

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2002
Post Oak Mall

Members Present: Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Vicki & Dave Christianson, Cindi & Dale Tolmsoff, Steve & Tracey Sadler, Summer Reidberger & Brian Neumann, Brandt Dotson, Mitch Peck, Doug Thompson, Guy & Charlotte Anderson, Steve Harlin, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Nathanel Cook, Randall Cook

President Crain called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Dalene Barnes read the minutes from the September meeting, and upon a motion by Chris Barnes and a second from Dave Christianson, they were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

After depositing most of the entry fee receipts from the upcoming hunt test, the account balance is \$14,489.21.

Fall AKC Hunting Test

Secretary Steve Harlin reported that the Corps of Cadets has backed out of helping as our bird boys for the test this weekend! Other options being pursued are the Saddle & Sirloin club, the Ag Dept. at Anderson and Iola ISD, and the Home School Basketball team.

Other details included:

- Junior has been split, so we need two more marshals
- Judges' dinner will probably be a J. Cody's
- Chris is going to print free entry certificates for the judges
- 4 port a pots have been ordered
- Steve Cunningham has 325 ducks scheduled, some club member's crates may be needed to alleviate crowding
- All permits are taken care of
- Dave Brannon will provide pigeons for the puppy stakes
- Poppers have been ordered, and live ammo is in stock
- Gunners are still needed for both days
- The AKC training safety video has disappeared
- Brian Neuman's dad is donating lights for the test.
- The catalog is at the printers, the running order is on the web page, but needs a few corrections.
- Charlotte Anderson volunteered to run the puppy stakes.

Discussion about the lack of cover in case of rained ensued. ***Chris Barnes made a motion that the club purchase two 20x40 canopies from Sam's, providing the prices are still around \$200. Summer Reidberger seconded it, and the motion carried.***

Steve reminded all marshals to be at the test grounds Friday no later than 2:00 p.m. to get headquarters set up, so that we are ready to set tests up as soon as the judges have them decided.

Food and drinks were discussed. Dale & Cindi are buying all the drinks, except for what Dave B. still has in his walk-in cooler. Also, Ozarka Water is donating 10 cases of water for the test, through Brian Neumann's connections there. Slovacek Sausage is donating sausage also. Dalene and her girls will take care of workers' snack bags.

There is a possibility that the AKC will NOT approve Vicki Christianson and Steve Cunningham as judges, due to the fact that they are also judging the other day.

Steve ran down the list of items for the raffle, which include some items from Dogs Afield, a Tri-Tronics book and 25% discount, Hevi-shot shells, a food dehydrator, a Doken decoy, some camo clothing, a thermometer, some decoys, a mounted duck, the service of a duck being mounted, a shot gun, and a Bumper Boy Derby Double. The Shotgun and the Bumper Boy will be on a separate table, with 10 tickets costing \$20.00. The others will be \$20 for a wing span.

Dalene Barnes made a motion that the club give Julie Harlin a gift certificate to the mall for all her hard work on the test. Dennis Crain seconded it, and the motion passed As the certificate was on-hand, it was then presented to Julie Harlin.

Other Business

Dalene reported that both the TAMU Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and the Brazos Valley Chapter were grateful to accept donations for their door prizes. Dave Brannon will donate the guided hunt to the TAMU Chapter, as they are allowing us to set up a table in the lobby to promote membership. The TAMU Banquet is November 19 (the same day as the next BCSRC meeting), and the Brazos Valley Banquet is October 24. ***Steve Harlin made a motion that we donate a "Training starter kit" (consisting of 3 bumpers, a whistle, a pinch collar and a lead), a coffee mug and a hat to both groups. Chris Barnes seconded the motion, and it carried.***

Dalene then updated the group on the Holiday Parade idea. Entry fees are \$25 for community groups, and the entry deadline is November 15; the theme is "The Spirit of Christmas in America." Ideas for a float were discussed, with the general idea being a float which looks like a hunting blind. It was decided to discuss it more after the hunting test.

Dale Tolmsoff reported that Rody Best, former president now working at Triple Crown Dog Academy, asked if the club might be interested in training at Triple Crown, either a single day event or a weekend event, with the possibility of trailers being available for

overnight stay. It was generally agreed that this might be worth looking into during the off-hunting season.

2003 HRC Test

Chairman Chris Barnes gave a brief report, stating that the judges are secured, the land is arranged, and the paperwork is being taken care of. Further details will be relayed after this weekend's test.

2003 Spring AKC Test

Dave Brannon agreed to chair the 2003 AKC Spring Test, which will be held at his place. We still need a secretary. Paperwork for that is due in early December. Dave Brannon reminded the club that the Master National is the week after our test, and is within 700 miles of here. Dave suggested that we plan ahead to have three flights of Master.

New Business

Dave informed the group that Sign Pro could install a 3 foot high logo on our trailer, on both sides for about \$200. They are also making new test signs for us. ***Dave Brannon then made a motion that the club proceed with the logo being put on the trailer, Steve Harlin seconded it, and the motion carried.***

There being no further business, Charles Payne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Steve Cunningham seconded it, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes
Secretary/Treasurer