

Minutes of the Bryan-College Station Retriever Club, Inc.

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Present: Wayne Bumgarner, Warren Jatzlau, Chris & Dalene Barnes, James Newport, Rody & Kirsten & Dakota Best, James Carpenter, Carroll Miller, Dave Brannon, Gary McEwen, David & Lisa Salyer, Steve Carver, Cary Beason, Paul Clarke

President Bumgarner called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

AKC Test Report

Hunting Test Secretary Warren Jatzlau reported that we had over 280 dogs at our Spring Test on March 7 & 8. We have received many compliment and comments on the running of our test. We have 33 birds left over, which will be used at our UKC test in April. There is not a final accounting of income and expenses yet. Dave Brannon mentioned that his grounds and house were too liberally used, and club members offered suggestions to combat that, and many offered services to help with further maintenance after the test.

UKC Test Report

UKC Hunting Test Chairman Chris Barnes reported that the Hunting Test Committee met last week and has all the details underway. Committee members are: Chairman, Chris Barnes; Secretary, Dalene Barnes; Game Steward, Rick Littleton; Head of Guns, Wayne Bumgarner; Head Marshall, Cary Beason; Headquarters Control, Rob McDaniel. Cary asked for volunteers for marshals for the three tests.

New Business

- Dave Burdett is offering a Hunter's Safety Course on Thursday and Friday of this week, from 5-10 each night. Any interested members are welcome to attend, fee is \$10. A Hunter's Safety certificate is necessary for eligibility to judge UKC events.
- Wayne reported the committee members working on the Grand have asked each HRC Club in the nation to donate a free entry fee for one Finished Test and also to donate a club hat to be raffled at the Grand. Dave Brannon made a motion we comply, James Carpenter seconded, and the motion carried. Wayne also mentioned that marshals and workers are still needed, so anyone who can take any time off the week of April 25 to help, please let Wayne know and he will pass it on to the committee. At least three club members – Wayne, Warren, and Carroll – are planning to run their dogs in the Grand.
- The members decided to have a training day on Saturday, April 3, 1999, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Chris Barnes suggested that we train at his deer lease north of Bryan instead of the Snook grounds, just to offer a new scenario for the dogs. After a less than enthusiastic vote, it was decided to set the training day at the Club grounds in Snook.

- President Bumgarner asked for volunteers for the Fall Hunting Test Chairman and Secretary, and encouraged people to consider volunteering.

Upcoming hunting tests include:

Austin HRC – March 20
Heart of Texas AKC – March 27 & 28
Metro Alliance AKC – April 3 & 4
Greater Houston Golden AKC - April 10 & 11
Cowtown UKC – April 10 & 11
BCSRC Prelim UKC – April 17
DFW Metro Golden AKC - April 24 & 25
The Grand – Week of April 25

- The renewal of the Snook Training Grounds lease was then discussed. We originally paid \$1500, paid only \$1000 last year, but Carroll Miller felt we should pay \$1500 again this year. Warren made a motion to renew the lease, James seconded it, and the motion passed. Rody Best then brought up the concern of unauthorized people using the grounds. Several people in the club have seen people at the grounds that are not club members, and if something should happen, this could reflect poorly on us. It was agreed that, when we renew the lease, we would ask the landowner about the possibility of a combination lock on the gate, so that only current club members or friends of the landowner can use the grounds.
- President Wayne handed out new club business cards, with the comment that Rody's phone number is already outdated.

New Members

The following were presented for membership in the club, and, after a motion by Chris Barnes and a second by Cary Beason, were accepted for membership:

Gary, Sherri, and Justin McEwen
Steven Carver
Pam & Rodney House

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Dr. Scott Jacques, of the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, spoke to the club on thyroid testing and certification in dogs, in conjunction with OFA certification. He described the symptoms, types of tests, costs and availability of thyroid problems and testing. He suggested for further information, a web search under OFA would prove beneficial.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at Alicia's again.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.