

UNITED FIELD TRIALER'S ASSOCIATION, INC

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August 16, 2017

Dear UFTA Member:

We are enclosing a membership update sheet. Please mark anything that isn't correct and make changes as needed. PLEASE return this sheet along with your membership dues. Your current year's membership dues expire on August 31, 2017. Individual membership dues are \$ 35 and the Family membership dues are \$45. **Reminder:** Your runs will not count unless your current membership dues are paid. A copy of the annual Treasurer's report is on the back of this letter.

At the annual Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following By Laws:

1. No manual release traps and/or any type of restraint (i.e. Releases or Cages) can be used in any sanctioned UFTA trial.
2. Any dog that has run in any UFTA event prior to December 31, 2017 will be exempt from the mandatory UKC registration (i.e. Grandfathered In). Therefore, that dog will not be required to be UKC registered to compete in UFTA events for the remainder of that dog's life regardless of the ownership/handler of that dog. Beginning on January 1, 2018, any new dog that has not competed (run) in a UFTA event will be required to be UKC registered and that registration must be presented to the national office to complete that dog's records.

We ask that you provide us with information regarding your dog. Is your dog still **active** or is the dog **deceased**? Please note these on the back of your membership information sheet when you send in your renewal.

The Rules Committee consist of the following: Mike McClendon, Chairman, Tom Boyll, Lauren Tarquinio and Bob Lunt.

**REMINDERS::**

1. The following Board Members terms will expire at the 2018 UFTA Nationals: Stacey Hall, Mark Sweeney & Dan Ruffcorn. Stacey Hall and Mark Sweeney have stated that they will not run again. Dan Ruffcorn is considering running again. In order to maintain a balance on the Board of Directors, Mark Sweeney's position has been moved to the East Region. The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Board Members until December 31, 2017. The Nominating Committee consist of: Clay Moose, President & Director, Frank Arnau, Treasurer & Director, Bill Geurin and Brian Rutrough. No nominations will be taken from the floor.

2. The last day to qualify for the 2018 UFTA Nationals will be December 31, 2017 because the Nationals will be held starting February 24, 2018. **All trial results must be faxed or emailed to Frank & Mary Arnau the day following for any trials that are held after December 20<sup>th</sup>** to facilitate the list of dogs qualified for the 2018 Nationals to be compiled quickly and invitations mailed promptly.

(3) At the UFTA Nationals a handler/designated shooter can run no more than four (4) dogs per day. (This means in all divisions.)

(4) Shells to be used at the 2018 UFTA Nationals in Rend Lake **MUST BE non-toxic shot** and absolutely **NO RELOADS at any UFTA events not just at the Nationals (anyone violating will be subject to disqualification).**

Rend Lake trial grounds are State property and ANYONE (UFTA member or otherwise) caught using illegal ammunition will be **responsible personally** for **fines** and/or other **penalty/penalties**. Additionally, you will be disqualified for the entire UFTA Nationals - **ALL EVENTS**.

We will post the 2018 UFTA Nationals event schedule to the website as soon as everything has been confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming trials and good luck running your dogs for the remainder of the trial year. Have fun and stay safe.

*Sincerely,*  
*Frank Arnau, Treasurer*

**UNITED FIELD TRIALERS ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**July 31, 2017**

Bank Balance as of July 31, 2016		\$	13,190.72
RECEIPTS	\$		187,950.20
(Less Receipts for Host)	\$	(28,786.00)	\$ 159,164.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$	<u>172,354.92</u>

**EXPENSES & DISTRIBUTIONS**

Bank Charges	\$	71.20
Belt Buckles, Plaques & Trophies	\$	1,174.14
Benevolence	\$	75.00
Conference Calls	\$	204.28
Corporate Software Programs	\$	204.98
Directors Meeting	\$	2,516.94
Jackets	\$	5,638.94
Liability Insurance	\$	4,259.00
Membership Cards	\$	150.00
Office Supplies	\$	916.63
Office Equipment	\$	665.23
Printing	\$	2,629.00
Postage & Shipping	\$	974.41
Salaries	\$	8,000.00
Salaries for Nationals	\$	2,700.00
Taxes and Corporate Registration	\$	60.00
Telephone	\$	655.04
Travel Expenses	\$	175.12
Website	\$	1,210.00
	\$	<u>32,279.91</u>

**National Payments & Expenses**

Expenses	\$	7,462.61		
Guns	\$	2,992.20		
Judges, Bird Planters & Marshals	\$	4,154.70		
Rules Committee	\$	1,500.00		
Winners	\$	107,725.00	\$ 123,834.51	\$ 156,114.42
Balance as of July 31, 2017			<u>\$</u>	<u>16,240.50</u>

  
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 Frank Arnau, UFTA Treasurer