

<b>NKC / ARHA Progressive Pack Executive Board</b>		<h1>Executive Board Meeting</h1> <p>Minutes of the meeting of  <b>Thursday, March 8, 2018</b>  <b>Erie Canal Beagle Club</b>  <b>Lynnville, Indiana</b></p>
<i>Del Morgan / Joyce Harrell</i>	<i>NKC/ARHA</i>	
<i>Brint Sparks</i>	<i>Chairman of the Board</i>	
<i>Mike Myers</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Chairman</i>	
<i>Daron Myers</i>	<i>State Reps Chairman</i>	
<i>Donny Joe Sparks</i>	<i>Rules Committee Chairman</i>	
<i>Anna Sparks</i>	<i>Public Relations Chairman</i>	
<i>Keith Buse</i>	<i>Member At Large</i>	
<i>John Oosse</i>	<i>Member At Large</i>	
<i>Christi Jernigan</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	
<u><i>Non Voting Positions</i></u>		
<i>Glendon Bobo</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Member</i>	
<i>Eddie Mitchell</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Member</i>	
<i>Bobby Wilkerson</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Alternate</i>	
<i>Rich King</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Alternate</i>	
<i>Mike Marshall</i>	<i>Rules Committee Member</i>	
<i>Bill Raymond</i>	<i>Rules Committee Member</i>	



Meeting called to order by Brint Sparks.

The make-up of the Executive Board was discussed and clarified, as the structure described in the by-laws is no longer current. The correct and current composition of the board is as follows:

Del Morgan or ARHA Representative

Chairman of the Board

Secretary

Chairman of the Watchdog Committee

Chairman of the Rules Committee

Chairman of the State Representatives

Chairman of Public Relations

Member at Large

Member at Large

It was explained that changes had occurred via board meetings over the years but the by-laws had not been updated to reflect those changes. The by-laws will be corrected and posted.

Brint Sparks expressed appreciation for all the help and support he has received and noted that Progressive Pack seems to be moving in a positive direction. There are seven new clubs and seven more potentially new clubs from the east coast to Colorado. The beaglers support one another and create a positive atmosphere, we have many new young judges, and generally we are moving in a good direction and want to keep up the momentum.

Christi Jernigan Marshall addressed the role of the Progressive Pack Board of Directors in relationship to the Executive Board.

Under the by-laws, the Board of Directors consists of the presidents of all Progressive Pack clubs and all members of the Executive Board, and its role is to “set all running rules and scoring procedures for the ARHA Progressive Pack and the conduct of all Progressive Pack competition events licensed by the ARHA.” ... “Changes to the ARHA running rules and scoring procedures may be made only by vote of the Board of the Directors or the president of the ARHA.”

The role of the Executive Board, meanwhile, is to “work as an administrative board to carry out rules, policies, and procedures that have been established by the Board of Directors.”

The Board of Directors has not been able to participate on those items defined as their responsibility because logistically, it has been too complicated to truly utilize that board in the way it was anticipated, so the Executive Board has ended up taking on the role of that body.

Technology now allows for the Board of Directors to take a much more active role, and we should take advantage of that to engage the board presidents as originally intended. Whenever there is a question that falls under the purview of the Board of Directors, a very simple poll can be sent via email with the question clearly stated, and the club presidents simply click on “yes” or “no” (or whatever options are appropriate to the question). The poll results will instantly and automatically tabulate.

There was some concern expressed as to whether the club presidents would be willing to participate, but it was decided to try a poll to find out.

Mike Myers had nothing to report from the Watchdog Committee.

Donny Joe Sparks, Chairman of the Rules Committee, reported that he had drafted the new field judge’s test and the Joyce Harrell would be sending it to the committee for input. Once finalized, Donny Joe will send to Joyce to be forwarded to the clubs.

Daron Myers, Chairman of the State Reps, was unavailable to attend but he and Brint had been working on some issues on the list of state reps and be finalizing it as soon as possible. It was discussed that new state reps should be appointed with input from local club presidents, which is how it has typically been handled in the past.

Anna Sparks, Chairman of Public Relations, stated that she is available to assist the clubs in multiple ways. If club members have connections with potential donor companies who might be willing to provide prizes etc, Anna can pursue those types of contacts. She can also assist in sending club hunt photos to the magazines, or bringing items to the board’s attention for consideration.

Christi Jernigan Marshall, Secretary, stated that the process identified in last year’s meeting for obtaining votes outside of the physical meeting has not been working well, and wanted to discuss ways to improve that process. Brint stated that the work of the Executive Board has gotten more complicated

logistically since the board meetings started being tied to the US Championship rather than the Morgan Classic. This change had been made when the Morgan Classic started rotating to different regions, but now that it is back at ECBC, we can start having a meeting at both events, which should solve most of those problems. Motion was made by John Oosse, and seconded by Donny Joe Sparks, to hold Executive Board meetings at both the Morgan Classic and the US Championship. Motion carried unanimously.

New certification judges were proposed: Donny Joe nominated Heath Bagget for Mississippi, seconded by John Oosse. Motion carried unanimously. Donny Joe nominated Mick Rogers for Arkansas, seconded by Brint, motion carried unanimously. Donny Joe nominated Tyler Bierdman for Mississippi, seconded by John Oosse, motion carried unanimously. Keith Buse nominated Robert Yette for Illinois, seconded by John Oosse, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Marshall requested discussion on two questions that had been brought to him recently.

