

2017 NEBGF MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Represented: Bay State, Beechton, Blue Ridge, Broome County, Cape Cod, Cayuga Lake, Corning, E Connecticut, Enchanted Mt, Eldred, Elizabethtown, Harrisburg, Java Village, Lycoming, Lykins Valley, Monroe, New England, N Lancaster, Oil Creek, Paskamansett, Pioneer, Plainville, Pucketos, Shamokin, Susquehanna, Thornton, Tri County, Towanda West Branch York & Adams (30)

Not Represented: Berkshire, Easthampton, Fort Plain, Jacobus, Klipnockie, Lebanon, Merrimac Valley, Mohawk, Neversink, Pine Hill, Steins Hollow, Southern NY, Tunkhannock (members were in attendance but declined to represent), (13)

President Blaine Grove

Vice-President-John Jarzynski (late)

Communications Director-Frank Litavish

Treasurer-Rodney Laub

Secretary-Anna Mecca –Finnerty

Filed Trial Secretary-Jason Wiseman

IBGA Director- Dan Lang (absent) Shawn Snow signed in to represent IBGA

NEHBA Director-Larry Mazza

Independent Club Director Jeff Sherman

Jr Beagler Advisor- Terry and Steph Gerhart (non-voting position)

All officers but Dan Lang were present. John Jarzynski was late. Shawn Snow signed in to represent the IBGA in Dan Lang's place.

The president requested we open with a Prayer by Rev Ford.

He then asked for a moment of silence for the members we lost this year Perry, Harry, Smitty and anyone else we may have overlooked

President then lead us in the Pledge of allegiance

The president then reviewed Roberts Rules of Order as the format for this meeting. Each Delegate would announce their club & stand to be recognized. If they were recognized by the president they would be given 2 minutes to make their comments at which time they would relinquish the floor. After everyone was recognized if a delegate wished to speak again they would stand again to be recognized for the second time.

The President then asked the Secretary if we had a Quorum. The answer was "yes there was a quorum" because there were 3 officers present and 69% of the membership.

2. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting- The minutes were included in the meeting packet. Elizabethtown made a motion to forgo the reading and accept the minutes as listed. This motion was seconded by Eldred .All members voted yay. there were no Nay votes. Motion passed

3. Discussion on 5/1/17 Bylaw change vote

The Bylaws pertaining to this vote were put on the screen specifically conducting votes outside of the yearly meeting. The rule stated re voting outside of meetings

The Bylaw vote was sent 60 days in advance so anyone not in agreement had plenty of time to object.

Since our rules regarding a vote outside of the annual meeting were vague we went According to Robertsrules paragraph 68.

68. Amendments of Constitutions, By-laws, and Rules of Order. Constitutions, by-laws, and rules of order, that have been adopted and contain no rule for their amendment, may be amended at any regular business meeting by a vote of the majority of the entire membership; or, if the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular business meeting, then they may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those voting, a quorum being present. But each society should adopt rules for the amendment of its constitution, by-laws, and rules of order, adapted to its own case, but always requiring previous notice and a two-thirds vote. Where assemblies meet regularly only once a year, the constitution, etc., should provide for copies of the amendment to be sent with the notices to the members or the constituency, instead of requiring amendments to be submitted at the previous annual meeting. The requirements should vary to suit the needs of each assembly, always providing for ample notice to the members or the constituency. In societies having very frequent meetings, and also monthly or quarterly meetings more especially devoted to business, it is well to allow amendments to the by-laws, etc., to be adopted only at the quarterly or annual meetings. In specifying when the amendment must be submitted, "the previous regular meeting" should be used instead of "a previous regular meeting," as in the latter case action on the amendment might be delayed indefinitely to suit the mover, and the object of giving notice be defeated. In prescribing the vote necessary for the adoption of an amendment, the expression "a vote of two-thirds of the members should never be used in ordinary societies, especially in large organizations with quorums smaller than a majority of the membership, as in such societies it is seldom that two-thirds of the members -- that is, two-thirds of the entire membership -- is ever present at a meeting. If it is desired to require a larger vote than two-thirds (that is, two-thirds of the votes cast, a quorum being present), the expression "a vote of two-thirds of the members present," should be used. Instead of submitting the amendment in writing, sometimes only notice, or

written notice, of an amendment is required. Unless the notice is required to be in writing it may be given orally. In any case, only the purport of the amendment is necessary, unless the rule requires that the amendment itself shall be submitted.

