



Bryan College Station Retriever Club – Minutes
Larry Ringer Library, College Station
Tuesday October 16, 2007

1. **Members Present (22):** Dale Tolmsoff, Charles Payne, Sherry Payne, Tony Lyles, Dean Wallace, Shirley Wallace, Pat McHale, Michele McHale, Gene White, Danny Cranford, Steve Cunningham, Max Hamilton, Celia Hamilton, David Christianson, Vicki Christianson, Dave Brannon, Chris Barnes, Mike Berg, Eric Walberg, Jonas Brooks, Stan Francis, Jared Schnee.
2. **Visitor Introductions:** Birgit Steinich and Andrea Bahlo.
3. **Minutes from September Meeting:** Due to the absence of Club Secretary Lisa Street the approval of Sept Minutes was postponed until the next meeting (very bad cough).
4. **President's report:** Dale Tolmsoff reported receiving information in the mail from AKC regarding the minutes from the 2007 Retriever Advisory Council Subcommittee Meeting and the Report and Recommendations for 2007 from the RAC Subcommittee submitted in March of 2007. Dale will post this info on the Club website and send the link via listserv for all members to read if desired. The proposals are pertaining to field trials, but may eventually “dribble down” (as Vicki C. so eloquently put it) to hunting tests. Please note the proposals are currently under review and are subject to change.
5. **Secretary's Report:** None, as Lisa was not present due to illness (very, very bad cough).
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Sherry Payne reported we have \$5030 in the checking account and has purchased Bird permits and new wingers for the upcoming hunt test. We are in good shape with ribbons for the AKC test, but she needs to order some for the HRC test in November.
7. **Committees Report:**
 - a) **MNRC Report** – Dave Christianson reported Lauren Hayes said that all items our Club voted on were voted in at the Annual Business Meeting. Tim Buck was one of the Judges elected for the 2008 MN. Looks like a good slate of Judges. The 2009 Master National will be held at the Fuller Ranch in Manheim, TX.
 - b) **Fall 2007 AKC Hunt Tests** – Eric Walberg reported we are in good shape for Marshals and workers. We still have a few shooter positions open but Pat says he will have them filled before the weekend. Steve and Dale are making plans for the meals and will do their shopping this week. The raffle merchandise is coming along with some nice big ticket items. Danny is introducing a new method of raffling using duck bands and we should gross \$1500 if we sell all of them. Max H. has the birds lined up and the grounds are in good shape.
 - c) **Fall 2007 HRC Upland Hunt Test** – Steve C. reported the Judges are all approved and rooms are reserved. Birds are on order and Pat is rounding up some shooters.

- d) **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – No report, as Lisa was not present due to illness (very, very, very bad cough).
 - e) **Club Shirts** – Sherry P. reported the shirt order is turned in and Brady Owen is getting the order together at Gander Mountain. It doesn't look like they will be ready by this weekend's hunt test.
- 8. Election of New Members and Presentation of Applicants:**
- a) Chris Barnes motioned to accept Ryan and Marissa Bassham, along with Jared Schnee as new members. Gene White seconded the motion. A unanimous vote sealed their new membership.
 - b) No new Applicants were presented to membership.
- 9. New Business:**
- a) Dale T. reported Steve C. had picked up a gift card from Academy for \$400 that was intended to be used toward the purchase of an over and under shotgun for the Upland test (Youth Raffle) in Nov. Apparently there was some mix up and Academy was unable to make any additional donations to the AKC raffle. The rep from Academy expressed he was fine if the \$400 gift card was split between the AKC and HRC tests for 2007. Gene White made a motion for BCSRC to accept the \$400 gift card and to split the proceeds 50/50 between the 2007 AKC and HRC Youth raffles. The motion was seconded by Chris Barnes. A vote was made and unanimously carried the motion. It was decided Danny Cranford will do the shopping for the AKC raffle merchandise and Lisa Street and/or Vicki Christianson will shop for the HRC Youth Raffle.
 - b) Chris Barnes asked whether we are having a Club Goose hunt this year. Dale T. said he had mentioned to Steve C. about doing one after the X-Mas party on Dec 1st and that Steve said he would get back with him. Steve also mentioned it may be a duck hunt. Dale will contact Steve to discuss it further and report back to the membership.
 - c) Dave Christianson expressed concern about the lack of coordinated effort in organizing donations toward the Club. He made a motion that the BCSRC BOD's discuss this concern and appoint a Donations Chairman to coordinate and oversee all donations activities. The motion was seconded by Shirley Wallace and carried unanimously.
 - d) Chris Barnes asked that we reconsider the date for the X-Mas party. Several members wouldn't be able to make the Dec 1st date, but that was one of the only open dates for the Smetana Hall. There was discussion and Tony Lyles will check availability with the Wellborn Masonic Lodge for Dec 7th, 8th, 14th, or 15th, and report back.
 - e) Sherry Payne shared info she received about a special on James Spencer's book *Retriever Hunt Tests, a Handler's Guide to Success*. The book sells for \$13.95 and they are running a special on shipping. Dale will post a link to the order form on the BCSRC website.

The next meeting is November 20th, at the Larry Ringer Library 7:00 pm again. There will be a BOD at 6:00 pm.

Eric Walberg made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dave Christianson. The motion carried. Good night everybody! Wings and More here we come!