

# **Bryan College Station Retriever Club**

Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2002  
J. Cody's Restaurant  
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Doug & Amy Thompson, Steve Cunningham, Dave Brannon, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Dale & Cindi Tolmsoff, Rody & Kristen Best & boys, Steve Harlin, Brandon Harper, Francis & Tammy Landry, Pat & Michele McHale, Phil & Matthew Riggs, Steve & Tracey Sadler; Guests Bryan & Summer

## Intro, Secretary, Treasurer

President Dennis Crain called the meeting to order, and introduced the guests (Bryan and Summer) and new members (Steve & Tracey Sadler). Dalene Barnes read the minutes from the Spring Picnic, and gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1353.27 in the account. Major expenses have been \$3398 worth of ribbons, the lease for \$1500, about \$500 for the picnic awards and food, \$560 for the AKC Judges' Seminar (\$100 room, \$60 paper/markers and donuts, \$400 to the AKC). No other major expenses will be incurred until the fall AKC test.

## Old Business

Ribbons were received, and need to be mailed out to the remaining few people who need to get them. This will be done ASAP.

President Crain asked members to be thinking about and looking for another piece of property to lease for training grounds for some variety for our dogs. While we thoroughly enjoy the Vajdak land, we've leased it for several years now and something different might be good for awhile.

The AKC Judges' and Handlers' Seminar was held on Saturday, June 1, with 17 in attendance, 14 of whom were club members. The UKC Seminar will be held on Saturday, July 20.

## New Business

Steve Harlin gave a report on the Fall AKC hunting test as Secretary of the Test. It will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Kay Ranch in Iola, like last year. Dave Brannon is the chairman. They have the paperwork just about ready to send to the AKC, well within the specified deadline. Steve Cunningham will serve as Game Steward, Doug Thompson as Head Marshal, and a Head of Guns is still needed. Dave Brannon encouraged any club member who would like to apprentice or judge to PLEASE let the committee know. The club invests in training our members, and it is to our further benefit to have them continue that training to be licensed judges. Therefore, apprenticing at our test is an excellent way for that requirement to be taken care of. With 14 club members at the last test, Dave stated that every division of our test should

have an apprentice! Other details about the test included raffle coordinator volunteers, birds being ordered, Corp of Cadets being contacted.

The Board appointed the chairman for the UKC Hunting Test in February, with Chris Barnes' being in that position. Rane Cunningham and Cindi Tolmsoff will be asked to serve as co-Secretary. It may be possible for the club to rent the bunk house at Sawdust Ranch, which is where the test is planned to be at this point.

The membership application for Steve & Tracey Sadler was presented, and approved unanimously.

Dennis asked if anyone had ideas for speakers at meetings. Dave Christianson suggested a speaker that deals with dogs trained in arson investigations; Dave Brannon suggested the Bryan Police K-9 unit officer; Chris Barnes suggested professional trainers giving basic training tips; and someone (whose name I didn't write down!) suggested the TPWD Game Warden come talk about this year's hunting season dates and limits.

When the group was asked if a training day was desired on the regularly scheduled day (the Saturday following the regular monthly meeting) several people agreed that it was. They agreed to meet around 7:00 a.m. at the training grounds.

Pat McHale is offering a de-snaking clinic the first weekend in August. More info will follow.

### Brag

President Crain was reluctant to brag about his own accomplishments, so he asked the secretary to announce that his dog received a seasoned pass at the Austin HRC test in Hutto. Carroll Miller also got two seasoned passes on his dogs, and Dave Brannon got Upland passes and a title for Doc and Heidi at the BigD test in April.

There being no further business, Dave Christianson made a motion to adjourn, and Dale Tolmsoff seconded it. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes  
Secretary/Treasurer