

**MINUTES:
TALLAHASSEE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2004
FRED RIGSBY'S RESIDENCE**

CALL TO ORDER:

Sam called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Sam Ferguson – President
Sue McDonald – Secretary
Bill Pedersen – Treasurer
Linda Branning
Bob Hughes
Jerry Perkins
Fred Rigsby
Bear Strickland
Sallie Sullivan
Mary Veitch

Not present:

Beckey Malphus – Vice Pres.
Clint Beckham
Wayne Dodson

Guests:

Jim Branning
Corey Butler
Jeannie Ferguson
Carolyn Hughes
Chris Oyer
Laurie & Glen Williams

No agenda was handed out for this meeting that Sam called to discuss and close out business on the fall hunt test.

The meeting began with a discussion about the Ducks Unlimited Gun Dog Classic. Wayne Dodson was not present so no information was available. Bob made a motion and Jerry seconded that the club not sponsor the event as a club but work with DU relative to the equipment. There were no objections.

The issue of entry fees was brought up and that we should raise them. Bear pointed out and Linda verified that we had already passed a motion to raise them in an earlier meeting as follows: Master – from \$60 to \$65, Senior – from \$55 to \$60, Junior to remain at \$50.

Sam said he would put out a newsletter and asked Jerry to give him the Nominating Committee's selection for new officers to be included.

Linda voiced a concern that we not eliminate the use of a live flyer bird being shot for the Junior stake at our hunt tests. It was agreed that we would continue to do this.

Sam brought up the idea of reestablishing the use of a goose band being required for members to use the training pond. Only members in good standing would be issued a band. Bands would be color coded to represent different years. Bob made a motion and Linda seconded to reestablish this policy. There were no objections.

Sam explained that another club was trying to become established in our area. The name of the club is Wiregrass and is being spearheaded by Fred Nusbickle and several other local people. AKC has a requirement that only a certain percentage of local people could belong to both clubs initially to insure that there would be no conflict problems. Sam has agreed to write a letter to AKC indicating that our club has no objections.

Sam reported that the "White House" has been renovated and is ready for the club to rent after Leslie Karnes leaves after her winter lease. It was cleaned, painted and equipped with a new air conditioner, furnishings and washing machine. Sam asked if anyone had a dryer they could donate. Plans are to rent it for \$300/mo. with a \$75 deposit. It seems Aurelia Carter has expressed an interest in renting it.

Minutes Amendment:

1. Increase rental rates, as follows:

A) Members-

- 1) Monthly, \$450 (\$15 / Day), \$75 deposit + utilities
- 2) < one month, \$25 / Day with no deposit or utilities

B) Non Members - \$50 / Day

2. Sub-letting occupancy is prohibited.

3. Upon assembly of a quorum, the Board Meeting began. Bear Strickland took notes with Sue McDonald not present until later in the meeting. Move that Bear's notes in combination with Sue's notes be accepted as the official minutes of this meeting.

Judges gifts were discussed. Sam mentioned we have been giving tumblers, shirts and hats and do we want to do something different. Sue asked if we had a budget amount and Sam said no. Bear made a motion and Mary seconded to allow \$50 for judge's gifts. There were no objections. After further discussion about gift certificates versus something more personal, Sue made a motion and Bill seconded to give a gift other than a gift certificate

It was brought up that our supply of hats, shirts and vests with the club logo that we sell as a fundraiser is low and we need to order more. Bear made a motion and Bob seconded to order more.

The Spring AKC Hunt Test will be March 19th and 20th. It will have a single Master split three ways initially. Sam and Jeannie have arranged for the following judges:

Master A – Buck Shoupe and Jill Volsch

Master B – Robert Reckert and Aurelia Carter

Master C – Doug Lindemer and Beckey Malphus

Sat. Junior and Sun. Senior – Georganne Arthur (need another judge)

Sun. Junior and Sat. Senior – to be same as above

Assignments were made as follows:

Hunt Test Secretary – Laurie Williams

Head Marshal – Jim Branning

Gun Captain – Bob Hughes

Bird Boys – Bill Pedersen

Game Steward & Birds – Bill Pedersen

Ammunition – live shells – Bear; poppers – Jim Branning

Ribbons – Beckey

Porta potties – Beckey

Judges rooms – Bear

Raffle and tables – Jeannie Ferguson

Tail gate party to be catered again by Pepi (\$5/plate) – Jeannie

Judge's lunches (deli lunches) – Jeannie

After a brief discussion on the fact that AKC is changing the requirements for judge's sheets to show blinds separately, Sam asked Linda to order waterproof sheets for the spring hunt test.

Bill brought up that we had issued \$1800 in entry fee refunds and expressed concern that we had given them pretty much upon request. After a discussion it was decided that the Hunt Test Secretary will have the discretion for asking for vet certificates, etc.

It was brought up that we should consider having another AKC sponsored judge's seminar as some of our club member's eligibilities are expiring. It was decided that we would request the second weekend in June (June 11 - Saturday) from AKC for this event. AKC requires 20 participants to sign up 30 days ahead of the seminar.

Dues notices need to go out in December. We will have a general meeting December 11th. Sue suggested having a fun hunt in conjunction. Sam asked Sue to head it up. It is at this meeting that we will have board elections. Sallie, Sue, Linda and Bob's terms expire.

Bill handed out a profit and loss statement for the period from 1/01/04 through 9/14/04 and a balance sheet as of 9/14 and answered inquiries from Board members. He also passed out an income and expense report on the fall AKC hunt test, a listing of entry fee refunds and an accounting of the expenses on renovating the "White House" to prepare it for rental. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Linda to accept the reports. There were no objections. Copies of these reports are attached to these minutes.

Sue left the copies of the Minutes of the last meeting at her office but offered to read them from her notes. Sam deferred the reading and approval until the next meeting.

Bear made a motion and Fred seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. There was no opposition.

We all enjoyed corn chowder that Jeannie had prepared for after the meeting.
