

Bryan-College Station Retriever Club Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Members Present: Chris & Dalene Barnes, Dave Brannon, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Nathanael Cook, Randall Cook, Dennis Crain, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Max Hamilton, Steve Harlin, Jayson Lyday, Pat & Michele McHale, Charles & Sherry Payne, Blake Robertson, Chuck Robertson, Steve & Tracey Sadler, Dale Tolmsoff, Gene White

President Dennis Crain called the meeting to order. The January minutes were read and approved with correction of "....approximate net profit of \$4,044 for the UKC/HRC HT....." changed to "...approximate net profit of \$2,331 for the UKC/HRC HT....." with motion by Dave Brannon and second by Steve Cunningham.

The Treasurer's report showed a checking balance of \$10,835. The treasurer's report was approved as read with motion by Steve Harlin and second by Pat McHale.

Old Business

Review of AKC Spring HT - Dave Brannon - extended thanks to all for making the AKC spring hunt test a success and reported a profit of \$8,772. He reported there was little land damage and has had great compliments from non-member attendees. He extended a thank you to the club member judges who stepped in due to the large number of entries. Vicki Christianson and Dave Brannon handed out 25 free passes earned at the HRC hunt test.

Possible Upland HT before BCSRC 2004 Spring Grand - Board felt it would be better to consider having one in the fall and for the club to not take on more before the Grand. Chris Barnes will check into available dates.

BCSRC 2004 Spring Grand - update and call for volunteers - Sherry Payne has banquet facilities and caterers reserved. She and Dave Brannon have lunches for judges and workers planned but need volunteers for lunch delivery Monday - Wednesday. Have had some response to raffle item donation requests, but still need items. Dennis Crain reported that shirts from Mossy Oak are not a possibility and the Grand Committee and Board are looking at Feather Flogged camo. Shirts and hats will be given to handlers and available for purchase by others. Dale Tolmsoff has adjusted the BCSRC logo for the Grand and can be seen on the BCSRC website. Dale again requested volunteers for the week of the Grand and needs to know ASAP if you are available. Dennis reported to general membership the Grand national committee has added profit sharing for the hosting club(s). Steve Cunningham has ducks and pheasants ordered.

Discussion of Master National Board Actions - Dave Christianson - club needs to respond to AKC proposals. We are MN members so it concerns us this will cut our Master entries if pro-trainers cannot run. He made a motion that we respond to MN and say we are out if this goes through. Steve Cunningham seconded it and the motion carried. Dave will write the first draft. Final draft will be sent by the board.

Discussion of the possibility of changing our HRC hunt test date. The 14th weekend of the year is open (no other HRC club has a test). Currently only the Houston Golden Club has an AKC test (a 1 day, JR/SR only test) on that weekend. The reason for changing would be:

- This would give us 5 weeks of separation from our AKC test (we currently only have 3).
- The weather would be MUCH more conducive to holding a test. Let's face it; February is always going to be cold, and almost always wet. April might be wet, but at least it'll be warmer (but not too warm).

Concerns of the weekend also being Easter weekend were raised. Following discussion Chris Barnes with second by Charles Payne made a motion that our HRC test be moved to the 14th weekend pending HRC approval. The motion passed with one opposing vote from Pat McHale. Chris Barnes will pursue making the change.

Professional photographers working the hunt test - present criteria - this item was tabled at the Board of Directors meeting therefore there is no criteria to present. This will be on agenda for next Board meeting.

Euthanizing box - Charles Payne reported he has sufficient quantities of cardboard and duct tape for corrections.... ok, corrections have been made and it will be completed with proper material.

K-9 Nutrition Seminar - update - Dale Tolmsoff has scheduled this for the August meeting.

New Business

Qualified member list - Vicki Christianson and Chris Barnes will get their lists to Dalene Barnes who will compile them and provide to Dale Tolmsoff for use by the nominating committee. The list will also be used to distribute training grounds hangtags at the Spring Picnic.

Nominating Committee - Dale Tolmsoff (chair), Chris Barnes and Sherry Payne (members), and Tony Lyles and Nathanael Cook (alternate members) accepted appointment to the committee. Please email desire to serve as a board of director or board member to Dale.

Spring Picnic - the Board suggested May 15 and asked for any known conflicts and/or other date suggestions. After discussion of Texas A&M graduation date and Mothers Day, Vickie Christianson made a motion with second by Chris Barnes that we have this years Spring Picnic (Play Day) on May 15 at Dave Brannon's. The motion passed unanimously. Dave Brannon and Jayson Lyday will head the committee and planning.

Club purchases and priority status -

- pop-up canopies - Motion by Dennis Crain with second by Vickie for purchase. Discussion was for the most part in favor of the purchase. Opposition was that it is an unnecessary expense, may not be cared for properly so not last long, and be an extra burden on marshals. Others considered it necessary for the judges during inclement weather or as shade during the heat. The motion passed with one opposing vote from Michele McHale. Dave Brannon will investigate the cost of 6 units.
- popper gun - tabled
- status of blinds purchase - Dennis Crain reported from Janet Kimbrough that the material shipped was wrong. She is looking for an alternate supplier as the material that was shipped was lighter weight at the same cost as she had previously paid for the heavier material.
- second trailer
- technical training pond at Vajak training grounds - Dennis nominated Chris Barnes (he accepted) to check into the cost of trailer and ponds. Steve Harlin made a motion of the nomination and Steve Cunningham seconded it. The motion passed.

Chris Barnes requested all "brags" for passes be sent to him by email so he can update the club website.

New Members

The following applications were presented for review and will be presented for vote at the April meeting:

Jonathan Berry

The following were voted in unanimously as new members:

Matt & Heather Miller
Gene White

The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Chris Barnes with a second by Charles Payne.

Respectfully submitted,

Rane Cunningham
Secretary
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