If a committee is appointed to revise the by-laws and report at a certain meeting, this would be all the notice required, and the amendments could be immediately acted upon, if the by-laws required only previous notice of an amendment. But if they required the amendment, or "notice of such amendment," to be submitted at the previous regular meeting, the revision could not be taken up until the next regular meeting after the committee had submitted its report. The committee may submit a substitute for the by-laws unless it is limited as to its report, as a substitute is an amendment. Great care should be exercised in amending constitutions, etc., to comply with every rule in regard to their amendment.

An amendment to the constitution, or anything else that has already been adopted, goes into effect immediately upon its adoption, unless the motion to adopt specifies a time for its going into effect, or the assembly has previously adopted a motion to that effect. While the amendment is pending, a motion may be made to amend by adding a proviso similar to this, "Provided, that this does not go into effect until after the close of this annual meeting." Or, while the amendment is pending, an incidental motion may be adopted that in case the amendment is adopted it shall not take effect until a specified time. This requires only a majority vote.

Amending a proposed amendment to the constitution, etc., may be accomplished by a majority vote, without notice, subject to certain restrictions. The assembly is not limited to adopting or rejecting the amendment just as it is proposed, but no amendment is in order that increases the modification of the rule to be amended, as otherwise advantage could be taken of this by submitting a very slight change that would not attract attention and then moving the serious modification as an amendment to the amendment.

Thus, if the by-laws placed the annual dues of members at \$2.00, and an amendment is pending to strike out 2 and insert 5, an amendment would be in order to change the 5 to any number between 2 and 5; but an amendment would not be in order that changed the 5 to any number greater than 5 or less than 2. Had notice been given that it was proposed to increase the dues to more than 5 dollars, or to reduce them below 2 dollars, members might have been present to oppose the change, who did not attend because they were not opposed to an increase as high as 5 dollars. The same principle applies to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, the proposed substitute being open to amendments that diminish the changes, but not to amendments that increase those that are proposed, or introduce new changes. Thus, if an amendment is pending, substituting a new rule for one that prescribes the initiation fee and annual dues, and the substitute does not change the annual dues, then a motion to amend it so as to change the annual dues would be out of order. The notice must be sufficiently definite to give fair warning to all parties interested as to the exact points that are to be modified. The proposed amendment is a main motion, and that is the only question before the assembly. It is subject to amendments of the first and second degree, like other main motions, and no amendment that is not germane to it is in order.

A society can amend its constitution and by-laws so as to affect the emoluments and duties of officers already elected, or even to do away with the office altogether. If it is desired that the amendment should not affect officers already elected, a motion to that effect should be adopted before voting on the amendment; or the motion to amend could have added to it the proviso that it should not affect officers already elected. There is something in the nature of a contract between a society and its officers which either one can modify to some extent, or even terminate, but it must be done with reasonable consideration for the other party. A secretary, for instance, has no right to refuse to perform his duties on the ground that he has handed in his resignation. On the other hand, the society cannot compel him to continue in office beyond a reasonable time to allow for choosing his successor.

Care should be exercised in wording the sections providing for amending the constitution, etc, to avoid such tautology as "amend, or add to, or repeal," or "alter or amend," or "amend or in any way change." The one word amend covers any change whatever in the constitution, etc., whether it is a word or a paragraph that is added or struck out, or replaced by another word or paragraph, or whether a new constitution, etc., is substituted for the old one.

NEBGF By laws

7. Ballot voting on Federation business may occur outside of scheduled meetings. Member clubs may cast votes on published ballots provided by the Board of Directors. Such ballot issues shall be forwarded by mail or electronic mail or to each member club, allowing at least 30 days for a response from each club. Ballots shall be mailed to the club representative registered by the respective Associations on their mailing lists. All ballot results shall be certified by the Federation President and the Federation Secretary.

This was placed on a tv monitor for the membership to read. The president read through the paragraph and pointed out that according to what is listed we felt we were within the rules. The membership identified that the only issue they could find was that we did not release the minutes for this meeting.

