/17 the CEB-US 2017 membership stands at 183 unique membership addresses with a total membership headcount of 229 persons. Single membership headcount: 122, Junior membership headcount: 6, Family membership headcount: 64, Supporting membership headcount: 37. Todd also discussed the implementation of the new online payment option for membership that is administered thru the CEB-US website. The 2017 membership drive produced 2/3 of membership applications (new and renewal) being processed through the online method while 1/3 of membership utilized the traditional paper application with check mail-in method. Todd also discussed Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic trade show in depth to the membership. Over 41,000 attended Pheasant Fest. Approximately 60 CEB-US magazines were distributed along with approximately 300 specially produced CEB-US tri-fold brochures to interested upland enthusiasts. 8 new CEB-US memberships were produced on site from the club hosting a 10x10 booth. A focus of the CEB-US booth at Pheasant Fest was to directly address 3 of the 8 tenets of our club's mission statement.

5. Announcements of Nominated 2017 Board Members

Ken Teppel announced the board member nominating committee supplied the names of Jake Bartells – Pennsylvania, Grayson Guyer – North Carolina, and Jim Thompson – Tennessee to fill Posts 2, 3, and 5. With the absence of any other names submitted to the Secretary according to CEB-US bylaws no membership election for seats on the board of directors will be held and these three members will take their posts on the CEB-US Board of Directors May 15, 2017 for a total of three years.

6. Vice President's Report

- a. Ken Teppel spoke for Don Rice in his absence about local clubs submitting event information to the national club for publishing to the CEB-US website as a courtesy to the regional clubs
- b. Ken discussed the need for copies of UKC title certificates to be sent to the CEB-US webmaster for proof of newly issued titles for appropriate website updates.

7. Committee Reports

- a. The Communications Committee had no report at this time
- b. The Field Trial Committee encouraged all regional clubs to submit their field trial intentions to the magazine editor for publishing in the summer issue

8. New Business

- a. Ed Smith brought up the idea that on the eve of the club's 20th anniversary perhaps planning should take place for a 25th anniversary member trip to Callac, France.
- b. Steve Broughton discussed the possibility of putting on a future field trial event in Minnesota for Grouse
- c. John Mooney indicated the CEB-US should entertain utilizing a different upland game bird species than quail for the national liberated trial. John also made positive statements about how well the Epagneul Breton breed has progressed in the United States and the overall quality of the dog has improved significantly.

9. Adjournment

Ken Teppel called the meeting to adjournment at 8:40 PM CST.