

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club, Inc.
Minutes of May, 2001 Meeting
Brazos Center Pavilion
Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Members Present: Rody & Kristen Best, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Mitch Lawhon, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Charles & Sherry Payne, Dave Christianson, Carroll Miller, guest Jeff ?

Intro & Minutes

President Rody Best called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April Play Day were asked for, and were not available. The group was informed they were on the club web site and could be read there.

President's Report

President Best then updated members on status of the 2001 Texas Spring Grand, which was due to start that same week. Volunteers are still needed to help, contact Rody if interested. The kick-off banquet will be at the Brazos Center at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th.

The club training grounds for 2001 have been leased. President Best asked members to be looking for other grounds on which to train or lease, as we have been at this place for several years and most club members would like new grounds with new training scenarios available.

The club discussed the newsletter, and members were informed that, as Amy's computer was in the shop, she had not produced one in the last month. It was agreed that information should be posted on the website to save on printing and postage.

The HRC Board of Directors Annual Meeting will be in Tennessee on June 8-10. The club will nominate Janet Kimbrough to submit our proxy vote.

The club camping trip is scheduled for June 2nd and 3rd at the Brazos River near Hearne. Dave will provide his skeet launchers. Entry to the area is \$2 a person, and each club member is on their own for fees and food.

A date of July 22 was set for the skeet shoot at Twin Creeks Ranch. Each club member will need to pay their own way, and we may be able to get a discount off the normal price of \$35 for 100 clays or \$21 for 50, depending on the size of our group.

We discussed volunteers for the Fall AKC Hunting Test Chairman and Secretary. Dennis Crain and Rody Best will be co-chairs, Tom Poole and Chris Barnes will be co-secretary.

This allows new volunteers the expertise of the previous workers, without being totally on their own.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that the club checking account held \$655.65. We need to be cautious of expenses until entries fees come in for the fall test.

Unfinished Business

Chris Barnes reported that the new and improved club web page should be ready for a launch date sometime in June.

President Best reported that the Board prioritized inventory items needed, and decided that bird crates were our highest need. Other items needed are pump shotguns, hammers, decoys, and more holding blinds. We will wait until we see how our entries go before purchasing other items. The pump shot guns can wait until right before the UKC Test in February. The other items can be purchased right before the fall test, or even wait until spring.

A Fall UKC test was discussed again. With the way weekends fall this year, there is really no good date to hold a test. Conflicts include opening day of teal season, an HRC test in the DFW area, which would take all of our north Texas/OK entries, and getting too close to our AKC test. We will look again next year at the feasibility of a fall date.

New Business

Training days were brought up, and all agreed we need to continue having them. The club camping trip will be the training time in June.

President Best will continue to try and get a vet to come speak to the club, and any other suggestions for guests speakers are welcome.

After some general discussion, it was decided that a Public Relations Committee will be set up. This committee will handle new membership recruitment, press releases for events, brochures, etc.

Rody then asked the group what they would think about our club sponsoring a professional trainers seminar series. The format he had seen before was to have 4 pros, and each give a simultaneous 1-2 hour presentation for a small group, and have the groups rotate until each presentation has been attended. Club members suggested dates (including incorporating with our spring picnic); pros to invite (Tim Slattery, Steve Bigger, Carl Gunzer, Pat McHale, Jeff Henard); locations (training grounds, Dave's,

Porter Boswell); charging to non-members, ideas for compensating the professionals. It was decided that Rody, Dave Brannon, and Chris & Dalene Barnes would form a committee to further investigate the idea, as all members present were enthusiastic about it.

Members were then reminded of the South Texas Dove Hunt that Mitch Lawhon & Larry Robinson are offering to club members. It will probably be the third weekend of the season, cost \$400, which includes 4 hunts, all means, and room. Contact either Mitch or Larry if interested.

Members were reminded of the upcoming AKC Judges' Seminar being offered by the Waterloo club, and a de-snaking clinic being offered by Pat McHale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes
(in lieu of the absent Amy Thompson)