

Bryan/College Station Retriever Club

Minutes for the March 2001 Meeting

Members Present: Rody and Kristin Best, Cary Beason, Doug and Amy Thompson, Chris and Dalene Barnes, Charles and Sherry Payne, David and Vicki Christianson, Dave Brannon, Larry Robinson, Brandon Harper, Tom Pool, and Steve and Rane Cunningham.

Guests Present: Jeff Harrison, E.B. Ash

President Rody Best called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Each person present introduced himself or herself and told about their dogs.

The first order of business was the reading of the last months minutes by Secretary Amy Thompson.

President, Rody Best, gave his report that included:

?? **AKC Test -**

Financial Status – profit for the test was \$3,483.00 (*It costs \$12,792.00 to run a quality AKC Hunt Test*).

Problems/Improvements – It was noted that whenever a test runs over to the next day, the marshal for that test is responsible for their duties throughout the entire test. Also, the marshal's responsibilities include much more than simply keeping the dogs running order.

Club Member Rewards – The following Club members worked 2 days at the Spring AKC Hunt Test.

Qualifying Members:

Steve and Rane Cunningham
Rody and Kristin Best
Doug and Amy Thompson
Charles and Sherry Payne
Chris and Dalene Barnes
Kenton Brannan
Dennis Crain
Cary Beason
Brandon Harper
Stephen Ratcliff
David Brannon
David Christianson

- ?? **Club Trailer** – Painting. Rody Best got an estimate and it was going to cost up to \$800.00 for a full color detailed decal. Vicki Christianson volunteered to get additional estimates for Vinyl decals for the club trailer.
- ?? **Equipment Inventory and Repair** – It was discussed that the club needs new Bryan/ College Station Retriever Club signs and HRC magnets to go over the existing signs.
- ?? **Spring Play day** – The Spring Family Picnic and Play day is scheduled for April 28th at Dr. Dave's house. It will consist of a Club training day, Meeting, and Awards ceremony. The Annual Skeet Shoot-out Competition will follow the meeting and the winner will get to take home the trophy for the year. Suggestions for Gag awards should be emailed to Amy Thompson at amyt@gkg.net and **not** be sent to the club email list as they are supposed to be a surprise.
- ?? **Club Skeet Shoot in July** - Twin Creeks Ranch, (<http://www.fastshoot.com/>) Normally, the price is \$35.00 for a round of 100 clays or \$21.00 for a round of 50 clays. Depending on the size of our group he would be able to lower that figure. At this time, the club is considering paying half of the fees for club members. It will be discussed further at a later meeting.
- ?? **Club Camping Trip in June** – The club is scheduling a camping trip on Brazos River in Hearne. There will be dog training, a skeet shoot, and an overnight camp-out. It will cost \$2 a person. You can camp, swim, fish, train dogs – everything is permissible. The date was set for June 2-3 for both nights. Club members can camp one or two nights. It will be a bring-your-own supplies and food event. The club will not be responsible for feeding the members.

Dalene Barnes, Treasurer, read the Treasurer Report and informed the club that the balance as of March 20, 2001 was \$6,390.00, which is about \$1,200 less than we had at this time last year. The AKC Test finances were as follows:

Income	\$16,275.00
Expenses	\$12,792.00
Profit	\$3,483.00

Unfinished Business

- ?? **Update/Additions to the Club Web Site** – Chris Barnes and Amy Thompson are working on a redesign of the club website. Updates will be available soon.
- ?? **Business Cards** - The club decided not to continue with the purchase of the business cards. We will print out our own cards if we need them.
- ?? **Bumper Stickers** – will be ready on Friday, March 23rd. The cost of the bumper stickers/window decals will be \$5 for one or \$8 for two. They cost per sticker to the club is \$.65.

Chris Barnes brought up the fact that UKC Started dogs were not required to pay the \$5 for owner not being a member of the HRC. This only applies to Seasoned, Finished and Upland dogs. The club decided to reimburse only those Started handlers that request their \$5 back.

New Business

- **UKC/HRC Grand** is May 20-26 - Rody Best called for volunteers to help with the UKC/HRC Grand.
- **Training Ground Rules** – A copy of the Training Ground Rules will be posted on the club web site and needs to be filled out by each club member and mailed to Amy Thompson. Violations of the Training Ground Rules will result in giving your license plate and name to the local authorities.
- **Bird Crates** – Dalene Barnes is going to check with a friend of hers that works at Sanderson Farms on purchasing bird crates for the club. The club has decided on buying 4 shotguns, 3 hammers, 5 bird crates and materials for holding blinds.

Members Ernest & Gwen Bruchez and Louie Pinard II were voted in the club. The membership applications of B.J. and Kelly Brunson, Randy Pruitt, Jason Cunningham, E.B. and Tracy Ash, John Dierlum, and Jeff Harrison were presented to the club.

Waterloo Retriever Club will be holding a Judges Seminar on July 12, 2001. The club will pay for anyone from the club to attend.

It was decided that the club would hold a UKC Hunt Test in the fall. It will be held on September 29-30. Chris Barnes and Tom Pool have volunteered to be the Hunt Test Co-Secretary and Steve and Rane Cunningham volunteered for the Hunt Test Co-Chairman.

The club will decide on the AKC Hunt Test Chairman and Secretary at the April club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Thompson
Secretary