

Minutes

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

J. Cody's Restaurant

Members Present: Chris & Dalene Barnes, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Nathanel Cook, Priscilla Cook, Pat & Michele McHale, Lisa Trudell, Jim Connor, Brian Neumann & Summer Reidberger, Steve & Julie Harlin, Dale & Cindi Tolmsoff, Dave Brannon, Brandon Marth, Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Steve & Rane Cunningham

Visitors Present: Jason Cunningham, Vicki Giles, Bryan Grantom, Shane Hector.

President Dennis Crain called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Dalene Barnes read the minutes from the February meeting, and *upon a motion by Chris Barnes and a second by Charles Payne, they were approved as read.*

The treasurer's report showed an account balance of \$7,612.37. *Upon a motion by Chris Barnes and a second by Steve Harlin, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

Spring AKC Hunting Test

Dave Brannon, Chairman for the Spring AKC Hunting Test, gave an overview of the test. The bottom line profit was – with all known bills in – is \$4219.44. Dave thanked everyone for their hard work, and reported that he had received many compliments on our test and our club.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for 2003-2004 Officers was appointed by the Board. Steve Harlin will serve as chairman, with Rane Cunningham and Sheri Payne as the other members, and Steve Sadler and Cindi Tolmsoff as alternates. Dalene will get a list of qualified members, who are eligible to be officers and board members, to the committee as soon as possible.

Spring Picnic and Playday

The Annual Spring Picnic & Play Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Dave Brannon's Ranch. Along with the usual training, skeet shoot and awards, there will also be an upland pheasant hunt for those who are interested. Members whose dogs have titled in the past year are encouraged to get that information to Dalene soon so she can order the plaques. Dalene explained to new members and visitors how the club gives achievement plaques to new members for their first title, then add-on bars with the dog's name for that and every other title their personally owned dog receives in subsequent years.

Other Business

Dennis brought up the subject of rewarding qualified club members, and asked for ideas and input from the general membership. Charles suggested perhaps a goose lease, or a guided hunt. He also suggested that we remember that several wives are qualified members, who might appreciate something more than a guided hunt. Vicki Christianson suggested continuing giving free entries, but allow club members to exchange them for a wing span worth of raffle tickets at tests. Summer Reidberger suggested allowing club members to exchange 3 entries for something like a Cabela's gift certificate. Dennis suggested that people continue to think about it, and we'll discuss it and send it to the Board later.

Dale Tolmsoff and Chris Barnes went out to Iola to Byron Kay's land, and looked at the acreage he suggested as possible training grounds. Chris and Dale agreed that the terrain was not varied enough to suit our needs, but that one pond Byron offered might work for a Master Test if Bryon is willing to let us use it. We will continue to pursue the land owned by the FFA worker, and see if it might be feasible.

Charles Payne then brought up some equipment purchases that the club needs to make before the next hunting test seasons, most notably 870 shotguns, Jr. ribbons, live shells. It was commented that the interior of the trailer may need to be re-done to accommodate our new wingers and gun stands.

The UKC rule of "factory loaded primers" was then discussed. Our club assumed that meant factory loaded primers and hulls, but other clubs, with the area rep's blessing, have taken that to assume that if the primer – and primer only – are factory loaded, the you can re-use hulls and seal the primer in them. The club will probably commence "reloading" in an effort to save money for the next UKC test that way.

Steve Harlin mentioned that several BCSRC club members had titled dogs recently; Dave Christianson, Pat McHale, Chris Barnes, Dale Tolmsoff, Charles Payne. They were all applauded.

Charles Payne made a motion to adjourn. He was succinctly informed that it was a bad motion, since we had not talked about the 2003 Fall AKC hunt test yet, and he withdrew it.

The AKC Fall Test was discussed. The Board has approved Cindi Tolmsoff as Secretary for the Test. Lisa Trudell then volunteered her services as Secretary, too. President Crain indicated that Lisa and Cindi could work together in that capacity. Steve Harlin had volunteered and was appointed by the Board to serve as Chairman for the upcoming test. ***Even though this is a Board appointed position and did not need a vote, Charles "seconded" the appointment of Steve Harlin, Steve Cunningham "thirded" it, and Chris Barnes "fourthed" it.***

Charles Payne made a motion to adjourn. He was succinctly informed that it was a bad motion, since we had not finished with new business yet, and he withdrew it.

