

**Bryan College Station Retriever Club – Minutes**  
**Dave Brannon Ranch, College Station**  
**Saturday, May 26, 2007**

1. **Members Present** – Steven & Rane Cunningham, Dennis Crain, Charles & Sherry Payne, Garrett & Cynthia Bigelow, Dave Brannon, Dean & Shirley Wallace, Teresa Yeager, Dave & Vicki Christianson, Craig Steiner, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Gene White, Eric Walberg, Lisa Street, Dale Tolmsoff, Max & Celia Hamilton, Glenda & Mike Akeroyd, Walter & Andrea English, Pat & Michele McHale, Danny & Nova Cranford
2. **Visitor Introductions** – Dale Tolmsoff: Vince, Amber, Patrick & Alicia Carr
3. **Minutes of April Meeting** – Rane Cunningham: motion to accept as written Chris Barnes, second by Glenda Akeroyd - approved
4. **President's Report** – Dale Tolmsoff:
  - a) Read letter of thanks from Operation Game Thief for the support of Game Warden Justin Hurst's family.
  - b) Reported that per landowner feedback the landowner gift for Sawdust was changed from duck boxes to 51 pheasants which Steve Cunningham will deliver.
  - c) Presentation of land owner gift was made to Dave Brannon
  - d) Gene White and Garrett Bigelow then presented free entry certificates for the spring tests
5. **Secretary's Report** – Rane Cunningham: requested all present check membership list, volunteer lists, and qualifying list for accuracy. Please note any corrections on print out.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Payne: all test bills paid, ribbons ordered and paid, ending balance of \$8077 – full report on file
7. **Committees Reports**
  - a) **MNRC Report** – David Christianson: Tim Buck was nominated as Grand judge as Dave Christianson can not as the regional representative.
  - b) **Fall 2007 AKC Hunting Test, Location Sawdust?, October 20 & 21 – Eric Walberg, Chairman**; Chris Barnes, Secretary; Rane Cunningham, Headquarters; Steven Cunningham / Dale Tolmsoff, Cook; *Tony Lyles*, Head Marshal; Pat McHale, Head of Guns; Max Hamilton, Game Steward; Charles Payne, Equipment Manager; Danny Cranford, Raffle Coordinator. Adding a senior test to Saturday was suggested - Committee in conjunction with board will decide.
  - c) **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – Lisa Street, Chairman:
    - (1) Ladies training day – with Pat McHale, date 6/16 at 7:30 AM; lunch will be provided
  - d) **Club shirts** – Sherry Payne, Chairman; Cindi Tolmsoff, Shirley Wallace: - tabled til July
  - e) **AKC judges/handlers seminar** – David Christianson, Chairman: July 21 at Gander Mtn – reported there has been good response.
  - f) **HRC judges/handlers seminar** – Chris Barnes, Chairman: July 28 at Gander Mtn – reported on target.
  - g) **Training Opportunities 2007** – David Christianson, Coordinator:
    - (1) AKC training day – July 22 with Rick Greer & Pat McHale at Dave Brannon's
    - (2) HRC training day – July 29 with Janet Kimbrough & Jimmy Neely at Dave Brannon's
    - (3) Pat McHale training day – June 23 at the McHale's place

**8. Election of Officers and Board of Directors – New Board of Directors is**

**President:** Dale Tolmsoff  
**Vice President:** Dave Brannon  
**Secretary:** Lisa Street  
**Treasurer:** Sherry Payne  
**Directors:** Danny Cranford  
Pat McHale  
Charles Payne  
Eric Walberg  
Dean Wallace

**Note:** Judd Street withdrew his name from the nominees during call for additional nominees of which there were none.

**9. Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants**

**a) Applicants to be voted on for membership –**

Debra J. Lee, Brady Jackson, Jonas Brooks, Clint Zentic, and Danielle Petter

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

Vince & Amber Carr and family

**10. Unfinished Business –**

**a) Training grounds sign –** Dale will put up sign and update website

**11. New Business –**

**a)** Title bars and plaques were presented – see brags page on website

**b)** Club mugs with logo available for \$15 each – will be offered to qualifying members first and made available to all as supply lasts

**c)** Gag gifts were presented – see attachment

**12. Next Meeting –** June 19, Gander Mtn meeting room

**13. Adjournment –** motion to adjourn by Dennis Crain with second by Eric Walberg – adjourned – let the games begin!

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rane Cunningham**  
**BCSRC Secretary**

