

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2002
J. Cody's Restaurant

Board Members Present: Dennis Crain, Dale Tolsmoff, Doug Thompson, Steve Cunningham, Charles Payne, Dalene Barnes, Dave Christianson, Dave Brannan

Vice President Charles Payne called the meeting to order, as President Crain was late.

The Board discussed goals for the club to accomplish this year. Some mentioned were:

Complete inventory of the trailer: This was recently done, and it was decided that the club should purchase 4 decoy bags so that the decoys can be kept divided up and ready to hand to marshals at their stake on test day.

*****Dale Tolmsoff volunteered to buy the decoy bags.**

New Member Mentor program: The issue of involving and retaining new members was addressed. Most agreed that people join the club to learn how to train a puppy, not get a Master title. So it is imperative that each new member has someone they know they can call on to ask questions, train with, etc. The Board decided that one person to coordinate this would be good; all membership applications would go to them after the Secretary has processed them, and they would match up active club members who have volunteered to participate in this program with the new club members. The position would be appointed BY the Board, FROM Board members.

It was also decided that the position of "apprentice marshal" should be offered to as many new members as are willing. The official duties will be simply to be at the test site, helping the marshal in any way possible; radio communication, go-fer, help finding handlers, etc. This way, they have an official, accountable duty, but not too much, too heavy, or alone!

Continuously recruit new members: Tables at the Ducks Unlimited Tables, booths at Wildlife Expos, float in the Holiday Parade, www link on other web sites like Southern Duck Hunter were all mentioned as possible venues.

*****Dalene Barnes volunteered to check on the Holiday Parade.**

*****Dale Tolmsoff volunteered to check on ads and links on Working Retriever Central.**

*****Dave Christianson volunteered Vicki to check on the information for a link/ad at Southern Duck Hunter.**

*****Someone (whose name I forgot to write down) volunteered to check on dates/availability of tables at the upcoming DU banquets.**

It was also mentioned that having a blank on the membership application asking "Where did you first learn about the BCSRC?" would be a very good idea. Dalene said she would ask Chris to update that.

The premium for the Fall AKC test was discussed. Steve Harlin was out of town, and the post cards had not been sent yet. Dalene said she and her girls would make sure those went out this week. The Board agreed that postcards with website address and phone numbers would be a good idea to replace full premium mailings.

Dave Brannon mentioned that he had some camo umbrellas with the Club logo on them still in his closet, and that at least one ought to be in our raffle this fall.

New hats were discussed. Cary Beason ordered the last ones, and he will be asked about prices. Another source was mentioned, and **will be looked into by whomever it was who volunteered that info.** Dennis asked what we felt about putting an American flag on the hat also, and everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dalene Barnes
Secretary/Treasurer
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