

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club

Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

J. Cody's Restaurant

Members Present: Chris & Dalene Barnes, Dave Brannon, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Jim Connor, Dennis Crain, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Steve Harlin, Lauren Hayes, Kimberly Mellor, Brian & Summer Neumann, Charles & Sherry Payne, Lisa Trudell

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Dennis Crain. The minutes of the June meeting were not read (since the new secretary forgot to bring a copy). Chris has posted them on the club web site and Rane asked members to please let her know if errors were found.

Treasurer Dalene Barnes reported an account balance of \$1786.14 down \$400.00 from last month. Details of the expenditures were provided. Upon a motion by Steve Cunningham and a second by Chris Barnes, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

There was discussion of posting a BCSRC Training Grounds sign that would include hang tag requirements and a trespasser warning at or just inside the entrance of the training grounds. It was decided permission to do so was the first step and that Dennis will ask Carroll Miller to check with the land owner for permission.

Steve Harlin reported that of the 18 judges who had been suggested to him for the October 2003 AKC Hunt Test - 3 had committed, 9 declined and he was awaiting return calls from the remaining. It was decided he would file the application by the deadline to avoid late fees using club members to fill the judge assignments.

Dennis Crain reported the Board of Directors decision to host the Spring 2004 International Grand Hunt (April 24-28) based on member interest and information Janet Kimbrough had provided about duties and responsibilities. He reported on the decision by the Board to elect Dennis Crain as Grand Hunt Chairman, Dale Tolmsoff as Grand Hunt Marshal, Dave Brannon as Co-Grand Hunt Marshal, and to fill the remaining positions through volunteer/motion/vote at general membership meetings. A marshal and co-marshal were selected due to the distance between the two properties to be used (Dave Brannon's and Sawdust Ranch). He explained there are Permanent and Local Grand Hunt Committees; that Laura Neans will serve as Treasurer and was appointed by the HRC executive committee; and that Claudine Christopher and Janet Kimbrough will serve as Secretary due to their collective knowledge/experience of this position. Remaining positions are open and those wishing to volunteer were asked to e-mail Dennis for presentation and vote at the August meeting.

Chris Barnes reported that he had investigated ways for the club to earn money at the Grand (including one item for the club at the raffle, raffle on test grounds) all were denied. He noted that the HRC had made a profit of \$20,000 when the Cajun HRC in Louisiana hosted and had hopes that a portion would go to their club but none did. Suggested we continue to explore ways for the club to be compensated for the hard work required to host a successful Grand. Dennis said he would invite Janet Kimbrough to the August meeting to answer questions.

Steve Cunningham was volunteered (and he accepted) to serve as Hunt Test Chairman and Dalene Barnes volunteered to serve as Hunt Test Secretary for the Spring 2004 HRC Hunt Test. Volunteers were approved by the Board.

Reminder was given for the Marshal Seminar on August 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. No charge to club members and \$15 fee for non-club members. Please call or e-mail Michelle McHale with RSVP.

Chris Barnes noted that he had forgotten the free pass rewards from the last test, but would get them done and distributed.

Charles Payne and Steve Cunningham agreed to build the bird euthanizing box.

New Business

Summer Neumann announced she had accepted a job in the Austin area and she and Brian would be moving in this month.

Dennis Crain had a call from a club asking if our club would be interested in co-hosting the 2005 Master National. The members expressed interest and asked for more details on duties, location, travel/accommodations, etc. Dennis said he would get more details and e-mail them to the listserv.

Dennis had received AKC Field Trial rule changes for vote. The club will not cast a vote as we do not participate in Field Trials.

New Members

The following applications were presented for review and will be presented for voting at the August meeting:

Deborah Blackwell
Dan Negrin

The following were voted in unanimously as new members:

Kirk Wichman
Steve Biggers

Upon a motion by Lisa Trudell and a second by Chris Barnes the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rane Cunningham
Secretary
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