



Bryan College Station Retriever Club Minutes

October 20, 2009

Larry Ringer Library, College Station, TX

1. **Members Present** – Tony Lyles, Dave Brannon, Cody Whitten, Shawn Kelso, Mike Akeroyd, Rob Somers, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Bret Collier, Steve Hand, Mike & Beverly Farris, Dean & Shirley Wallace, Charles & Sherry Payne, Rusty Adams, Dale & Cindi T.
2. **Visitors** – John Greig, owner of a yellow Lab and Neil Wessels from Smithville (choco)
3. **President Report** – Had an awesome time last weekend at the Fall AKC. Received many compliments from guests.
4. **Secretary Report** – Dale Tolmsoff
 - a) Present Sept minutes for approval – Vicki C. asked that we add Dave C. will be running Ron Miller's dog *Sam* at the 2009 Master National. Motion to accept minutes with revision made by Charles P., 2nd by Vicki C.
 - b) BCSRC Regional 11 Report (due Nov 5th) – Suggestions were made to recognize member(s) who ran the Grand. Also waterfowl season and Fall AKC.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Craig Steiner (absent)
 - a) Financial Report – Please see Page 3. Note this report does not include recent HT expenses.
6. **Committees Reports**
 - a) Master National Report – Dave Christianson: Annual Meeting Oct 24
 - 1) 2009 Event Oct 23-Nov 1, BCSRC members work Sat Oct 31
 - 2) 2010 Judges Slate (see enclosed document) – Dave C. was determined to be our vote at last month's meeting.
 - 3) Proposed Constitution changes (see enclosed document) -
 - a. Proposal #1 – voted NO
 - b. Proposal #2 – voted YES
 - c. Proposal #3 – voted NO
 - 4) MN will introduce the Retriever Hunt Test Advisory Committee - Subcommittee on Rules. Vicki C. has been asked to serve.
 - b) Fall AKC, Oct. 17 & 18; Closing report by Charles Payne – Weather was awesome and all went well! Received MANY compliments from others. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Cody & Cindi were also recognized for the wonderful meals. Tony presented gifts to Charles & Sherry. Dale mentioned a nesting box was presented to Kent as a landowner gift with the intention BCSRC would also pay to have a hen and drake Wood duck mounted on it.
 - c) Upland, Dec. 12 & 13th; Rob Somers – HuntSecretary.com up and running. Will talk about who does what at the Nov meeting.

- d) Spring AKC, March 6 & 7, 2010 – Pat McHale was absent so we will revisit at the Nov meeting. Rane Cunningham volunteered to serve as HT Secretary.
- e) Spring HRC Mar 27-28, 2010 – Craig Steiner was absent so we will revisit in Nov.

7. Old Business

- a) Website remodel – Dale T. reported nothing new has happened but will soon.
- b) Craig Steiner – A discussion on Ribbons will be added to the Nov meeting agenda.

8. New Business

- a) Rules Change for AKC Events – Tony Lyles:
 - 1) **Effective January 1, 2010**
All dogs must be individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. For more details visit this site http://www.akc.org/rules/exhibit_rule_change.cfm
- b) HRC Running Rules Proposals – Tony Lyles:
 - 1) Proposal #1(see enclosed document) – Table for later meeting
 - 2) Proposal #2 (see enclosed document) - Table for later meeting
- c) Charles Payne – Charles brought up future raffles and suggested we have 3-4 people to work on them in the future. There was discussion on various options. Shawn Kelso said if he had the letter regarding donations he would ask some supporters of Rusty Baker Outdoors. Dale will send Shawn the letter. **Note by Dale:** when Steve C. was asked to serve as Raffle Coordinator it was decided he would coordinate his efforts with that of others. It was not intended he would be the sole raffle hunter; just food for thought.
- d) Dave Brannon – Pat M. is investigating what would be necessary to hold an Amateur/Owner Qualifier Field Trial the Friday prior to the Spring AKC.
- e) Steve C. – Ben Zivney committed to donate \$300 to be used in our 2009 Youth Hunt Extravaganza at the Upland.
- f) Bret Collier – the first of the year NWTF and TPWD will be doing some cool stuff to introduce more wild turkeys in our near areas. Bret will send Dale the details.

9. Presentation of New Members and Applications for Membership

- a) New Member(s) presented – None
- b) Application(s) for new Membership – John Greig

10. **Next Meeting** – Nov 17, 7:00 pm (6:00 pm BOD's), Larry Ringer Library, CS, TX.

11. **Meeting Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by Shirley Wallace, 2nd by Vicki C.

Account balance history

BCSRC Checking

9/15/2009 through 10/15/2009

Num	Date	Payee	Memo	Debits	Credits	Running Balance
Opening Balance						\$ 752.10
1007	9/15/2009	Dean Wallace	Grounds License reimbursement	\$ (84.00)		
4050	9/29/2009	Hunting Retriever Club	Spring HRC Test Fee	\$ (70.00)		
4051	10/1/2009	Petal Patch	Get Well - Sherry Payne	\$ (58.71)		
	10/9/2009	Cash Deposit	Fiocchi Order Reimbursement		\$ 542.90	
	10/9/2009	Cash Deposit	Returned Deposit (Brazos Center?)		\$ 50.00	
	10/9/2009	Cash Deposit	T-Shirt sales (2)		\$ 20.00	
	10/13/2009	Entry Express	Fall 2009 AKC Hunt test (Sawdust Ranch)		\$ 15,322.99	
	10/13/2009	Spirit of Texas	Transfer fee	\$ (10.00)		
				\$ (222.71)	\$ 15,935.89	
Closing Balance						\$ 16,465.28