This was true and the board took responsibility for this.

At this point the president called for a vote to accept the manner in which the vote was conducted or if the vote was not in favor then the results from the mail in vote would be set aside and we would continue with the meeting as if that vote allowing a president to be nominated again without a term limit would be set aside.

All clubs agreed to accept the vote even though we did not send the minutes as stated above.

The vote to eliminate the number of consecutive years the president could be nominated for that position was as follows:

21 yes 4 no

The vote passed as we had 2/3 of the votes cast in favor of the bylaw change

4. Officers' Reports

1. President- Blaine Grove present
2. Vice-President-John Jarzynski late but present
3. Secretary- Anna Mecca-Finnerty- present
4. Treasurer- Rodney Laub Rodney (full report included in the meeting packet) Rodney explained the money and the colors as follows:
 - a) YELLOW Jr Beagler money
 - b) SOLID GREEN is the bank statement balance
 - c) SOLID BLUE is the deposits

JR HANDLER YEAR IN BALANCE IS **\$2798.26**

NEBGF YEAR END BALANCE IS **\$6070.03**

BALANCE TO START 2017-2018 **\$8868.29**

OUTSTANDING BILLS **-\$ 5151.76**

NEBGF BALANCE WITH OUTSTANDING BILLS AS OF START OF THE TRIAL **\$ 918.24**

JR HANDLER BALANCE **\$2798.26**

Rodney asked for an audit of the books over the trial weekend. It will be brought up in new business.

Communication Director- Frank Litavish Frank asked for any club changes to be emailed to him to keep the web site current Web site was featured on the screen so everyone could see it. Frank was applauded for his outstanding job

5. Field Trial Secretary- Jason Wiseman -Jason thanked everyone. He did say he would be contacting everyone re judges and marshals for the Champions of Champions Trial and the 2 Couple Pack.

He did announce a change to the Judges this weekend. Rick Pratt will replace Armando Reviero in the 15 inch derbies. He asked that when registering your dog to please put the trial your dog qualified at on the back of your entry slip. He also asked that everyone register early so we can get through the opening as quickly as possible.

6. NEHBA Director- Larry Mazza - Larry reported that entries are down in New England slightly but game population is up so overall it was going pretty well.
7. IBGA Director- Dan Lang was not present. Shawn Snow represented the IBGA. He reported that entries were low but derby entries were picking up
8. Independent Club Director- Jeff Sherman - Jeff reported that everything in PA was doing pretty well. He asked that if there were any issues or concerns to please call him so he can have them addressed.

5. Guest

1. AKC Rep Mr. Stewart was aware the meeting would be on Friday night but he was not in attendance.

6. Sponsors

1. Purina Dave McVay is on his way. He is coming from Ohio. He will be here tomorrow handing out feed.

Blaine explained that Purina is making cuts due to corporate loss. Despite this their contribution is equal to what we got last year. It is important to note that even though they are making cuts we still received more feed than last year. Purina wants us to know they appreciate the Northeast because they know who is feeding their feed. They give the performance food which demonstrates their significant support of the Northeast. Due to the loss

NEBGF did have to make a cut to the amount of feed awarded to the High Point hounds. As a result, some of the winners called Purina complaining. Blaine asked that they not do so because it shows a lack of gratitude. Even though Purina is experiencing a corporate loss they have still supported the northeast in a big way.

A delegate asked if Purina was feeding the hounds. Blaine explained that it was an oversight on his part and he would put one of the bags we had set aside for raffle out so that anyone who needed it could feed their dogs.

Blaine also pointed out that Purina donated the bowls, tumblers & cooler to be used in the raffle.

