

NKC / ARHA Progressive Pack Executive Board		<h1>Executive Board Meeting</h1> Agenda for the meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2020 12:00 noon Erie Canal Beagle Club Lynnville, Indiana
<i>Del Morgan / Sam Clabo</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 Alternate</i>	
<i>Eddie Mitchell</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Member</i>	
<i>Trey Powers</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee (Youth)</i>	
<i>Rich King</i>	<i>Watch Dog Committee Member</i>	
<i>Mike Marshall</i>	<i>Rules Committee Member</i>	
<i>Heath Maddox</i>	<i>Rules Committee Member</i>	
<i>Bill Raymond</i>	<i>Rules Committee Member</i>	
<i>Al Taylor</i>	<i>PR Committee Member</i>	
<i>Jerry Borden</i>	<i>PR Committee Member</i>	
<i>Toby Dooly</i>	<i>PR Committee Member</i>	
<i>Matt Aubrey</i>	<i>PR Committee Member</i>	



1. Meeting was called to order by Brint Sparks
2. Comments from NKC / ARHA Representative:
Sam Clabo was present as the NKC / ARHA Representative; she had no announcements, but several people present expressed appreciation for Sam and Jana for all the work they have done
3. Financial Report from NKC / ARHA Representative
Sam Clabo relayed that Del Morgan reported a balance of \$4,000
4. Overall Entry Numbers
Brint Sparks reported the following entry numbers for the past four years:
2016: 4,278
2017: 4,465
2018: 4,438
2019: 4,853

He said he hopes to see the numbers continuing to go up; Rich King said that if each hunt had 2 to 5 more dogs, the overall numbers would be significantly impacted. Brint expressed the importance to inviting new people into the sport; even though many may try it only once, a new person who stays with it makes a big difference.

5. Discussion / action regarding regional placement of North Carolina

Being in the South Region has not been beneficial for North Carolina. They used to be in the East Region, and have expressed that they would like to be changed back to the East. Motion made by Jerry Borden, seconded by Eddie Mitchell. Motion passed. Change to take effect January 2021.

6. Discussion / action on the rule regarding leaving the strike area

When the rule about leaving the strike area rule was last changed, it was with the intent of making the judge's call more simple. However, it seems that this ended up creating more problems than it solved, and took too much discretion away from the judge. It was proposed that the rule return, in part, to its previous method of allowing the judge to make the call based on the circumstances, with the added change of not minusing the first dog for harking to another dog. Motion was made by Rich King, seconded by Mike Marshall, for the Rules Committee to develop wording for this rule change. Motion carried. Change will be effective January 2021.

7. Reports / Updates from Committee Chairs

A. Mike Myers, Watchdog Committee

Mike Myers announced that he is retiring from the Watchdog Committee. He will continue in his role as Chairman through the remainder of 2020, at which time a new Chair will be appointed in his place.

B. Donny Joe Sparks, Rules Committee

Donny Joe not being present, Mike Marshall reported there were no updates from the Rules Committee.

C. Daron Myers, State Reps

Daron Myers not being present, Mike Myers reported there were no updates from the State Rep Chair.

D. Anna Sparks, Public Relations

Anna Sparks not being present, Brint Sparks provided an update from the PR Committee.

Gun Dog and Mossy Oak have expressed interest in supporting the national points race, and ZEP has been added as a new sponsor. The digital magazine is still in the works.

8. Discussion and Appointment of new Certification Judges (if any)

Chris Mangold was proposed as a certification judge for Indiana; motion made by Mike Myers and seconded by Rich King. Motion carried.

Devin Koroleski was proposed as a new certification judge for Michigan; motion made by Rich King and seconded by Matt Aubrey. Motion carried.

Shannon Pruitt was proposed as a new certification judge for Oklahoma; motion made by Mike Marshall and seconded by Jerry Borden. Motion carried.