## Special Awards for Special People...

Just recently, I have begun to look for other ways to spend my weekends. As a result, last weekend I found a real treasure at a yard sale that I am passing it on to the club:

1. **Sherry Payne** – *Our Christmas Party Organizer – 2006* You did a wonderful job last year we all have a good time didn't we? I don't know if you will be the Organizer again this year, but I wanted you to have this box of ornaments to help with the decorations. If someone else volunteers, feel free to pass the box along to them.
2. **Michele McHale** - Coffee Lover's basket .....Bright and early every morning Michele had the coffee brewing....Thanks for getting everyone off to the right start!
3. **Eric Walberg** – Headband alarm clock....Eric reminded us all that he received an alarm clock last year because he slept in late when he was HT Secretary for the HRC test. This year he gets another because he was MIA until 2 p.m. when he was serving as Head Marshall at the Fall AKC test....Now he's going to be Fall Chairman and he really going to need this!
4. **Tejas Refugees** – Tejas Koozies – To remind you of the “Old Country” when times were good.....
5. **Chris Barnes** –HRC rules with Claudene's Phone number written big and bold on the cover.... And an enlarged copy of the rules for Reinstating a Judges license..... for letting his judging license expire by accident and announcing that he did that to the world on the HRC forum.
6. **Charles Payne** –While preparing for the Heart of Texas Master Test, Charles got really concerned when his dog, Stormy wouldn't go when sent on a blind. A no-go on the blind is an instant failure....turns out he had the wrong dog out to train. His Gift – Flash cards with both the dogs pictures and all his kids and grand kids, so he can practice remembering who is who.... And for even more help...a laminated picture of stormy on a lanyard to wear at tests so he can check the identity just before he goes to the holding blind.
7. **Dean Wallace – Big Match lighter** - Along the same lines as Charles....*What is it about our “distinguished men and confusion?”* Here is a lighter for Dean that he will not mistake for a shotgun shell when he runs his next HRC test.
8. **Dave Brannon** – Parking Sign – Stupidity isn't a handicap – Park Somewhere else.

*Dave's cell phone rings....he hands it to me....after the conversation I am pleased to announce:*

9. **Ken Selke** – Has been secretly running hunt tests with Shorty and wasn't really at a Family reunion thingy...he was at a hunt test somewhere up north. Shorty Titled! and is now known as *SHR BCS Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!*
10. **Mike Akeroyd** – Box of ear plugs....For Mike to use if he runs Merlin at a test again and for everyone else trying to sleep in the same general area as Mike on next year's Goose hunt.

11. **Dale and Cindy** – *The Redneck Rendezvous of Romance Package* is yours to enjoy.  
(Sherry presents them with a bill for \$25.00 when they pick it up.)
12. **Danny “the go-to-man” Cranford** – *Procurer of all things unusual.....*Danny hasn’t found a request he couldn’t pull some sort of strings to fill. We give you a Dancing Girl from the Spring AKC Test, I believe this is the one you told me on the phone you thought was **H-O-T!**

*Do we have any racing fans here? Yes*

13. **Garrett Bigelow** – Racing flags - Autographed by “Dale” Yellow means: *slow down* and Black means *take it to the pits - you are finished with this race.*
14. **Gene White** – AKC Hunt Test Chairman – Spring 2007 – Massager - to take the kinks out and make you relax....if you learned anything being chairman for this club...you should have learned, put a good team together and trust that they will take care of everything.
15. **Dave Brannon and Mike Akeroyd** – Kings of the Pits.....and in case of an emergency, Mike.....Sloppy Joe mix!
16. **Max Hamilton** - Double Bagged cell phone protector for the next time you take an unexpected dunking.
17. **Dave Christianson** – Boxing Gloves - Master Conflict Resolution Specialist.

Do we Have a Club Motto? I would like to propose that Bryan College Station’s Club Motto should be –

*Send us your poor, tired, overworked and under appreciated masses and we will use them to the best of their abilities and to our club’s benefit!*

18. **All other club Refugees** – Flags –  
Citizenship ceremony –  
***Do you all solemnly swear to help us to have fun and get it all done?***  
You should Answer: “ We do.”

From this day forth you are no longer to be known as refugees. Welcome to the club!