2. Garmin -The Garmin rep will be here tomorrow. They were able to give us 12 Trash breakers retail value over \$8000. So this is significant. On behalf of the NEBGF Blaine wanted to extend our gratitude.
 3. Sacandaga Dog Supply - They support us every year with gift certificates and on behalf of the NEBGF Blaine wished to thank them .
 4. Hounds & Hunting/ Better Beagling They have always supported us offering free subscriptions as prizes and on behalf of the NEBGF we wish to thank them for their support. They will also be here tomorrow taking pictures and supporting the trial.
 5. Gundog Supply - we thanked them for their support.
 6. Tiadaghton Embroidery -Donated the hats and we wished to thank them. They do all of our embroidery for our shirts jackets etc. Rodney asked the membership to support them for their clubs embroidery needs.
7. Committee Reports

1. Northeast JR Beagler – Terry Gerhart

Terry introduced the Jr Beagler Program w Kellen and Kate Gerhart and his wife Stephanie. He noted that it is a family affair. He reported the program is going very well .He said Sacandaga jumped on board and is supporting the collar program and Purina has been very generous with hats. Stone Creek and Hounds and Hunting have also offered their support. Every Jr Handler who achieves a certain level will receive a set of chaps. from Stone Creek. Hound Homes will give a dog box to each Jr Handler who completes the program. Plum Creek and E and G Auto sponsors the coat. Terry also wanted to recognize Nickie Burger. She has done the banners, photos etc. He wished to thank her for all she does on behalf of the Northeast Jr Beagler Program.

Terry went on to explain the specifics of the program. When a JR signs up they must fill out a **JB1** form. This contains all of the Beaglers info as well as the info on the dog they will be running for this year. When the form is received each Jr will receive a hat and their T-shirt for the year. Each Jr does not have to own a dog. Someone with a dog can help them and it can be the Jr's #1 dog. Each Jr can run their #1 dog and one other dog in each trial they enter.

2018 year starts now. The shirts are purchased by the program through fund raising and donations

When a Jr starts to trial the fill out the **JB2** form. This form can be emailed, sent in by phone and/or regular mail has all the info related to the trial and dog (s) entered. If they do work at the club they report what they did and for how many hours Each Jr will get 1 point for every 4 hours club work they do. If they enter a dog at a trial and it doesn't place they will also get 1 point.

At this point the NEBGF web site was pulled up on the TV screen and he pointed out the big red button on the site that contained all of the info on the Jr Beaglers Program. He noted that all forms can be downloaded from the site and they have tried to make it as easy as possible. He noted that the **JB2** and **JB3** forms are the basis of the whole program.

Terry explained the Collar Program requires certain things be completed by a certain age. The goal is that they end up with a full set of collars by the time they complete the program points scored at the age they work really hard and deserve it.

He gave a rundown of how the program has grown as follows:

2016=16 members

2017=38 members 22 of these were very active members he felt the program was having a big impact w these kids.

Kellen and Kate as well as Terry and Steph have traveled to be front and center visiting clubs to promote the program and support the kids. he shared how he witnessed a member from a club take a young beagler and spent the whole day w him teaching him

about beagling. He felt this was a great example of how to do this and stated it needs to be done this way by all of us. He was very appreciative.

He stated that Saturday and Sunday morning the awards for the program would be given out so we can celebrate the young people who are here with us they will get a plaque w pic and the top beagler will receive the coat from Plum Creek.

The President called for big applause for all the Gerharts do for this program, the kids and the sport.

2. AKC Nationals Blaine Grove

They were moved a week ahead so that it wasn't Easter but we did not find out in time and it was hard to change the 6 trials and our championship trial to accommodate this

3. Blaine asked the AKC who made the decision to move the trial and was told it was Mel. He then asked the AKC why we weren't notified. They said the committee was. Blaine stated he is on the committee and he was not notified. He indicated that looking ahead we will try and work with this.
4. He stated there is a rule proposed that AKC nationals cannot be held if there are trials being held anywhere in the county but in this instance the AKC reverted to the 100 mile rule.
5. Blaine stated he is looking to have it made as a rule. Unsure if that will happen. It was proposed at the AKC National Committee but that's as far as it went. The delegate meeting is next week. Blaine will attend and try to make this happen.
6. Blaine stated there was slim participation from here.
7. Terry had a question: why does the AKC not recognize how many dogs we run through our federations? Blaine stated when it comes to Nationals, Deep South and UBGF has 2x our entries.
8. We need to get more dogs down there to get more judges.
9. Last year they divided up the marshalling. We provided a marshal last year. This year we did not because there was only a few of us in attendance.
10. 2018 we need a marshal for the 15 in male class on Saturday. It is a 3 day trial. They will split the class if need be. It will be the week after west branch.
11. We will need 2 marshals. AKC will pay \$100 and NEBGF will pay \$100 to offset the cost of anyone willing to go
12. Volunteers Cody Mathis, Taylor Lewis and Bryson Roof

3. BAC -Blaine Grove

We were notified that Mark Malloy was our BAC rep

In the past we would submit 3 names and the rep would be picked from that. When PA formed their own federation John Cable was picked. He did

a great job. We were told they would come 1 yr. from PBGF then NEBGF. It did not happen that way as the NEBGF member was not appointed

Additionally Mark Malloy was told about this meeting. We expected him to be here. he is not.