Zach Cook was proposed as a new certification judge for Indiana; motion made by Keith Buse and seconded by Rich King. Motion carried.

Ed Puckett was proposed as a new certification judge for Ohio; motion made by Mike Myers and seconded by Matt Aubrey. Motion carried.

Keith Yeatman was proposed as a new certification judge for Mississippi; motion made by Brint Sparks and seconded by Matt Aubrey. Motion carried.

9. Discussion / action on changes to state reps (if any)

No changes were proposed for state reps

10. Discussion / action on changes to board members or committee members (if any)

No changes were made to board members.

11. No changes were made to committee members; procedural clarification was made by Brint that a Committee Chair is responsible for selecting his team and that it is not an action appropriate for the board.

12. New Business (*business that cannot reasonably have been foreseen prior to agenda deadline*)

a. There was discussion about the Hunt & Handle Rule. It was acknowledged that judges do not like having to make a decision on this basis, but it is difficult to find a better alternative. The hunt time is extended in specific situations, but it is not practical to automatically extend the hunt in all situations where no rabbit has been produced. A proposal was made to ask for input through the clubs to see what other ideas might be worth considering. Motion was made by Matt Aubrey, and seconded by Rich King, for Christi Jernigan-Marshall to send a letter to Daron Myers, Chair of the State Reps, to forward to the state reps for purposes of getting input from the clubs. Motion carried. Suggested alternatives will be discussed at the Morgan Classic board meeting.

b. The 4 minute rule (when a rabbit is produced at the end of the cast) was discussed (to extend the time to 10 minutes) but no changes were formally proposed at this time.

- c.* Eddie Mitchell brought up a question of separating the Runoff from the US Championship and holding them on separate weekends. He also suggested that a judge's seminar be added to help our judges operate with consistency. General discussion was that it would keep people from having to miss as much work, and might also make it easier for families to attend. On the other hand, it may be difficult for many people to make two separate trips. A question could be asked as to whether people would be more likely to attend both the Run Off and the US Championship if they are held together or separately. It was proposed that the question be posed on the official Facebook page and also through the state reps. Motion was made by Matt Aubrey and seconded by Eddie Mitchell for Jerry Borden to make the post of the Facebook page and for Christi Jernigan Marshall to send the question to Daron Myers, Chairman of the State Reps, to ask the question through the state reps to the clubs. There will be further discussion at the Morgan Classic board meeting.
- d.* The issue of "conduct" was raised. People who are in positions of authority, such as judges, certification judges, office holders, state reps, committee members, etc are representatives of the organization and as such, are expected to be positive about our sport and to be constructive, rather than destructive and careless, in dealing with problems. A person's conduct, be in in the field, on Facebook or otherwise, will be a factor in that person being considered for any type of a role within the organization. All people participating in this sport need to be more mindful of their impact on others, and work to make sure that impact is positive. That said, we do understand that there can be problems at times, and that an easily accessible avenue for expressing concerns or discussing problems needs to be made available. It is understood that there are people who like to "stir the pot;" however, it is believed that most people just need a means of expressing or reporting problems or concerns that they have, and it is in the interest of the ARHA to provide an avenue for that to occur. It was proposed that a portal be made available of the official Facebook page for this purpose. Comments will be received by the PR committee, and official ambassadors, and routed or responded to as appropriate. This can also be used for ideas and suggestions on making things better, and useful ideas can be brought to the board for consideration. Motion was made by Matt Aubrey and seconded by Mike Marshall for Jerry Borden and Christi Jernigan Marshall to work on this. Motion carried.
- e.* There was a suggestion to develop a judges training video. No action was taken at this time.
- f.* Brint expressed a desire to put more emphasis on the national points race; running for points is a major commitment, and should be more encouraged and recognized. Ideas

were requested for more way to celebrate the accomplishments of the hounds in the Top Ten.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Brint Sparks and seconded by Matt Aubrey to adjourn. Motion carried.