

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club
Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2002
J. Cody's Restaurant

Members Present: Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Steve & Tracey Sadler, David Brannon, Steve Harlin, Pat McHale, David & Vicki Christianson, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Dale Tolmsoff

Guests Present: Nathanel Cook, Randall Cook, Summer Riedberger, Brian Neumann

President Dennis Crain called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Dalene summarized the minutes from the last meeting, and gave the checking account balance of \$876.42.

Old Business

The training day held in June was attended by Steve Cunningham, Steve Harlin, Chris Barnes, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Dennis Crain, and Brian Neumann.

AKC Fall Hunting Test

HT Secretary Steve Harlin reported that all the AKC paperwork was submitted on time, and that premium entry fees would remain at \$40, \$45, and \$50. There will be no mass mailing, but a postcard announcing the premiums are on-line and being accepted. Premiums will be mailed upon request.

Steve presented the idea of renting a tent for the test grounds. He had received estimates of \$1400 for two days from Party Time, including chairs and lights, for a 40 x 40 tent. He also got an estimate of \$600 for two days. Other options were discussed, including making a cover, buying one at Lowe's, doing without. Pat McHale made a motion that the Hunting Test committee makes the final decision on a tent if the cost is under \$200, but otherwise it should be submitted to the Board for decision. Steve Sadler seconded the motion. It was voted on, with all but one member voting in favor of the motion as presented; the motion carried.

Dave Brannon will donate use of two of his generators for lights at the test site.

Dale and Cindi Tolmsoff will cook food for both days' lunch and the tailgate party; Dalene will coordinate the raffle. The committee consists of Dave Brannon serving as chair, Steve Harlin as Secretary, Steve Cunningham as game steward, Dennis Crain as head of guns, Doug Thompson as head marshal, and Dave Christianson as member at large.

Dave Brannon mentioned that the land owner gift was taken care of, the judges' gift will be a signed book, hotel rooms are still being looked into, and the club bought 6 new ice chests to replace the VERY old one.

New Business

Dave Brannon said that he is ordering more bird crates from the same place we got the previous shipment. They will run about \$35 each. The club needs 2-4 more, and if anyone else wants one personally, he'll order them at the same time, just let him know.

The UKC Judges' and Handlers' Seminar will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2002, at the Brazos Center, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Janet Kimbrough will present the seminar. There will be no charge to attend.

The club's UKC/HRC annual membership dues of \$50 are due. Dalene will check into it and get it paid.

The Training Grounds Lease Agreement, which was voted into affect by the Board last year, needs to be signed by every member. Copies were passed out, and will be kept by the Secretary. Every new member application needs to be accompanied by a signed agreement.

Dennis read a letter from a member of the Master National Committee, asking our club for a donation for the Master National raffle. After some discussion, Chris Barnes moved we simply ignore the request and do nothing, Dave Brannon seconded it, and apathy was voted on and approved. ☺

More AKC correspondence was read, informing us that, as of June 1, the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever is eligible to run in Hunting Tests.

Michele McHale had surgery. Pat said she was doing fine, and thanked the club for the plant we sent.

Dave Brannon suggested that members might want to stop by the Farm Patch and collect onion sacks before the hunting test, as they are very useful to carry birds. Also, 5 gallon buckets are needed. Someone suggested we ask Cody. He was able to supply us with about a dozen on the spot.

Dennis Crain told the club that Tim Slattery had asked about sponsoring the club's Hunting Test. Discussion followed on the pros and cons. Dave Brannon then made a motion that no one sponsor the test but the club itself, but we will take donations for the raffle and ads in the event catalog. Steve Cunningham seconded it, and the motion passed. Dalene suggested that we make sure all club members know we are actively seeking donations in exchange for ads, as several club members have businesses of their own that may be interested.

Chris Barnes noted that he will be bringing a digital camera to the next meeting to take pictures of club members who want it to go on the web page.

The Permian Basin HRC is holding a test in conjunction with Lonesome Dove's preliminary test on Saturday, September 21. That Sunday, the 22, Cow Town will be holding an Upland Test. This is the same day as Colorado River's Test.

Spring HRC Test was briefly discussed. Rane Cunningham cannot serve as Secretary, so a volunteer is still needed. Dale Tolmsoff is continuing to check into the possibility of us leasing the guest quarters at Sawdust for all the judges. The first price he was quoted was \$1000 for the weekend.

New Members

Brian Neumann, Summer Reidberger, and Blake Kendrick were all voted in as new members. Randall and Nathanel Cook were introduced again as visitors.

Other Business

The July training day will be the HRC/UKC Seminar on Saturday.

Pat McHale and Ridgewood Kennels will sponsor a de-snaking clinic on Saturday and Sunday, August 3 & 4. Cost is \$40 for a first time session, \$30 for a refresher.

Copies of the new constitution were ready to be handed out, as were fliers advertising the club.

There being no further business, Dave Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, Chris Barnes seconded it, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes
Secretary/Treasurer