In terms of what is happening On the BAC there is the issue. There is a vote on a rule that you can get 1 win and 1/3 points through derby trials. Also there is the issue of the grand champion (when you get grand champion you can keep competing and get grand champ 1 2 3 4 etc.) This was done to keep those dogs in the system and to keep the money from these dogs going into the coffers. They will be voting on putting this item in the rules. This is not what was voted on by BAC.

1. Consistency Revision

Sanctioned trials are governed by our rules. Much discussion was held over developing a committee re what to do in terms of combining classes and even sizes if not enough dog show up to run that class Eventually Blue Ridge made a motion 2nd by Eldred to table this issue until an NEBGF Committee is put together to develop a proposal and then send it to the clubs for a vote

Our Bylaws state we have to run according to AKC rules The committee will address how to handle situations like if you don't have 6 combined which way do the points go We feel that in a situation where 1 little dog in a class of 8 bigs the dog should get 8 x 5 points for his class even though he is running in a different class

2. Old Business

1. Eastern Outdoors show Stand

NEBGF and Harrisburg had an opportunity to have a booth at the eastern outdoor show at a much reduced rate due to a cancelation.

Board members and club members from Harrisburg talked to beaglers from all over. Most didn't know there were Beagle clubs close to where they live. We got the JR Beaglers involved. As a way to grow the sport we offered free guided rabbit hunts for youngsters .We signed up 42 kids. We will need volunteers and clubs to get involved to make this a great introduction to our sport. We also took down names of people who were interested in joining clubs and forwarded these names to each club to develop new members.

If we are going to continue to have a booth at the show it will cost \$1300 Do we want to try and do it again? There was much discussion

about the pros cons etc. John Gible made a motion to spend up to \$1000 on the booth but the motion died on the floor for lack of a 2nd

We will not sponsor a booth in 2018

2. Judging Seminars

1. Report from Plainville -28 people showed up. It went very well. All but 1 was from the federation. We will need the list so we can pay for the NEBGF members (\$455) 20 took the regular and 8 for advanced. Each judge must take 1 advanced after the initial seminar .
2. Eldred seminar is scheduled for Aug. 27 at the club. They will do a regular and an advanced if needed. for info contact Ronnie Gouger or the NEBGF Delegate Currently they have about 15-18 people scheduled. Everyone was asked to spread the word so other NEBGF members who are interested can add it to their schedule
3. 2018 Seminar. The delegates were asked who wants to host a seminar. John Lipko said he will take it to Towanda and see if they will do it.
4. Labor Day weekend Champions of Champions will be held at New England Lycoming felt they should have been given a chance. It was explained we wanted to give the New England clubs a chance to host something. It will be on Friday of Labor Day Weekend .

3. New Business

1. New Member Clubs

1. Oleans County Houndsmen and Conservation Club Terry Gerhart explained that they are a UKC club. They asked if they could join The NEBGF. They own AKC dogs and want to be able to attend our trials and run their AKC dogs. They do not have land and will not be holding trials. Terry feels they will be an asset because they are passionate about beagling in general and would contribute more able bodied members to the federation.

Blue Ridge made a motion to have them attend a trial so we could get to know them.

Shamokin made a motion to amend the motion Blue Ridge made. The amendment was to put it in the NEBGF BOARD'S HANDS

The Board will gather more info on the club and present it to the membership via the email process. Eldred seconded this motion everyone was in favor and indicated yay there were no Nay votes **MOTION PASSED** THE BOARD WILL GATHER INFO ON OLEANS COUNTY HOUNDSMAN AND PRESENT IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP VIA EMAIL FOR A VOTE.

