

Bryan/College Station Retriever Club

Minutes for the January 2001 Meeting

Members Present: Doug and Amy Thompson, Chris and Dalene Barnes, Dennis Crain, Charles and Sherry Payne, Jeremy Purvis, Dave Brannon, Vicki and Dave Christianson, Chris Wise, Wayne Bumgarner, Mitch Lawhon, Stephen Ratcliff, Brandon Harper, Tom Pool, and Steve and Rane Cunningham.

President Rody Best called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

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

Dalene Barnes, Treasurer, gave the treasury report. The club has a current checkbook balance as of 1-17-01 \$ 2,531.67, after the purchase of new ribbons.

Total income for 2000, \$30,122.44
Total expenses for 2000 \$27,548.27
income-expenses = \$2,574.17

It was discussed how to adjust the balance with the trailer debt.

The third order of business discussion of updates of the club web site. Chris voiced his opinion that the updates wouldn't be hard to update and that he could make the changes. The accomplishments page was discussed and a decision to create a committee consisting of Chris Barnes and Amy Thompson was decided.

The fourth order of business was the club trailer. Work has begun on the trailer. They have put in shelves, cabinets and carpet. It is going well and should be done soon. There was some stuff left in the club trailer. A trailer group will meet at Rody's house on Monday, January 22nd. The club will continue to work on the trailer this week until it is done.

The newsletter will be sent to some people by mail. If not notified, the newsletter will only be available on the web site.

Training days will be scheduled each month. There is a training day on January 27 at 8:00 a.m. You can get the directions off of the newsletter or the web site. If anyone has any ideas of places to have training days, please keep the club notified. Discussion of the February training date was set for February 24th at 8:00 at Betty's place.

Membership dues are past due. \$15 each or \$25 for family. Changes to the by laws will need to be made to keep the dues due on January 1.

Wayne Bumgarner (UKC Hunt Test Chairman) asked for volunteers on for the February UKC Hunt Test. The bird situation was discussed, and there will be enough birds.

AKC Hunt Test is on or ahead of schedule. Cary volunteered to create an emergency plan and send it to the AKC.

The annual Spring Family Picnic and Playday has been scheduled for April 28th at Dr. Dave's Ranch. Typical activities include dog training (in the morning), lunch, monthly meeting, recognition of achievements, gag awards, dog competitions, & BCSRC skeet shootout.

The discussions of T-shirts were discussed and Tom Pool volunteered to research the kinds, colors, etc.. The decision was made to not reorder the coffee mugs, but to reorder the caps. The club also decided to price and find out about window decals and logo patches.

We need an equipment manager to maintain all of the supplies and cabinet keys. They will be in charge of Test ribbons, poppers, etc.. Dennis Crain volunteered to be the equipment manager.

Club advertisements: It was decided to make to do flyers, radio shows. Dalene Barnes and Amy Thompson are in charge of the getting together some flyers, etc..

New business cards need to be ordered for the club President and Vice-President.

Unfinished business: Club rewards will be discussed at the board meeting next week.

The Amendments and bylaws were voted on as follows:

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

Article II, Membership

SECTION 2

Currently reads:

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$15.00 per year for an individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership, payable on or before the first day of May of each year. No members may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of April, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

Proposed:

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$15.00 per year for an individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership (a maximum of two adults, over 18, residing at the same address, and minors under their guardianship), payable on or before the

first day of May of each year. Dues shall be pro-rated at the rate of \$1.50 per each month or partial month for an individual or \$2.00 per month for a family membership if a member joins after November 1 of the business year. No members may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The Secretary shall ensure that members are given sufficient reminders that dues are due, and maintain the official list of paid and current members.

FAILED

SECTION 3

Currently Reads:

Election of Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective members shall submit dues payment for the current year.

Proposed:

Election of Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, and it shall carry the endorsement of one member. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year to the club Secretary. Also accompanying the application will be the rules regulating use of the Club's Leased Training Grounds. This also must be signed and returned.

PASSED

Proposed New Section 4.

Section 4. Qualifying Members. Members in good standing (dues current) may become Qualifying Members. Qualifying Member shall be defined by Amendment 1. The Board of Directors shall, on an annual basis, determine what, if any, special activities that may be available to Qualifying Members. Qualification status for each member shall be reviewed on an annual basis as outlined in Amendment 1, in coordination with the Club year as defined in Article V, Section 1.

Current Section 4 (Termination of Membership) would become Section 5.

PASSED

Article III, Meetings and Voting

SECTION 2

Currently reads:

Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board' and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, TX at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted therein. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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PASSED

SECTION 3

Currently Reads:

Special Board Meetings. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, Texas, at such a place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 days prior to the dates of the meeting. Any such notice shall give the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Proposed:

Special Board Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or shall be called by the Secretary upon request by a member of the Board. Such meeting shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, Texas, at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be given (by U.S. Mail, e-mail, fax, telephone, or other available means) by the secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

PASSED

Article IV, Directors and Officers

SECTION 2

Currently Reads:

Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

Proposed:

Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. Only Qualified Members shall be eligible to be Officers in the Club. However, two members of the same "Family Membership" cannot both serve simultaneously as Officers.

PASSED

Article V, The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1

Currently Reads:

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately following the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Proposed:

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of May and end on the 31st day of April. The Club's official year shall begin immediately following the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

PASSED

SECTION 2

Currently Reads:

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December, at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected, by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Proposed:

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. Election shall be by secret, written ballot, if there is more than one nominee for any Officer position, or more than 5 nominees for Directors' positions. Election may be by show of hands or acclamation if there is only one nominee for each position.

FAILED

SECTION 4

Currently Reads:

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of August, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of who shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting on or before November 1.

Proposed:

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of March, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, and not more than one of each category shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting on or before April 1.

FAILED

Section 4, paragraph a

Currently Reads:

The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five (5) candidates for the five (5) other positions on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

Proposed:

The committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least five (5) candidates for the five (5) other positions on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

PASSED

Proposed Amendment

Qualifying Members

Qualifying Members of the Bryan-College Station Retriever Club will be eligible to serve as an Officer of the Club. They may also be entitled to certain privileges, both the availability and the nature of which will be determined on an annual basis by the Board of Directors.

Qualification status of members will be verified by the Board of Directors, and looked at on an annual basis, coinciding with the Club year as defined in Section V, Article 1.

Factors used to determine qualification will be as follows:

1. Member in Good standing (dues current)
2. Work at 60% of the days of BCSRC Sponsored Hunting Tests.
“Work” shall be defined as:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Marshall
 - d. Head Marshall
 - e. Game Steward
 - f. Lunch duty
 - g. Judge
 - h. Cook
 - i. Gunner
 - j. Blind planter
 - k. Bird thrower
 - l. Gopher
 - m. Headquarters Duty

“Day” shall be defined as more than 5 hours (assuming a 12-hour day) at the actual test site, executing actual responsibilities. While running a dog in the event is encouraged, one may not maintain “qualifying” status if one does not also participate in the above activities.

It will be the responsibility of the Hunting Test Chairman to maintain or delegate maintenance of a list of club members and their actual responsibilities on each day of the test.

The Hunting Test Committee, at the request of the concerned member, may address extenuating circumstances or disputes, regarding time worked at a test.

PASSED

Ben Zivney was elected into the club.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Thompson
Secretary