

Bryan College Station Retriever Club – Minutes
College Station Conference Center
Tuesday, June 20, 2006

1. Members Present - Mike Akeroyd, Dave Brannon, David & Vicki Christianson, Danny Cranford, Steve & Rane Cunningham, Max & Celia Hamilton, Steve Hand, Steve Harlin, Pat & Michele, McHale, Kevin Wood, Rachel McNeilly, Charles & Sherry Payne, Lisa Street, Dale Tolmsoff, Eric Walberg, Dean & Shirley Wallace, Gene White
2. Minutes from May Meeting – Motion to approve as written by Dave Brannon, second by Charles Payne, approved by vote.
3. President's Report - none
4. Secretary's Report - none
5. Treasurer's Report - ~\$6000.00 in account with no outstanding bills.
6. Committees Reports
 - a) MNRC Report / Letter – Dave Christianson announced that he has resigned as regional director. National Regional concept being presented for vote. A National Regional will increase handler/owner expense. Club will receive letter outlining Regional. Club will have to decide how to vote. Dave C. encourages a No vote. Alternate concept presented by Vicki is “going around country”. There are no volunteers to replace Dave C. as director.
 - b) Fall 2006 AKC Hunting Test, October 21 & 22 – Dave Christianson, Chairman, with Gene White assisting. Dave C. reported he has all judges with one needing to attend a seminar and one having to take test, but doesn't expect any problems. There will be 2 Jr. each day, 2 Sr. on Sunday, and 2 Master with an addition set of master judges in reserve if needed. Vicki C. is arranging for judges gifts and will handle worker snacks. Sherry Payne, Secretary; Danny Cranford, Cook; Eric Walberg, Head Marshal with Tony Lyles helping; Steve Harlin, Head of Guns; Max Hamilton, Bird Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Garrett Bigelow, Raffle Coordinator. There was discussion of increasing entry fees. Celia will research entry fees for other clubs in our area and present through listserv later this week.
 - c) Fall 2006 HRC Hunting Test, November 11 & 12 – Pat McHale, Chairman. He reported the test will be a Sawdust Ranch. Getting judges is in progress. Dalene Barnes, Secretary; Steve Cunningham, Cook; Dean Wallace, Bird Steward. Pat would like to do the youth hunt again. Members present agreed. He asked Lisa Street to be there for pictures. There was discussion of making pheasant tail feather “plaques” for titles. Steve Harlin and Lisa will promote upland and youth hunt through the HRC magazine. After discussion, Charles Payne made a motion to put ½ page ad in the Aug/Sept issue with second by Vicki Christianson, approved by vote. Lisa will also write an article to promote the youth hunt. All submissions will be made by July 15. Compliments were given to Lisa on her reports written. She was asked and agreed to write the regional reports for each issue of the HRC magazine. Dale Tolmsoff will contact other clubs and ask them to let their members know about the youth hunt at the fall test. There was discussion of the impact the use of free entry certificates for the upland has on club revenue. Concluding with agreement by general opinion to not limit their use. Cost of pheasants

was discussed with report from Steve Cunningham that current price quotes ranges from \$7.75 + 1 cent per day per bird to \$8.25 including delivery.

- d) HRC National meeting – Dave Brannon reported the Fall Grand will be held in Georgia October 21-25. The Spring Grand will be in Four States, Texas. Votes on seasoned blind have language for finished and seasoned the same now. Vote keeps upland in Grand. A CD will be available soon with all the new info and changes. There is a new youth program with titles for youth 10-18 years old. It will include a gun safety program and will follow the same test format as the adult tests. The difference is that the judging is of the youth handler's abilities not the dog performance. Dave B. commented on the importance of the youth program to the sport and a photo he considers classic. The photo of a youth sitting on a bucket with his Hootie sitting beside her and Hootie being taller than the youth. It was noted that when Dave is sitting on a bucket Hootie is nearly taller than him.

7. Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants

- a) Applicants voted on for membership: none

- b) Applicants presented to membership: none

- (a) Steve Harlin suggested a need for member recruitment and retention. Eric Walberg mentioned intimidation factor – the concern of not having the knowledge and failing in front of those more knowledgeable. Lisa Street suggested calling new members to welcome them, and asking them to help by working with members not sent to marshal by themselves. Dale Tolmsoff noted that Steve H. is a good mentor. Steve H. is willing to chair such a committee. Rane Cunningham made a motion that Steve Harlin chair a member welcoming and recruitment committee, and select at least 2 other members to serve on the committee with him. Celia Hamilton seconded, approved by vote.

8. Unfinished Business

- a) Update on Membership list to password protected – Chris Barnes not in attendance for report. Dale Tolmsoff reported discussing between him, Chris and Ken Selke regarding spam through membership list and listserv. Suggests listserv be limited to members only. Also, suggestion from floor to have club forum. Discussion included use and cost. Max Hamilton will research cost. Rane Cunningham suggested announce only listserv which would allow members to receive club announcements without discussion and numerous emails. She could moderate and send out 1 to 2 messages a week. Comments and questions would go to email included in announcement. Dave Christianson made motion to implement announce listserv with Rane as moderator, Gene White seconded, approved by vote. Dale will follow up with Chris to finalize password protection of membership list and provide generic email addresses for non-club members to contact.
- b) Update on goose hunt – Steve Cunningham reported that December 16-17 has been reserved with Coastal Wings for the hunt. Hunt can be a one or two day hunt. Cost is \$150.00 per hunter and \$30.00 per non hunter for each day. A Saturday afternoon duck bay hunt is also available for an additional \$50.00 per hunter. Contact Steve C. to sign up for hunt. He encouraged early contact as the hunt last year filled up in 4 days. Discussion trailed off into snoring bunkmates.
- c) Purchase of primers and poppers – Dave Brannon reported club is low on both and that we can get more from Fiocchi. Members can order as well at discounted prices. Place

order with Dave B. Dave Christianson asked about live round inventory. Inventory is less than 2 cases – Charles Payne or Dave B. will make purchase locally before next hunts.

- d) Purchase of wingers – Dave Brannon asked if club wants to purchase more wingers and reported that Gunners Up wingers are \$275. There was discussion of selling the goal post wingers. Lisa Street will ask Raven's Way if they would like to purchase. Steve Cunningham made motion to buy 3 wingers at a time with seconded by Pat McHale. Discussion concerning price if only 3 ordered. Motion amended to proceed with purchase of 3 at a time if price per winger the same as quoted for purchase of 6 with Danny Cranford checking on price. Approved by vote.
- e) AKC Judging Conflict of Interest Policy – this policy would cause AKC judges who judge HRC as well to have to choose between judging for AKC or HRC. Discussion included message we as club want to send to AKC as well as what individuals can do. Vicki Christianson stated she was told letters through postal delivery will have more impact than email. She will send AKC "snail mail" addresses to club listserv. Letters regarding this policy should be sent to those addresses. Dave Brannon presented his draft of such a letter and asked for comments / suggestions.

9. New Business

- a) Online Event Management System – Dale Tolmsoff reported that he and Cindi had set the club up on this system with AKC. Now all aspects of a hunting test can be handled online. Making changes easily and more cost efficient for the club.
- b) Christmas Party – After discussion, Sherry Payne made a motion that the party be held December 2 with second by Pat McHale, approved by vote. Sherry will locate and reserve facility.

10. Next Meeting will be at the College Station Conference Center on July 18 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment with motion by Vicki Christianson, second by Gene White, approval by vote

Respectfully submitted,

Rane Cunningham
BCSRC Secretary