



Bryan College Station Retriever Club Minutes

Sept. 16, 2008

Larry Ringer Library, CS, TX

1. **Members Present** – Dale and Cindi Tolmsoff, Dean Wallace, Tony Lyles, Max Hamilton, Charles Payne, Craig Steiner, Dave Brannon, Dave and Vicki Christianson, Jim Connor, Chris Woolcock, Steve and Rane Cunningham, Ryan Bassham, Brett Collier, and SHARI MILLER! Shari was present as a club member and evacuee from hurricane Ike, and we certainly were happy to see her. We missed our Tejas RC refugees who were tending to home matters after the hurricane. May God be with you and Bless all of you.
2. **Visitor Introductions** – Charlie Mann, who has a 10-month yellow Lab. Charlie's from the TX panhandle and hopes to join BCSRC. Charlie brought a friend named Megan Breed who we certainly hope to see again.
3. **President Report** – Dave Brannon reported he had no special business outside what was on the agenda.
4. **Secretary Report** – Dale Tolmsoff
 - a) Present minutes for approval – Motion to accept made by Charles Payne. Craig Steiner made the 2nd. Motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Payne was absent due to some cooking thing she was at and her lesser half (Charles) made a lame attempt to report on a few things in her stead. The members ganged up on Charles about comments he made regarding Sherry's cooking and the Secretary (Dale) made comment he would refrain from taking further notes in order to preserve their marriage.
6. **Committees Reports**
 - a) Master National – Dave C. reminded us Pat McHale was representing us at the National meeting. Pat called Dave B. earlier and gave him a status report on the meetings.
 - b) AKC Hunt Test – Dean reported one of our Judges had to be changed. Max H. mentioned the ATM Corp is not available, nor the BHS Young Farmers. We are on our own this time and Max needs volunteers to throw birds. Charles mentioned we have equipment in need of repair. Craig Steiner will send an announcement to the listserv with Sept 27 as the day to get together to make equipment repairs.
 - c) HRC/Upland Test – Things are progressing. Steve C is arranging items for the raffle for this test and the AKC as well. Due to hurricane Ike Danny was absent and unable to present a report.
 - d) Training Grounds Committee – No report
7. **Old Business** –

- a) Dale T. reported the Club T-shirts are on order and projected to ship Sept 19. Total number came to 107.
- b) Dave Brannon reported the Christmas Party will be at the Masonic Lodge Dec 13. We discussed a recommendation to set aside routine weekends to have the Christmas Party but decided there are too many various other events that could cause conflicts. We will continue playing it by ear year-to-year.
- c) Dave Brannon reported the winger order was in the air right now, thanks to Ike. The Gunners up Rep was planning to bring ours to the Cowtown Hunt Test, but the Test was scrubbed due to the hurricane. Dave will check to see what the next plan is.

8. New Business –

- a) Dave B. presented proposed Field Trial rule changes. Though these proposals are aimed at field trials, history proves they usually trickle down as imposed hunt test rules. One that may eventually concern our Club is Proposal No. 2 which states **“if after a dog has been sent from the line and while the dog is in motion, a handler gives the verbal command ‘back’ to the moving dog, such a command is likely a form of intimidation, which is a serious handler fault and sufficient cause for elimination. A ‘back’ command after the dog has been stopped by a whistle, or has popped, with or without a hand signal should, however, be judged as a cast.”** The BCSRC BOD’s recommended to the membership to accept all proposed rules except Proposal No, 2. The members agreed and voted accordingly.
- b) Dave B. gave an update regarding Houdi’s injury at the 08 Spring Grand. His letters to the Executive Committee proposing the adoption of a safety policy which emphasizes the safety of dogs, and the suggestion of a liability policy that would cover injury to dogs incurred during the event, as well as his reimbursement for veterinary expenses, pretty much fell on deaf ears. The BOD’s recommended in a prior meeting that Dave continue pursuing these issues by contacting other HRC Clubs and collecting their support to fight the decision by the HRC to take no action.

9. Presentation of New Members and Applications for Membership

- a) New Member(s) presented - None
- b) Application(s) for new Membership – Charlie Mann, Cody Taff

10. Next Meeting – Oct 21, 2008 at the Larry Ringer Library, CS, TX

- 11. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by Vicki Christianson, seconded by our beloved hurricane refugee and Club Member, Shari Miller.