

Bryan/College Station Retriever Club

Minutes for the February 2001 Meeting

Members Present: Doug and Amy Thompson, Chris and Dalene Barnes, Charles and Sherry Payne, Chris Wise, Mitch Lawhon, Stephen Ratcliff, Brandon Harper, Tom Pool, and Steve and Rane Cunningham, Jeremy Purvis, Cary Beason, Rody Best, Ben Zivney, Jeff Harrison

President Rody Best called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

The first order of business was the introduction of members and the reading of the last months minutes by Secretary Amy Thompson.

To help keep the Club Trailer organized for the AKC test, marshals are to get the supply list from Charles Payne and decide with the judges on what they need. Then they will give the list to Charles and he will get the supplies from Dennis Crain.

The Club Training day for February 24th is postponed due to members participating in other Tests. Chris is to remove the information off of the site.

The March 3-4, 2001 AKC test is almost here. Friday, judges will start arriving at 2:00. Rody Best, Hunt Test Chairman, asked for members to come help set up the test. Volunteers were called for Marshals and were asked to be there on Friday. Cary Beason has the safety video that the gunners need to watch before the Hunt Test. Chris Wise volunteered to show the Corp guys the video.

It was discussed whether judges should pick their own spots for their tests or not have the location assigned by the Hunt Test Committee. It was decided that they could choose their own spots.

Steve and Rane Cunningham or Wayne Bumgarner have the list of people that qualify for a Club Reward for working at the February UKC Test. Please contact Dalene Barnes or Cary Beason to let them know that you are submitting a Club Reward for an entry in the March AKC test.

It was decided that each person working at Headquarters will be responsible for a moneybag and all of its contents. This will hopefully help Dalene and the club know exactly which items made money and which didn't. Rane Cunningham brought up a putting a dry erase board to put on the trailer to write the locations of the test. This was agreed on and volunteers are going to bring the boards for the trailer.

Dalene Barnes, Treasurer, read the Treasurer Report and informed the club that the balance as of February 20, 2001 was \$3562.24. The UKC Test finances were as follows:
Income \$9284.87

Expenses (known to date) \$7515.01
Profit (known to date) \$1769.87

Five check totals were not returned to Dalene after the UKC Test. She needs to know who and how much these checks were for.

It was decided that the club will wait on reordering the hats and coffee mugs until all of them are sold.

Cary Beason, AKC Hunt Test Secretary, reminded club members of advertising in the AKC Hunt Test catalog. The prices for the ads are \$25/1/4 page, \$50 for a 1/2 page, \$100 for a whole page. Send information to Cary Beason or Kristen Best.

It was decided that members only will be allowed to put classifieds in the newsletter.

Spring Play day is still set from April 28th at Dave Brannon's house. We train in the morning, have lunch, meeting, super singles, and a skeet shoot. Plaques to Handlers with new titles for their dogs will be presented. Members were reminded to bring shells for the skeet shoot.

Dalene Barnes volunteered to set up television and radio spots to promote the Retriever Club.

Rody Best informed the club that Lora Neans has brought up the fact that they have UKC title pins. It was decided that members could buy the pins at their own discretion.

Rody Best talked to Tritronics to see if they would supply a logo for the trailer to help offset the cost of our logo on the trailer. It was moved by Chris Barnes and seconded by Chris Wise that we would ask gun dog suppliers for advertisement on the trailer.

Rody brought up the idea of a day at a professional sporting clays range. It includes 12 stations and was designed by the world renown, Raymond Foreman, inventor of 5-Stand, Make-A-Break, and Duck Flush. The experience simulates a real hunting environment providing every type of shot opportunity imaginable: passing, overhead, rolling rabbits, and crossing shots. If you enjoy hunting duck, grouse, pheasant, quail, dove or even rabbit, this range will test your skills! He is checking on group pricing.

Thank you Tom Pool for all of your work on the Club shirts. If there is a big demand for club shirts we will order some more.

Silk-screened T-shirts and window decals were approved assuming we have the money. It was decided that the club would order 75 shirts (15 medium, 20 large, 20 XL, 20 XXL)

It was decided that the club would order window decals – clear with a white image. Steve Cunningham volunteered that he would check with Upfront Printing for prices on stickers.

The club was informed about the Lifetime Achievement Award. The board will vote on qualifying members and may present a club member/members with the award at the Spring Picnic.

Lois Penard's and Earnest Bruchez's application were brought up to the club. There was a discussion of each applicant and they will be voted on at the March meeting.

The club was also reminded that no training devices are allowed at the test grounds at any time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Thompson
Secretary