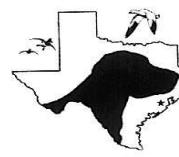


The Retriever Review



The newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

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December 2011

2012 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Minutes

CRRC's *December* meeting was held Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Kyle Grant, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Kyle Grant, Donna & Rex Westbrook, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Don Koster, Roy Barnes, Jerry King, Jason Luker, Rob Somers, Ken Burge, Leslie Gourley, Niki Brennon, Janet Kimbrough, Debbie Story and Mike Akeroyd.

Don Koster made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting and a second was made by Donna Westbrook, all were in favor.

Officers Report:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Brandy Grant reported a balance of \$2,899.00, all bills paid.

Historian:

Old Business:

Christmas Party – Don Koster reported that the Christmas party went well. It was definitely a restaurant atmosphere, a little hard to visit but there was plenty of good food and everyone had a great time. We had 25 people in attendance and our bill totaled \$466.10.

Hunt Test – Bob Brundrett (hunt chairman) is working on the Judges.

The Cypress Boy Scouts – Troop 44 will be the bird boys for the February Hunt.

The Texas City FFA will serve lunch.

Don Koster purchased 14 radios for the club for \$112.00.

The purchase of an event t-shirts for the February Hunt Test in Texas City was discussed and it was decided that Brandy Grant will talk to Bob Brundrett and report back to the club.

The Tejas HRC Upland Hunt/ Fun Training Day have been postponed. The new date has not been announced.

Membership dues for 2012 are due by January 1, 2012. Please send your updated membership form and dues to Maria.

Kyle presented the 2012 running rule proposals for the club to vote on.

Proposal #1 – Test Dogs page 35 of 2011 rule book

Test dogs may be 1 level higher

CRRC – Against

Proposal #2 – Seasoned Walk-up page 41 of 2011 rule book

The seasoned walk-up should be 60 feet from the retrieving line

CRRC – Against

Proposal #3 – Upland Flush page 62 of 2011 rule book

The upland dog does not have to flush the bird

CRRC – Against

Proposal #4 – Clothing page 8 of 2011 rule book

Requirements for clothing at a hunt test site

CRRC – Against

Proposal #5 – This proposal was deemed a policy, no vote necessary

Proposal #6 – Handler limit page 7 of 2011 rule book

Each handler should be allowed to run 12 dogs

CRRC – Against

Proposal #7 – Seasoned entry page 7 of 2011 rule book

Seasoned entries will close with the 40th entry

CRRC – Against

The club members discussed and voted on the 2011 Running Rules Proposals and Kyle submitted the Official Ballot for our club.

Please keep John Wallace's family in your thoughts and prayers. John passed away on November 10, 2011, he will be greatly missed.

New Business:

The dates for the CRRC Fall Hunt Test will be on June 2 & 3, 2012.

Tejas is hosting a Judges Seminar on Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 8 to 5, at Westside Sporting Goods, west of Katy. It will be listed in the HRC magazine. Janet Kimbrough will get more information to Maria.

Kyle called on the nomination committee for a report. Steve Jefferies and Jim Witt had no response. Jason Luker reported that Don Koster was nominated for President, Randy Crable was nominated for Vice president, Maria Jefferies was nominated for Secretary, Janet Kimbrough was nominated for Treasure and Clint Trahan was nominated for Historian, all nominees accepted. The club voted and accepted the nominations, no one opposed, and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Donna Westbrook and a second by Rob Somers to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.



Quote: “No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.”

Christopher Morley

Dog Topics

Holidays

Holidays are a lot of fun for people and they can be for dogs, too. It is important to keep some safety considerations in mind for your next holiday gathering. When you and your family get together to celebrate, include your dog in a way that is sensible and fun.

Food

Many gatherings involve wonderful meals. Your family and guests may be tempted to slip your dog a little food as a holiday treat. Avoid feeding your dog table food because it could upset your dog's stomach, become a potential choking hazard, or result in the habit of begging at the table year-round. Instead, show your dog lots of love and affection before or after mealtime.

Decorations & Wrappings

Some dogs are notorious for chewing. Yarn, tinsel, ribbons and other "chewables" are attractive to a playful dog and may cause internal damage if swallowed. If you cannot supervise your puppy or dog, keep him confined in a safe area. Pick up some dog-appropriate chew toys as a special treat for the holidays.

Candy

Pets, like people, may be tempted by holiday goodies. Allowing them to have holiday treats and sweets can lead to digestive upsets. Never give your dog chocolate goodies. Chocolate contains theobromine, which is toxic to dogs. Be sure to keep your dog's favorite treats on hand so that he can enjoy some goodies as well.

Holidays are an exciting time for you, your family and your dog. But remember that holiday can be stressful for pets. More people, more noise and changes in their daily schedule may frighten or confuse them. Securing your dog in a quiet area during a holiday party can be easier for your pet and for you. Involving your dog in your holiday activities can be fun. Just make sure to set some boundaries and take precautions so that your dog stays happy and healthy through the seasons.



December Birthdays

Ax's Bayou City Showgirl

"Lola" 12-11-05

Owned by Michael & Glenda Akeroyd

Burge's Axle of Santa Fe

"Axle" 12-29-08

Owned by Ken & Michele Burge

Raisin Chief

"Chief" 12-10-03

Owned by Dave & Kay Busby

High praise Dark Chocolate with Nuts

"Wagars" 12-5-01

Owned by Janet Kimbrough

Ten Bears Fatboy Road Cruzin

"Cruz" 12-30-01

Owned by Janet Kimbrough

Four-Oaks Delta Thunder

"Sky" 12-5-07

Owned by Matt & Tracie Melton

Sum Ting Willy Wong

"Willy" 12-15-08

Owned by Jimmy & Jody Nealy

Triple Ric #3

"Ric" 12-21-08

Owned by Melvin & Deborah Pennington



Happy Birthday!



It's a FACT

Labs are prone to ear infections if their ears are not kept clean and dry. The shape and length of their earflaps decrease air circulation within the ear canal, creating a warm, dark, moist environment, a perfect breeding ground for bacterial and yeast infections.

Messages from the Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012...are due by January 1, 2012

Please enclose a *Membership Application* and make any changes and/or corrections and send it in with your dues.

If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a “new” Canine family member, please let me know.

If you are a “lifetime” member, I will also need an updated application for you.

Even if you have no changes to the form (Everyone) please return one with your dues. This information helps me keep you informed on club news.

Single or Family membership is **\$25.00** per year.

Due to some confusion last year, I can not accept any dues without an application.

The membership applications are available at www.crrcinc.org (application tab).

For more information, please contact me at 979-345-6993 or mljefferies@hotmail.com.

Club Officers for 2012

President

Don Koster

Vice President

Randy Crable

Secretary

Maria Jefferies

Treasure

Janet Kimbrough

Historian

Clint Trahan



The Hunting Retriever Club

A History 1983-1990

By Robert Hines

\$20.00

If you would like to purchase a book, contact:

Maria Jefferies at: mljefferies@hotmail.com or 979-345-6993

Reminders

Duck Season

November 5 – 27, 2011

Split

December 10, 2011 – January 29, 2012

Goose Season

November 5, 2011 – January 29, 2012

Deer Season

November 5, 2011 – January 15, 2012

January Meeting

The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*