2. Oak Hill will be joining NEHBA and they will then become part of the NEBGF. They are located in Rehoboth, Mass and very close

to Bay State. They currently do not have a hare population but are looking into trapping some.

2. Treasurer Rodney Laub asked for an audit of the books. Linda Slick, Bryson Roof & Kim Gible will do the audit this weekend.

3. Championship qualifying clarifications

1. 2 couple pack there will be no need for qualifications but there was discussion about pre registering however it was pointed out that the scheduled date of the 2 couple pack trial was in conflict with out bylaws

Our bylaw states that no member club can hold an event when we are holding a championship event

Motion on the floor to cancel the 2 couple pack so as not to impact the clubs made by vice president John Jarzynski and Shamokin 2nd it because it is a conflict with our own bylaw.

16 yay 1 opposed trial is canceled

Frank made a motion to change the name No one 2nd.. the motion dies.

Cody Mathis made a motion to change the by law He stated we can attach a rider to the bylaw that states "if the other club agrees we can have the championship on the same day as a license trial, both parties will have to agree and can be done via email" Blue ridge 2nd this motion **The motion passed to create a rider on the bylaws allowing championship trial on the same day as a member club trial providing both parties agree** with only 1 nay Since the delegates will need to bring this back to their clubs for discussion .There **WILL NOT** be a 2 couple pack championship trial this year

2. Creation of the VP of Jr Beaglers. It had been proposed to create this position as a voting position but Terry did not want it because he did not want to side with one federation over another. He felt the kids needed to come 1st .despite the federation issues Terry is concerned that if he becomes a board member of NEBGF maybe PA would be an issue. Terry declined the nomination. he will leave the program if we make it exclusive to the NEBGF. there was No motion made to create a VP of Jr Beaglers. This issue died on the floor for lack of support

3. Creation of the VP of Government Relations Blaine explained that NJ is being hammered by the dog law activist people Currently trying to insist the dog be spayed or neutered New England area is very heavily against hunting dogs and supported creating a position Motion made by Shamokin then 2nd by Blue Ridge to create a position All were in favor. no one was opposed **Motion passed to create VP Government Relations** it will go back to the clubs for a final vote
4. Changing title for communications director to VP of Communications and Marketing Motion was made by John Jarzynski and 2nd Bryan Grove by York and Adams. All were in favor no one is opposed. Motion Passed to change the title from communications director to **VP of Communications and Marketing** It will go back to the clubs for a final vote as it will be a by law change.
5. 2018 Championship trials

Corning informed us they do not want to host this next year. 3 yrs in a row was too much on the club. Rotating it around to other clubs was suggested. A major concern is there are not many clubs with the grounds and clubhouse large enough to accommodate this type of an event unless we split it up. We could move the derby at the end of the year, All age and 2 couple pack on this weekend and then fall champions of champions and derby trial.

Motion to split the derby and all age made by Shamokin and 2nd by Towanda. all agreed. no one opposed **Motion passed to split the ALL AGE and DERBY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Nominations were taken for host for the two Championship weekends. York & Adams and Shamokin were nominated for the Spring Championship and Lycoming for the Fall Championship.

We are having another championship in the fall. The question was asked if we thought we needed another meeting. The answer was NO, But the membership does want a copy of the minutes

4. Nominations for Beagle advisory Committee
 1. Supply AKC with a list of 3 names the top 3 nominees are

Bruce McNeilly
Robbie Kane
John Jarzynski

5. 2018 Delegation and Judges for AKC SPO National Championship

1. 2018 Delegate top 3 nominees

Blaine Grove
Cody Mathis
Rodney Laub

2. 2018 AKC Nationals Judges nominees/Voting

There was a tie for 3rd so the top 5 were listed

Curt Coleman

Ben Giles

Tie for 3rd John Way Bruce McNeilly Ralph Harrington

6. Nominations for 2018 Host Clubs

1. These are the top votes

Lycoming 19 (**Fall Trial**)

York and Adams 15

Shamokin 7

New England and Cape Cod each got 1

7. Election of Officers

All officers stayed the same. The only position that was challenged was the VP position the results are:

John Jarzynski-27 Jay Long-6

8. For the good of the Federation

9. Adjournment