

Pioneer Beagle Club
Minutes – 1/24/08

Called to order – 7:10 pm

Roll call of officers – all present

ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE TO BE IN BY MARCH 1ST AT THE LATEST.
If you are unable to pay by this date please contact the BOD right away.

Treasurer's Report –

- Kevin handed out an overview of the expenses in 2007 and explained that the major expenses (utilities/taxes/insurance) are just covered by the dues.

Grounds Report –

- Work parties will begin in March – weather permitting. They will begin with clearing paths, making brush piles, cutting wood to sell. When we get money to buy fence we will begin replacement.
- There will be a work party to fill the rabbit feeders on Sunday Feb 3 at 8am.
- We need approx. 23 rolls of fence to finish the replacement –
- Please check the fence when you are running to be sure it is up and remove any brush that is laying on it.

Trial Committee Report –

- Trial dates - April 5th, April 20th (Derby), May 17-18 is the licensed trial.
- Java has proposed lining up licensed trial dates for next year. Entries are down all over and having both trials the same weekend may increase entries for both clubs.
- The company that we bought the fence from last year offered to buy the trophies for this year's trial – Marty is checking into that.
- Erin Wood and Kyle Pangrazio are going to be marshalling at the Nationals in KY for the NEBGF.
- A motion was made/passed to run a 2-couple pack trial the same time as the Derby trial in April (the 5th). Please come and enter your dog(s), have some fun and support Pioneer. See any of the “old timers” or field trailers for details if you are unfamiliar with the format of this fun trial.
- Rabbit trapping permits will be available at the clubhouse ASAP. They're in the mail from DEC. We tried to get them to cover an expanded area but that is a no go for this year. Use discretion when trapping/transporting rabbits to be released on the grounds.

Trial Committee Report –

- Don Kessler has been added to the waiting list
- There are only 2 people on the waiting list as the list was cleared due to non-participation of those on it.
- We took in 10 new members last year.

- Please let either Jim Evans or John Gringer know if your contact info has changed lately so that we can update the membership list. If you have an e-mail that would help in quick contact in certain situations (ex. - receiving a copy of the monthly minutes). A new membership list will be coming out once we have the updates.

Clubhouse Committee Report –

- Joel says the gun raffle for the fall is a go.
- We are going to have a meal at the February meeting.

New/Old Business –

- It was suggested we unplug the Coke machine in the cold weather to save on electricity – remember to plug it in before trying to buy a pop.
- We need ideas to raise money for the club to cover expenses. If you have one let us know.
- To go with the above – Jim Moore is interested in getting a money raffle up and running ASAP. Please see him if you are willing to help out

Welfare of the club –

- The 50/50 raffle raised \$58 and was won by Jim Moore. He donated his winnings (\$58) back to the club to go towards the fence fund. Tom Pierce and Joe Cimino each added \$20 to the fence fund.

Adjourned – 8:15