



Bryan College Station Retriever Club

Minutes

July 16th, 2019

Fuddruckers, College Station, Texas

- 1) **Members Present** – Kelly Curry, Tony Lyles, Tony Gilbert, Dave Brannon, Charles & Sherry Payne, David & Vicki Christianson, Mike & Beverly Farris, Mike Jones, Elizabeth Robison, Alex Pruett, Mike Aykroyd, Rob Somers, Paul Peck, Chris Krause, Howard & Susan Williams, Landon Evans.
- 2) **Visitors Present** – Ms Beth Robison and Alex Pruett were introduced.
- 3) **President's Report** – Beverly Farris
 - a) Member dog passes/accomplishments
 - b) The Board discussed releasing the draft minutes on the Listserver ahead of the monthly meeting to allow for better review and feedback to the Secretary before the meeting itself. Kelly Curry advised the DRAFT would continue to be marked as such and that the accepted minutes would be posted on the web page by the webmaster as per routine.
- 4) **Secretary's Report** – Kelly Curry
 - a) Approval of Minutes – June 2019 Dave Christianson added clarity to MARC and AKC titles for Master Amateurs. *Moved to accept Charles Payne/Mike Akeroyd, approved.*
 - b) 2019 Training site tags available
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** – Kevin McGinnis (submitted a written report)
 - a) Financial Report *Moved to accept David Christianson/Charles Payne, approved.*
 - b) Kevin McGinnis also advised he would be contacting Mr. Sebesta of Walnut Hill to update the agreement next week.
 - c) There was a discussion about receiving Membership Dues that are delinquent and any potential actions such as removal of membership thus impacting a member's tenure toward Life Time membership. Kelly Curry added that the process started late this year and that he would be contacting members after reconciliation with current member list, recent member additions and comparing these with financial reports to assure who has already paid.
- 6) **Committee Reports**
 - a) Master National / Master Amateur Updates – Dave Christianson, Representative
 - i) Master Amateur Update(s) – August 15th is the deadline to express interest in Judging for the next test.
 - ii) Master National Update(s) – Last day to enter is August 16th at 6pm CST.
 - iii) Judges Seminar on July 20th. Good sign up, report will be provided at the next meeting. Treasurer messaged that he assured any required check(s) would be at the seminar.
- 7) **AKC Fall Hunt Test** – Beverly Farris
 - a) Chair: Kevin McGinnis, Secretary: Dave Christianson, Bird Chair: Mike Farris, Head Marshall: Tony Lyles, Headquarters: Kelly Curry, Stakes Marshalls TBD. There was a discussion about adding individuals to "assistant" type roles to shadow and learn the key positions.
 - b) Hunt Test Committee volunteers – Contact Beverly Farris to volunteer.
 - c) David Christianson presented Hunt Test Committee Guidelines that he has been working on, he added these are not in final form but please give him feedback. He will be adding a Head of Guns and Equipment Coordinator

- d) November 9th and 10th – accepted by AKC and confirmed with the Shady W Ranch
- e) Flight discussion – 2- Junior on Saturday, 2- Senior on Sunday and 2- Master Starting on Saturday *Moved to accept Rob Somers/Chris Krause, approved.*

8) Old Business

- a) Summer Training Days – Charles Payne
 - i) Report from June and July activities – Very hot dogs! Turnout was low but there was useful training experiences for those able to attend.
 - ii) Upcoming dates – August 3rd at Ridgewood at 7am, he will announce any others.
- b) Follow up on Equipment Use Safety measures previously discussed
 - i) Boom-Gun Holders, Head of Guns position, Safe Operation Checklist, Advanced Training with WARC – Beverly Farris led the discussion. There was some confusion that required clarification on if the Boom-Gun holders were for storage or field use. The answer is both. How to safely store, although one suggestion was to store in climate-controlled environment near the trailers. Some members felt that if we could have a model of a Boom-Gun holder to work from that perhaps we could get some fabricated to limit mishandling at the individual sites. All agreed that the Head of Guns position was necessary. Tony Lyles agreed to work on the orientation with a Safe Operation Checklist. The WARC training opportunity did not come to fruition. There was much discussion about a volunteer release form and the amount of legality such an instrument may/may not offer. It was generally felt something would be useful.

9) New Business

- a) Chris Krause announced that on August 25th there will be a Snake Avoidance Clinic at Oak Creek Retrievers for \$100/dog and to please contact him for a time slot.
- b) Beverly Farris announced the Board had decided on the immediate purchase of 6 Boom-Guns

10) Presentation of New Members and Applications for Membership

- a) New member(s) presented – Kelly Curry: None
- b) Applications for membership – Kelly Curry: None

11) Door Prizes – Beverly Farris: none for this meeting.

12) Next Meeting

- a) August 20th Fuddruckers, College Station – Beverly Farris
- b) Speaker for Texas Park and Wildlife – Kelly Curry: awaiting their “fly away” report.
- c) Plan a workday for hunt test equipment prep on the August agenda.

13) Adjourn *Moved to accept Charles Payne/David Christianson, approved.*