Rane Cunningham suggested that the club check with Cody, owner of J. Cody's restaurant, and see if we could bring our banner to meetings, and/or have a custom made semi-permanent sign that says, "The Bryan-College Station Retriever Club meets here." In exchange for permission to do so, the club would offer Cody a free membership to the Club. ***Steve Cunningham, in a "cunning" move to steal Rane's thunder, made a motion to that effect, Pat McHale seconded it, and the motion passed.***

The club was the officially invited to the wedding of Brian Neumann and Summer Reidberger on May 17th in Nelsonville. Summer asked that club members RSVP to Dalene so they could get an accurate count.

Michele McHale then brought up the idea of our club sponsoring a "Marshal Seminar" for all the other interested clubs in the state, as good marshals seem to be in short supply, because most are not taught how to do the job properly. The briefings that Dale Tolmsoff held, based on written guidelines by Chris Barnes and Vicki Christianson, helped our club's marshals immensely, and it seems there may be a statewide demand for this, based on experiences had by club members are recent tests where 16 Junior dogs were lined up at once! Michele suggested that this not necessarily be a fund-raiser, but possibly combined with some fun activities to attract more people. Steve Harlin made a motion to refer this to the Board for further discussion, but withdrew the motion after further discussion ensued. ***Michele McHale then made a motion that a committee be set up to pursue this seminar, Charles Payne seconded it, and the motion passed.*** Dennis then appointed a committee of Michele McHale, Dale Tolmsoff, and Vicki Christianson.

Charles Payne made a motion to adjourn. He was succinctly informed that it was a bad motion, since we still had not finished with new business yet, and he withdrew it.

Dalene reminded the group that our club is sponsoring an AKC Judges' and Handlers' Seminar on July 12. It will most likely be at the Brazos Center; more details will follow.

Steve Harlin had been approached about our club participating in an event called, "Dog Day Afternoon," put on by a local pet shop. They would be highlighting several different areas in which dogs play a key role; seeing-eye dogs, drug dogs, therapy dogs, and wanted to know if our club would be interested in participating with information and a demonstration. It will be held at Tiffany Park in late April, but Steve didn't have many more details than. ***Chris Barnes made a motion that, since Steve Harlin is smart enough to know whether this would be a good thing for our club or not, he be given the go-ahead to get details and pursue it further if it is. Summer and Cindi seconded the motion simultaneously, and it passed.*** Several members requested that the phrase "Steve Harlin is smart enough," be reflected in the minutes.

Jason Cunningham and Shane Hector, a hunting budding and friend, then asked the group if we would like to sponsor their chili cooking team for the upcoming Chilifest. They

explained that, basically, they needed a financial sponsor for t-shirts, with both our club info and their team logo on it; our banner would be displayed, brochures would be handed out. The cost for t-shirts would be minimal if we could give them 30 of the club t-shirt we already have; if there are not 30 left, they would have to buy shirts and have them printed, at a cost of around \$250. Jason felt this would be a good way for the club to get a lot of exposure with the college crowd, and help them be aware of our club and what we do. ***Chris Barnes made a motion that we allow them to use our banner, brochures, and t-shirts if we have them, but that the final financial decision be reached by the Board over phone and/or e-mail. Steve Cunningham seconded the motion, and it carried.***

Charles Payne made a motion to adjourn. He was succinctly informed that it was a bad motion, since we had not voted on new memberships yet, and he withdrew it.

President Crain then presented for a vote of approval the following membership applications which were submitted last month:

Jim Connor
Bart Hege
Ken & Peggy Robbins

All were accepted. The following applications were submitted for consideration, and will be presented for a vote at the April meeting:

Bryan and Sherry Grantom
Ken Silke
Shane Hector
Matt Morgan

Charles then restated his motion to adjourn, Lisa Trudell seconded it, and the motion (since it was a good one this time!) passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes
Secretary/Treasurer
Bryan-College Station Retriever Club