

# **Minutes of the Bryan-College Station Retriever Club, Inc.**

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

Brazos Blue Ribbon Bakery

Members Present: Wayne Bumgarner, Rody & Kristin Best, Chris & Dalene Barnes, Rick & Cathy Littleton, Rob & Lisa McDaniel, Cary Beason, Spencer White, Michelle Gerich, Warren Jatzlau, Kenton Brannan, James Carpenter, Carroll Miller, Sandy Jones, Dave Brannon, Jeff Gumminger, Sheila Teague

Guests Present: Steven Harris, James Newport, Gary McEwen, and Justin McEwen

President Wayne Bumgarner called the meeting to order, welcomed our members and visitors, and gave a brief report on the Southeast Texas HRC test from the previous weekend. He reminded members of the upcoming Tejas and ColoradoRiver test.

## ***AKC Spring Hunting Test***

We went over details of the upcoming AKC Spring Hunting Test, which will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 & 7. Details were discussed, including the following:

- Marshals for tests confirmed
- Bird boys being recruited
- Poppers ordered
- Food and drinks taken care of
- Judges gifts have been ordered
- Port-a-potties reserved
- Snacks for bird boys in the works
- Post for blinds being traded/remade
- Judges Dinner for committee members only, Tom's BBQ, 7:30 p.m. Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>

Club members were encouraged to come out and work as much as possible on both days of the test. We are expecting a large turnout, so all the help available will be needed.

## ***UKC Preliminary Hunting Test***

Chris Barnes updated the club on the progress of our Preliminary UKC Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 17. The main item discussed was the club's opportunity to have two club members "grandfathered" as licensed judges by apprenticing at our preliminary test. Rody Best and Dave Brannon agreed to be those two members who will judge. We will check with the Snook FFA and the 4-H Club about being bird boys for that test. This test is the same weekend as Parents' Weekend at A&M, so hotel rooms are still needed for judges. The premiums are ready; we are just waiting for final approval of the apprentice judges before sending them to handlers.

## ***Other Information***

Dalene Barnes informed the club that there are no more AKC Judges Seminars in Texas for the remainder of 1999. She suggested that our club host a seminar as soon as possible, which, with the AKC's schedule,

will be in 2000. She will send a letter to the AKC requesting dates in June of 2000 to hold a seminar, since they are now required every three years for judging eligibility.

Wayne mentioned that we may need to buy more bird crates, and has a catalog to look at and consider.

Wayne then brought up the possibility of having guest speakers and presentations at our meetings. He asked members to send him their ideas along that line, and said he would try and arrange something for the March meeting.

Jeff Gumminger informed club members that he was placing an order for bumpers, and if anyone needed some, to let him know and he could include that in his order. He also informed club members of a new training collar he has available, and to see him after the meeting for information.

### ***New Members***

The following were presented for membership in the club, with a motion by Carroll Miller to approve their applications and a second by Dave Brannon:

Darrell Richey  
Richard & Mary Arnold  
David & Elisabeth Salyers  
James Newport  
Steve Harris

### ***Goose Lease***

Wayne then brought up the Club's goose hunting lease from this season. He asked for club members' evaluation of it. Some comments were that it was a great idea, but there were just not enough birds killed; a cheaper, more dependable lease might be better; not worth the money; thumbs down with that outfitter. Wayne asked members with ideas on this to gather information, and report back at the next meeting. The qualifications for use of whatever privilege was reiterated: Current on dues, attend 50% of meetings, work 4 out of 5 days of club sponsored hunting tests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalene Barnes, Secretary