

Bryan College Station Retriever Club – Minutes
Larry Ringer Library, College Station
Tuesday, March 20, 2007

1. **Members Present** – Chris Barnes, Garrett & Cynthia Bigelow, Dave Brannon, David & Vicki Christianson, Joshua E. Clepper, Jim Connor, Danny Cranford, Steven & Rane Cunningham, Tony Lyles, Pat McHale, Charles & Sherry Payne, Craig Steiner, Judd & Lisa Street, Dale & Cindi Tolmsoff, Eric Walberg, Dean & Shirley Wallace, Kevin Wood, Theresa Yeager
2. **Visitor Introductions** – Dale Tolmsoff: Justin & Amy Conway, Jill Malazzo, Scott Lemmon, Brady Owens, Scott Nichols
3. **Gander Mtn. Presentation** – Brady Owens, Gander Mtn, announced the store planned open date is May 29 and spoke about Gander Mtn in general and how excited they are to be coming to our community. In part he said "(we) want to be a 66,000 sq ft outfitter for ya'll" and wish to develop "partnerships with local outdoor organizations" Brady then asked what we needed from them. We told him we would like to have kids stuff donated for our youth events and would love to participate in their grand opening with a presentation.
4. **Minutes of February Meeting** – Rane Cunningham: motion to approve by Dave Brannon with second by Charles Payne – approved
5. **President's Report** – Dale Tolmsoff: accolades to the hunt test committee and sponsors; heard only compliments at the hunt test. Dale also brought the follow up for discussion and decision
 - a) Eric has suggested that we recognize our routine sponsors with a plaque – all agreed.
 - b) An apprentice judge has submitted a motel bill for reimbursement. Discussion and agreement was that we haven't paid apprentice judge hotel expenses in the past because the club is helping out by having them apprentice; we will pay this one this time; in the future expenses will not be paid but a gift will be given.
 - c) Free entry certificate exchange for wing span of raffle tickets was discussed and approved with a limit of 1 per person per hunt test. Certificates are not transferable for this use.
6. **Secretary's Report** – Rane Cunningham: none
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Payne: beginning balance \$2358 plus hunt test entries less Entry Express expenses 12,996 and raffle less cost 2,380 less other hunt test expenses leave ending balance of \$7700. Not all hunt test expenses have been paid and we will need to pay for new wingers and purchase ribbons.
8. **Committees Reports**
 - a) **MNRC Report** – David Christianson: presented nomination letter for region 3 judge nominations for 2008 event. Due 4/30. Dave Christianson was nominated for region 3 with motion by Charles Payne and second by Garrett Bigelow and vote of approval. Dale will send letter.
 - b) **Spring 2007 AKC Hunting Test, Sawdust Ranch, March 3 & 4** – Gene White, Chairman; (Sherry Payne, Secretary; Mike Akeroyd, Headquarters; Danny Cranford, Cook; Dean Wallace, Head Marshal; Steve Harlin, Head of Guns; Garrett Bigelow, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Steve Cunningham, Raffle Coordinator).
There was discussion on the landowner gift. Eric Walberg suggested wood duck houses; Lisa Street made it a motion with Vicki seconding and approved by vote. Dale, Joshua Clepper, and Justin Conway will work on this.
 - c) **Spring 2007 HRC Hunting Test, Brannon Ranch, March 31 & April 1** – Garrett Bigelow, Chairman; (Glenda Akeroyd, Secretary; Dave Brannon, Headquarters & Cook; Gene White, Head Marshal; Walter English, Head of Guns; Pat McHale, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Danny Cranford, Raffle Coordinator, Dale Tolmsoff, committee member).
All on target; volunteer worker list provided by Garrett; do NOT drive in hay field
 - d) **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – Lisa Street, Chairman: 3 new member applications. Pat McHale has agreed to provide a training day for women in the club interested in learning more about handling dogs in hunt tests and the training/hunt test terminology. Date TBD and invitation will be sent.

- e) **Training Opportunities 2007** – David Christianson, Coordinator:
 - (1) Danny Farmer training day – Pat will arrange
 - (2) AKC training day – July 22 with Rick Greer & Pat McHale
 - (3) HRC training day – July 29 with Janet Kimbrough & Jimmy Neely
 - (4) Pat McHale training day – June 16

9. Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants

- a) **Applicants to be voted on for membership** – Chuck Clifford
- b) **Applicants to be presented to membership** – Ricky & Tami Elrod, Scott Lemmon, Brady Owens, Justin Conway, John Dirickson, Scott Nichols, Gary Kutac

10. Unfinished Business

- a) **Club shirts** – Sherry Payne, Chairman; Cindi Tolmsoff, Shirley Wallace: still in the works
- b) **Status of adding club info to BCS Convention & Visitor Bureau website** – Dale reported the form is filled out and he will mail it.
- c) **Status of Gunner's up order and wingers** – Done
- d) **AKC judges/handlers seminar** – David Christianson, Chairman: July 21 at Gander Mtn; no cost to club members, \$35 for non-members
- e) **HRC judges/handlers seminar** – Chris Barnes, Chairman: July 28 at Gander Mtn
- f) **Training Grounds status** – Dave Brannon asked how many present had used the training grounds more than 3 times in the last year. By show of hands there were 3. Dave also announced that any member in good standing could call Carroll Miller and arrange to train with him most anytime. After discussion of the ample opportunities to train with other members on member property, a motion to discontinue leasing the training grounds and put the lease money toward the end of year reward until such time the board sees a better use for it was made by Chris Barnes and seconded by Lisa Street. After discussion the motion was amended by Rane Cunningham – “discontinue leasing the training grounds and put the lease money toward the end of year reward or use as authorized by the board with goal to have a end of year event.” Motion approved by vote.
- g) **Presentation of entry certificates for spring AKC test** – Gene White, AKC – tabled

11. New Business –

- a) **Annual Meeting (Play Day) & Board of Directors Nominations** – will try to decide on date via email once Danny Farmer training date is decided. The nominating committee is Sherry Payne (chair), Vicki Christianson, Gene White. Alternates are Eric Walberg and Michele McHale
- b) **Equipment needs** – poppers, primers, approximately 6 blinds, 1 870 shotgun
- c) Chris Barnes announced with father buttons popping and red beard glowing that Amy and Kimmy had the privilege of playing and placing second in the national championship home school basket ball game. 300 teams from 31 states competed.
- d) After announcement of the death of the game warden, Justin Hurst, who was shot in Wharton County and general condolences and disbelief expressed, Vicki Christianson made a motion with Cindi T. and Chris B. in unison seconding that the club make a donation of \$100 to his family, Amanda and Kyle Hurst. Motion approved.

12. Next Meeting – April 17, Larry Ringer Library, College Station

13. Adjournment – motion by Cindi Tolmsoff with second by Vicki Christianson approved by vote

**Respectfully submitted,
Rane Cunningham
BCSRC Secretary**