

# **Bryan-College Station Retriever Club**

## **Minutes**

**September 17, 2002**

**J. Cody's Restaurant**

Members Present: Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Dalene Barnes, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Dale & Cindi Tolmsoff, Steve Cunningham, Doug & Amy Thompson, Dave Brannon, Brian Neumann & Summer Riedberger, Cecil Holmes, Steve & Tracey Sadler, Mitch Peck, Tony Lyles, Guy Anderson

President Dennis Crain called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and welcomed all the members present.

Dalene Barnes read the minutes from the previous meeting. *Upon a motion by Charles Payne and a second from Steve Cunningham, the minutes were approved as read.*

The treasurer's report stated that the club has \$735.01 in the checking account.

### Fall AKC Hunting Test

Most of the details for the hunting test are in place, Chairman Dave Brannon reported:

- Two senior test dogs are still needed
- most of the marshals are in place
- judges' gifts, dinner and hotel have been arranged
- donations for the raffle are being secured
- Post cards informing people that are premiums are on-line and ready to be downloaded and sent in will be mailed later this week
- Poppers are needed, and Cabela's has just come out with a great price on those.
- Dave Brannon took a sample of a new kind of bird drier to the shop guys at out Snook High school, who will make us 20 for the cost of the materials. We can use what we need, raffle some, and sell some to club members or other interested parties.
- Dave Brannon has agreed to let the club use his generator at the test for lights.
- Steve & Tracey Sadler have about a dozen green buckets they will donate to the club
- More onion sacks from the Farm Patch would be helpful, any members who can should stop by and get them

### Other Business

The group discussed use of the training grounds, encouraging new members to sign the training grounds use rules. The question of how to deal with un-authorized people on the grounds was brought up. After discussing several ideas, *Dave Christianson made a*

*motion that a membership card be issued to show authorization for use of the training grounds, with specific details to be worked about by a Board appointed committee later. Tracey Sadler seconded the motion, and it carried.* Additional discussion on details came up with the idea of a temporary card being issued at first, then a “Qualified Member” card being given at the annual picnic to those earning it.

### Spring UKC Test

Dale Tolmsoff reported that Saw Dust ranch is building a new lodge that should be available for our use for the Judges’ dinner. We will most likely use their bunk house to house judges. Cindi Tolmsoff has agreed to learn the Secretary position for the test, with Dalene Barnes serving as the “mentor.”

### Other Business

The club received a letter from Joe Ortega of the Cajun HRC regarding a donation for the raffle at the Grand in October. After some discussion, *Dalene Barnes made a motion that the club donate a club hat, shirt, cup, and umbrella to the Grand raffle. Steve Sadler seconded it, and it passed.* Dave Brannon suggested that we start ordering one or two extra of whatever item we decide to give as judges’ gifts, then keep those on hand for either donations to other clubs, door prizes at things like Ducks Unlimited Banquets, or for our own raffle.

The Board discussed having critical planning meetings (i.e. the ones immediately preceding hunting tests) in a quieter location, such as the Sherriff’s room at the mall. General concensus was that this is a good idea.

Some club members commented that the club web page did not show the current meeting location, and asked that it be updated on a more timely basis regarding meeting time and location.

The Board informed the group that we are looking at ways to promote the club, including tables and/or displays at the local Ducks Unlimited banquets. We can offer items to either raffle or give as door prizes. Dave Brannon offered to donated a guided duck hunt to the DU raffle in the name of the Bryan-College Station Retriever Club. It was mentioned that Claudene Christopher has a very nice display board already put together that she is able to send to HRC clubs for use as promotional items. Some of the other ideas passed on to the club were the tables at the Hunter Extravaganza in Houston, the holiday parade. The new member mentor program idea was explained, and met with great enthusiasm.

### New Members

The following were presented for membership: Cecil and Linda Holmes, The Randall Cook Family, Brandt Dotson, Kevin & Kimberly Mellor.

All were approved by unanimous acclamation. To be presented for membership at the October meeting will be: Robert & Linda Brannon, Tony & Sheryl Allen.

It was passed along to club members that fellow member Francis Landry's dog, Voodoo, recently died from complications due to spear grass inhalation. Sympathy was expressed.

There being no further business, *Steve Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, Dave Christianson seconded, and it the motion was apparently passed as everyone got up and left.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes  
Secretary/Treasurer  
BCSRC  
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