

Bryan College Station Retriever Club Minutes
Larry Ringer Library, College Station
Wednesday, January 24, 2007

1. **Members Present** – Glenda Akeroyd, Chris Barnes, Dave Brannon, David & Vicki Christianson, Jim Connor, Steven Cunningham, Max & Celia Hamilton, Tony Lyles, Pat McHale, Charles & Sherry Payne, Craig K. Steiner, Judd & Lisa Street, Dale & Cindi Tolmsoff, Eric Walberg, Dean Wallace, Gene White, Theresa Yeager
2. **Visitors Present** – Lee Bernhoft, Lauren Davis, Jennifer Dickson, Lydia Connor
3. **Minutes of October, November, and December Meetings** – motion to approve as written by Chris Barnes, seconded by Jim Connor. Approved.
4. **President's Report** – Two hunt tests coming up. Garrett will not be here tonight and asked that members sign up for marshal duties
5. **Secretary's Report** – none
6. **Treasurer's Report** – After AKC and HRC fall test revenue and expenses, and club insurance the ending balance is \$3017.00. Upcoming expense is the Snook lease.
7. **Committees Reports**
 - a) **MNRC Report – David Christianson:** Failures don't count against qualifying for Master National until January '07. Must pass 5 out of 7 attempts to qualify. Need to make sure the scratches are clearly marked so don't accidentally appear as failures. Can only scratch due to dog injury or in season. It was suggested a committee verify any scratches. Form to fill out for master dog scratches to send to AKC.
 - b) **Training Opportunities** – Dale asked Dave Christianson to be the training coordinator for 2007. Dave agreed and the club approved him as training coordinator for '07 by vote from a motion by Steve Cunningham with second by Chris Barnes.
 - c) **Spring 2007 AKC Hunting Test, Sawdust Ranch, March 3 & 4** – Gene White, Chairman; (Sherry Payne, Secretary; Mike Akeroyd, Headquarters; Danny Cranford, Cook; Dean Wallace, Head Marshal; Steve Harlin, Head of Guns; Garrett Bigelow, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Steve Cunningham, Raffle Coordinator). Judges have been lined up; will be listed on Entry Express this evening, January 24, 2007. Tony is working on getting the A&M Corp again. Dale contacted Byron with Kay ranch. Byron said he would get back with Dale. The board has set an \$800.00 budget lunch and tailgate food.
 - d) **Spring 2007 HRC Hunting Test, Brannon Ranch, March 31 & April 1** – Garrett Bigelow, Chairman; (Glenda Akeroyd, Secretary; Dave Brannon, Headquarters; Dave Brannon, 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). Glenda reported she has talked with Entry Express to be the "guinea pig" club for the HRC test.
 - e) **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – no report
8. **Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants,**
 - a) **Applicants to be voted on for membership** – Joshua E. Clepper
 - b) **Applicants to be presented to membership** – Rob M. Somers, Jennifer Dickson, Michael Smith, (Michael and Lisa Nutter – I don't have an app for them?)

9. Unfinished Business

- a) **Club shirts** – Sherry Payne, Chairman; Cindi Tolmsoff, Shirley Wallace Long/Short Sleeve Shirt/ Advantage Specialties. Will check prices.
- b) **Status of adding club info to BCS Convention & Visitor Bureau website** – no update
- c) **Use of HRC and AKC pins as fund raiser or as part of play day** – will not do
- d) **Status of Gunner's up order and wingers** – Dave Brannon \$275.00 for Wingers, let Dave know if you would like to order one.
- e) **AKC judges/handlers seminar – Dave Christianson, Chairman:** July 21st, possibly held at the new Gander Mountain.
- f) **HRC judges/handlers seminar – Chris Barnes, Chairman:** talked to Janet and trying to set date.

10. New Business

- a) **Board of Member Resignation** – Dale announced that Steve Harlin has resigned from the Board of Directors. After discussion about need to fill the position, Steve Cunningham made a motion nominating Eric Walberg. Chris Barnes seconded the motion. Pat called Eric who accepted the nomination. By unanimous vote of approval Eric will serve as board member the remainder of this election year.
- b) **Conflict of Interest** – AKC has modified the rule regarding performance event judges judging non AKC events. See AKC website for complete ruling.
- c) **Letter from Mark Lanier – HRC audit:** the general consensus of the club members is that it is good practice to have an outside audit every three years.
- d) **Entry fees for '07 AKC/HRC events:** by vote the fees for each were approved as
 - AKC: \$50 for junior, \$55 for senior, \$60 for master
 - HRC: \$45 for started, \$50 for seasoned; \$60 for finished
- e) Lisa thanked the club for all the emails and calls of concern for Judd.
- f) Dale and Steve C. expressed concern about the Texas Retriever link on the BCSRC website and the hunt test calendar not being kept current and suggested using another calendar. Chris commented that he had considered disbanding the TexasRetrievers website entirely, due to it possibly being at the end of its useful life. But after comments from folks over the past week decided that it was still a useful tool and that other sources of information did not have complete information. He was persuaded to continue it for at least another 2 years. As such, the information for the 2007 calendar on Texas Retrievers had been updated by the time of this meeting. Dave Brannon commented on Texas Retrievers and how it is a good thing to have a central location for the hunt test. Dave also suggested that it would be easier to maintain if Chris merely listed the events on the main calendar page with a direct link to the club website (or EE) rather than trying to keep current information on the HT secretaries. There was no decision made for changes.

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

12. **Adjournment** – The new board member, Eric Walberg, finally arrived and promptly made a motion to adjourn; followed by a quick second by Vicki. We stand adjourned.