

**Bryan College Station Retriever Club – Minutes**  
**Larry Ringer Library, College Station**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

1. **Members Present** – Chris Barnes, Garrett Bigelow, Dave Brannon, David & Vicki Christianson, Joshua E. Clepper, Jim Connor, Danny Cranford, Steven & Rane Cunningham, Jennifer Dickson, Andy Drake, Steve Hand, Tony Lyles, Pat & Michele McHale, Charles & Sherry Payne, Judd & Lisa Street, Dale Tolmsoff, Eric Walberg, Dean & Shirley Wallace, Gene White
2. **Visitor Introductions** – Dale Tolmsoff: Chuck Clifford
3. **Minutes of January Meeting** – Rane Cunningham: motion to approve Chris Barnes with second by Dave Brannon. Approved by vote.
4. **President's Report** – Dale Tolmsoff: Kim Mann with Nutro is scheduled for June 19 to present on K-9 nutrition
5. **Secretary's Report** – Rane Cunningham: none
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Payne: beginning balance of \$3017 less the final HRC expenses, Master National dues, 2 zinger wingers, and buying sodas when on sale for the upcoming hunt test leaves an ending balance of \$2358
7. **Committees Reports**
  - a) **MNRC Report** – David Christianson: nothing new to report
  - b) **Spring 2007 AKC Hunting Test, Sawdust Ranch, March 3 & 4** – Gene White, Chairman; (Sherry Payne, Secretary; Danny Cranford, Headquarters; Mike Akeroyd, Cook; Dean Wallace, Head Marshal; Max Hamilton, Head of Guns; Garrett Bigelow, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Steve Cunningham, Raffle Coordinator). Entries are down, still need marshals, Steve C has acquired donations of various items for the raffle. Eric asked if we had gunners – Max Hamilton not present to answer – Eric called Max and learned gunners are needed – Joshua volunteered. Dale reported that the Byron K Ranch will be available if needed as long as we don't get much more rain. Jim Conner is donating duck decoys to the club for use at hunt tests.
  - c) **Spring 2007 HRC Hunting Test, Brannon Ranch, March 31 & April 1** – Garrett Bigelow, Chairman; (Glenda Akeroyd, Secretary; Dave Brannon, Headquarters & Cook; Gene White, Head Marshal; Walter English, Head of Guns; Pat McHale, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Danny Cranford, Raffle Coordinator, Dale Tolmsoff, committee member). Tony and Gene will coordinate bird boys. We are using huntsecretary.com for this test with Janet, Claudene, Glenda and Dale coordinating the mail to online entries and website maintenance. Janet is already receiving entries via mail and says she will be open to online entries before the test. Dave B. announced that Vision Photography will be at both of our spring tests.
  - d) **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – Steve Harlin, Chairman: Dale asked for volunteer to fill the chairman position. Lisa Street volunteered. Motion to accept by Gene White with second by Rane. Approved by vote.
  - e) **Training Opportunities 2007** – David Christianson, Coordinator: Danny Farmer has agreed to host a training day on the basics at his place. Pat suggested we plan a pot luck lunch. Dale suggested we present him with a gift of appreciation. After discussion about possible date it was decided to ask Danny for his best date(s) – Dave C. will handle this. After this date is set we will set annual play day date. Pat has been talking with Rick Greer, Jimmy Nealy, and Janet to show mechanics of setting up test for AKC and HRC. Pat was asked and agreed to host another training day.
8. **Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants**
  - a) **Applicants to be voted on for membership** – Jennifer Dickson, Michael Smith, Rob M. Somers, Michael & Lisa Nutter – Approved by vote.

b) **Applicants to be presented to membership** – Chuck Clifford

**9. Unfinished Business**

- a) **Club shirts** – Sherry Payne, Chairman; Cindi Tolmsoff, Shirley Wallace: not having much success in finding appropriate shirt / camo combination. So far Walls and K&L Specialties have been checked. Cindi will check with Advantage in Huntsville. Pat will call for Game Guard rep.
- b) **Status of adding club info to BCS Convention & Visitor Bureau website** – tabled
- c) **Status of Gunner's up order and wingers** – Dave B has ordered 3; will be in later this week
- d) **AKC judges/handlers seminar** – David Christianson, Chairman: July 21, location Gander Mnt Dale will update website
- e) **HRC judges/handlers seminar** – Chris Barnes, Chairman: was told we can't have one this year because HRC only allows one per region each year. There has already been one in January. Chris will continue to follow up on this
- f) **Presentation of entry certificates for fall tests** –
  - David Christianson, AKC
  - Pat McHale, HRC

**10. New Business –**

- a) Zinger Winger deal for Retriever Clubs – Dale Tolmsoff: Rob Sampson sent via email a certificate for 30% off for use at the raffle.
- b) Vicki's birthday is coming up Friday – Happy Birthday Vicki! Thanks for the yummy cake Dave.
- c) Chris asked the board to look at other possible uses for the entry certificates such as for raffle tickets. There was discussion whether that use was already approved – Vicki will check minutes
- d) Dave B announced that HRC judges need to take test online
- e) Lisa Street reported that she wrote and sent magazine report to Rody but it was never published
- f) Gene White suggested putting together a committee that could make a presentation on retrievers at the Gander Mtn grand opening. Gene changed suggestion to motion with Pat seconding. Approved by vote. Many volunteered to serve on the committee – Chris Barnes, Lisa & Judd Street, Pat McHale, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Gene White, Steve Hand, and Dean Wallace. It was then decided that Dave C would chair since he has already been working with Gander Mtn
- g) Congratulations to Michele McHale who has the #2 Curly Coat for '06 in UKC
- h) Pat asked how often the training grounds are used by members and wonders if it is not being used very often – less than 6 times a year – should we continue with that expense. Dale asked Sherry to report at next meeting when payment is due. We'll bring to vote at the next meeting whether to renew.
- i) Sherry reminded all that **dues are past due**
- j) Dale asked for HT news / passes – Charles and Stormy received their 1<sup>st</sup> master pass last weekend, Dave B and Drake received their HR at Colorado River, Dale's Tater got his 1<sup>st</sup> two finished passes at Ravens Way, Steve Hand's Jesse and Mac each received their junior titles last season.
- k) Watch for email from Eric – he will be putting together a order for training bumpers

**11. Next Meeting** – March 20, Larry Ringer Library, College Station

**12. Adjournment** – motion by Steve C with second by Vicki – meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by  
Rane Cunningham, BCSRC Secretary