

Minutes

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club, Inc.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

Post Oak Mall

Members Present: Wayne Bumgarner, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Dave Brannon, Charles Payne, David & Vicki Christianson, Warren Jatzlau, Steve Cunningham.

Visitors Present: Craig Johnson, Doug & Amy Thompson, Heather Herrick

President Wayne Bumgarner called the meeting to order, and everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports

Wayne reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, discussing briefly the Houston Golden Retriever Club's WC/WCX test that will be held at Dr. Dave's place on December 8th and 9th.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$7,492.95.

Old Business

The group was reminded of the Spring Fling Picnic and meeting, which will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2000, beginning around 8:00 a.m. for dog training. That will be followed by lunch and the meeting, and concluded with various shooting activities. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. Dalene Barnes asked that if anyone had ideas for the "gag" awards that are annually presented to please give them to either herself or Cary Beason.

Chris Barnes reported on the new club trailer search and investigation. He had a price of \$750 for a 16ft. flatbed, which would then need some custom work done on it. Steve Cunningham has been out of town, so not a whole lot more was done. Craig Johnson suggested looking at Gooseneck Trailers out on Highway 21, and Dave Brannon reported personal experience with the Navasota Trailer Company, which was a very good price. Chris and Steve will continue pursuing these leads.

AKC Business

The AKC Judges' and Handlers' Seminar will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at the College Station Conference Center, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Dalene Barnes reported that the AKC charges \$15 per person, and asked if the club wanted to charge extra to cover the room rental fee of \$35, or just sponsor the event as a club. All agreed to sponsor the event. Lunch arrangements were then discussed. The AKC prefers to have lunches catered, so there is no lag time in returning to the seminar. We discussed having everyone be on their own for lunch, but decided that having everyone together at one restaurant would prevent lag time and allow time to visit and get to know other prospective judges. Dalene will check into reserving the banquet room at The Old Country Buffet, which is close, will allow for many choices, and should be fairly quick.

The Club then voted on whom we would like to judge at the AKC Master National. From the list of eligible judges presented, we first narrowed the choices down to those we knew and would like to see

judge. We then voted on the two remaining choices, Bruce Bachert, and Bill Teague, and it was agreed that our club would present a vote for Bruce Bachert.

UKC Business

The HRC National Meeting will be held in Memphis on June 9, 10, 11. The club is entitled to a vote at the meeting on proposed changes. Dalene will check and see if Pam and Rodney House are planning on attending. If so, we will ask them, as club members, to vote for us. If not, we will contact Lora Neans.

Wayne then went over the proposed changes for rules in running dogs in UKC tests. Briefly, they were:

1. Not allowing use of training devices on the grounds. Club voted FOR
2. Changing seasoned land blind maximum length from 40 to 60. Club voted FOR
3. Change in wording for upland test requirements to allow judges more leeway. Club voted FOR
4. Wording for allowances of distances in the Upland tracking test, setting minimum and maximum lengths. Club voted FOR
5. Prohibiting judges from setting a pre-determined course (e.g. "must go over the log") for a dog to take on a blind. Club voted FOR
6. Changing requirement in started from all birds must delivered to the immediate area of the handler to 2 out of 4 birds must be delivered to hand, the other 2 may be in the immediate are. Club voted AGAINST
7. Changing the allowance of collars on the line to no collars at the line in Seasoned. Club voted FOR
8. Changing the maximum allowed lengths for individual and combined marks in finished to about half what they currently are, to be closer to "simulated hunting conditions." Club voted AGAINST
9. Defining the rules for the flush part of an upland hunt, stressed that a natural flush is always preferred, but devices may be used, when necessary, but must be properly concealed. Club voted FOR

Wayne has the detailed copy and wording of the proposals for those who want further information on these.

New Business

Chris Barnes presented some information to club members with which to petition Cox Cable to air The Outdoor Channel.

Wayne suggested that the club meet at the Brazos Center Pavilion during the summer months, and have members present mini-clinics on one aspect of training. We can also use the BBQ grill, so any members interested in doing so are free to bring dinner and/or snacks to the pavilion. This idea met with approval.

Wayne informed the group of pet insurance that sounded reasonable. Information can be found at <http://www.petinsurance.com>

Wayne then brought up the subject of a check that came back from our Spring Hunting Test as insufficient funds. It was for \$530.00 from a professional trainer. Three messages have been left on his recorder, and no response has been received. Several options were presented, including doing nothing (deemed not acceptable by the group); have Cary Beason, as chairman, call again and inform him that we need payment or we will have to take further action, including legal steps; skip the warning call, just proceed with the legal steps. Vicki Christiansen, having dealt with this issue in the past in another club,

offered that there is a standard letter that MUST be sent before further legal action (i.e. warrant) can be taken. The Sheriff's department has that letter. Warren Jatzlau said he would contact the trainer and ask him again to pay us. If nothing happens from that contact, we will proceed with Cary calling and informing him he will be receiving the official letter from the Sheriff's Department.

New Members

The following were presented to be voted on as new members:

Linda Bailey, Houston; 3 Golden Retrievers, Kid, Brew, Tia
Lee McCuiston, Houston, 2 Golden Retrievers, Lexi and Rumor,
1 Cocker Spaniel, Molly (who has served as a pick up dog
at a Junior water test.)
Everett Johnson & Pam Shive, 1 yellow Labrador, Lilah, 1 black
Labrador, Molly.

Tests Chairman and Secretary

Wayne then asked for people to be thinking about serving as Secretary and Chairman for the next three tests, the AKC Fall test, October 21 & 22 of 2000, and the two Spring tests, UKC the first weekend in February 2001, and AKC the first weekend in March 2001.

There being (finally!) no further business, the meeting adjourned and the mall closed.

Respectfully submitted (by authority of Cary Beason)

Dalene Barnes
Treasurer