The first related to whether it is permissible for a handler to make efforts to mask the scent of a female in heat. Brint stated that it is permissible and the rules address a female in heat disrupting the cast. Donny Joe added that for action to be taken, the rules specify that a female must be in heat AND disrupting the cast, both elements have to be present. There is no prohibition about attempting to mask the scent, and it has not been widely apparent that the masking prevents other hounds from being able to smell rabbit scent, because the way the hound's nose works, it simply smells both scents. Issue shelved.

The second related to whether two people who jointly own a kennel can judge each other's' hounds if the hounds in question are owned individually rather than under the kennel. It was generally agreed that this was not allowable and that kennel co-owners were to be treated as family members for purposes of judging. Mike Marshall stated that he felt this could be addressed by a simple rule clarification and that he would draft one and submit it to the other members of the Rules Committee for their input.

John Oosse requested a revisit to the off game issue. Donny Joe Sparks stated that he has been receiving a lot of input from beaglers that they want to see defined categories of major and minor off game. Donny Joe made a motion, seconded by John Oosse, that a major off game category be created that includes (list), and that a hound picked up for off game under this category be treated exactly as it is under the current system, while all other off game be defined as "minor" and would result in being picked up for the day but no record be kept or reported.

Discussion followed with most Executive Board members expressing agreement. Christi Jernigan reiterated that according to the by-laws, rules relating to off game should be the decision of the Board of Directors rather than the Executive Board, and requested that the decision to be put to the club presidents. This did not receive consideration, and vote was taken on the motion.

A revision of the rules would read as follows:

This amendment divides off game into two categories - - Major Off Game and Minor Off Game.

Definition of Major Off Game and Minor Off Game: Major Off Game includes deer, elk, moose, bear, wild hog, wild sheep, wild goat, wolf, coyote, fox, mountain lion, lynx and bobcat. Minor Off Game includes anything other than a hare or rabbit and not listed as Major Off Game.

Currently the rule reads as follows: *“A hound shall be barred from all competition in Progressive Pack ARHA licensed hunts for 1 year if he runs any off games other than hare or rabbit 3 times in a calendar year.”*

The amended wording will read as follows: A hound shall be barred from all competition in Progressive Pack ARHA licensed hunts for 1 year if he runs Major Off Game 3 times in a calendar year.

Offenses involving Major Off Game are to be reported to the NKC in the same manner and with the same consequences that applied previously to all off game. The hunt report should specify Major Off Game and note, if known, the type of off game.

Offenses involving Minor Off Game shall NOT be reported to the NKC and shall not count towards the *“three strikes and you are out rule”*. Offenses involving either category of off game would still result in the dog or dogs being disqualified for the day.

IMPORTANT: Do not report Minor Off Game on the hunt report. If a dog gets a minor off game in the course of a trial and his paper work needs to be sent to NKC due to a small class or bench show placement please note DISQUALIFIED on his paperwork as would be done with any other disqualification; do NOT note Off Game.

Ayes votes for the motion were John Oosse, Donny Joe Sparks, Mike Myers, Anna Sparks, Keith Buse, and Joyce Harrell. Nay vote was Christi Jernigan. Motion carried.

The Hound of the Year structure was discussed, and Mike Myers made a motion, seconded by Donny Joe, to change the structure back to the way it was previously, as described below:

Only points earned in the dogs home region shall count towards Regional High Point Hound with the exception of points earned at big six hunts. The big six hunts (U.S. Championship, Morgan Classic and the four Regionals) are considered to be neutral ground. Hence, points earned at a big six hunt will *travel* back to the dog's home region.

A dog's home region is determined by the address of the owner of record on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If a dog is co-owned by individuals who live in different regions the dogs home region is determined by the address of the first person listed on the registration. If a dog changes home regions during the year by virtue of being sold, the owner moving, etc., only the points earned in his home region (determined as outlined above) count towards Regional High Point Hound. Any points earned in his previous home region **do not** travel to his new home region. A dog will not be considered for Regional High Point Hound in more than one region.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion about the PPBA was that the initial structure proved to be unsustainable for various reasons, and also that while sponsors are available, we need to broaden that pool. It was generally agreed to suspend the activities of the PPBA while input is collected to determine a more sustainable structure.

Donny Joe stated that he would like to make a change to the membership of the Rules Committee, replacing an inactive member (Armond Lombardi) with an active member (Bill Raymond). There were no objections to this change.

Motion was made by Donny Joe Sparks, seconded by John Oosse, to compensate the board secretary in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Donny Joe Sparks, seconded by John Oosse, to compensate the board chairman in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

There were three items under New Business:

Motion was made by Mike Myers, seconded by Donny Joe Sparks, to set the effective date of the change in the off game rule to be retroactive to January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Myers, seconded by John Oosse, to set the effective date of the change in the Hound of the Year structure to January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Brint Sparks asked the consideration of the board for a beagler to receive compensation for one day of lodging for reason that he had been misinformed by ARHA about the eligibility of his hound to compete in the runoff and thus had arrived early to find that he was ineligible. Motion was made by Donny Joe Sparks, seconded by John Oosse, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Myers, seconded by John Oosse. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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