SLATE OF JUDGING CANDIDATES FOR 2010

REGION 1

Mary Williams, North Carolina
Bob Swift, Florida

REGION 3

Bill Cummings, Oklahoma
Ed Arnett, Texas
David Christiansen, Texas

REGION 2

Chuck Beckman, Minnesota
Duwayne Bickle, Wisconsin
Keith Kiesow, Wisconsin

REGION 4

Myrna Zumwalt, Nevada
David Illias, Oregon

Amendments to the Constitution

Proposal # 1 Submitted by: Empire Retriever Club, Talbot Retriever Club, Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, and. Pinelands Retriever Club of New Jersey

CURRENT BYLAW

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.

(2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests in seven attempts conducted by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master Hunter title, subject to (1) above or earn a total of eight Master passes. A dog qualifying at the Master National in the previous year will be credited with two passes in two attempts.

(b) In order to be counted towards the qualifying requirements, hunting tests at which qualifying scores are awarded must have a beginning date falling between August 1 of the year preceding the current National Master Hunting Retriever Test and July 31 of the year of the National Master Hunting Retriever Test.

(c) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Proposed change:

Strike all that is underlined and replace with the following.

(2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of six (6) Master Hunting tests conducted by member clubs and one shall be by the dog's owner.

(b) The qualifying time period is: August 1 to July 31 of the year preceding the current Master National Hunting Retriever Test.

(c) Remains as written

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Proposed change:

Add the wording in bold

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Proposal # 3 Submitted by: Master National Retriever Club Officers and Board of Directors

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Proposed change:

Add sub-paragraph (3)

- (3) **Dogs, domiciled in Canada, running exclusively in CKC Master Hunt Test events, that passed the most recent CKC Canadian Master National Hunt Test prior to the July 31st MNRC qualifying end date.**



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RUNNING RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

PROPOSAL #1

Date: April 10, 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Lake Erie HRC

Region: 7

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)**

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

P. 49 FINISHED TEST RULE VI

CURRENT RULE WORDING: During the hunting tests, a Finished Hunting Retriever must be required to honor another hunting retriever at or near the retrieving line. When the Finished Hunting Retriever is honoring, its view of the hunting test cannot be obstructed.

PROPOSED CHANGE: add the following to the end of the above rule. "A Finished Hunting Retriever shall not be required to honor during another dog's blind retrieve."

The entire rule would then read:

During the hunting tests, a Finished Hunting Retriever must be required to honor another hunting retriever at or near the retrieving line. When the Finished Hunting Retriever is honoring, its view of the hunting test cannot be obstructed. A Finished Hunting Retriever shall not be required to honor during another dog's blind retrieve.

JUSTIFICATION:

- 1) The honor dog could easily interfere with a working dog's blind (barking, moving around, breaking), which would be unfair to the working dog, especially since the working dog will be looking right in their direction when they are waiting for a cast.
- 2) It puts additional stress on the working handler because he/she knows that someone else is depending on a great blind. It can cause handling mistakes and rushing to send the dog.
- 3) It can cause animosity and hard feelings between handlers if either dog is unfairly affected by the other's performance.
- 4) It is NOT in the spirit of HRC because it could pit handlers against each other, instead of encouraging them to support each other.
- 5) It plays NO ROLE in fulfillment of the honor as required by the rule book.

Date: April 14, 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Davis Ohio River HRC Region: 7

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)*¹*

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

PAGE 35 UNDER TEST DOG

CURRENT RULE WORDING:

TEST DOGS

Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENSED events. This will enable Judges to see how smoothly the mechanics of the tests will be executed, to give the Handlers a view of the test, so that bird and drag back scent will be on the ground for all dogs and to verify the usefulness of the test. Test dogs must be of the same level as the test; i.e. a retriever with Finished points cannot be used as test dog for Started or Seasoned. A Judge may run his or her appropriately qualified dog as a test dog only in the class and flight they are judging.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENCED events. This will enable the judges to see how smoothly the mechanics will be executed, to give Handlers a view of the test, so that bird and drag back scent will be on the ground for all dogs and to verify the usefulness of the test. **Test dogs shall be the same level or may be one level higher for the test being run. i.e. Dogs with a Seasoned Title and no Finished points may run as Test Dog for a Started Test. Dogs with a Finished Title and no Grand Passes may run as test dog for a Seasoned Test.** A judge may run his/her appropriately qualified dog as a test dog only in the class and flight they are judging

JUSTIFICATION:

The use of a test dog in all tests is not to show handlers the test can be completed, but to show the judges and handlers the mechanics of the test. Therefore a dog with Seasoned Points or a Seasoned Title should be able to run as test dog for a Started Test. Same as a Finished dog should be able to run as test dog in a Seasoned Test. In a Finished test a dog with a Grand pass or a Grand Title can run as a test dog, which is a step above a Finished dog. There have been instances in the past where clubs have had a hard time finding test dogs for a particular flight. There have also been times when the only test dog available was a dog just out of Started and not ready for Seasoned was used as a test dog in Seasoned, it was complete disaster.