

FINANCIAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE, DWAYNE YOUNG, CHAIR

The Audit Committee met from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and they found everything to be appropriate as presented. The Audit Committee accepted the financial records.

TREASURER, HRC, INC., LORA NEANS

Income this year was \$180,000 compared to \$158,000 last year. We have a net income of \$26,578. Copies of financials are attached.

Bill Watson stood up and recognized the generous gift of Bill Spitzer to last year's auction. He said a quality hunt such as that was a lot better donation to the auction versus the prints, etc. He then went into detail of the tremendous amount of fun he had until he was, unfortunately, cut off by the 2 minute Roberts Rule.

HRC FOUNDATION, INC., GLENN STELLY, PRESIDENT

Glenn reported that the Foundation is doing well. The Foundation supports the education of our current and future judges and distributes scholarships and grants. Some of the income for the Foundation comes from the Memorial contributions.

Glenn asked those at the meeting to go back and educate their clubs of the requirements of qualifying to apply for the scholarship as some young people was disappointed as they did not meet qualifications.

One of the HRC clubs was involved in a Chevy commercial. It was a commercial where it is an old Chevy truck with 5 yellow labs in the back [they tried black labs but they didn't show up]. The HRC member in the commercial receives a check every time that commercial airs. He decided he wouldn't have that money if he didn't own a yellow dog so he donates the money to the HRC Foundation. [Sorry I didn't catch he name or the club name.]

A grant was given to Colorado State University for their research work in canine cancer. Their work has even helped the research of the American Cancer Research Foundation.

A Scholarship drawing was done in the presence of the BOD and two Region 13 students were drawn. They are Jay Brekke of Southern Colorado [he was also drawn last year], and Katie Riggs of the Panhandle club. Congratulations!

The foundation has donated \$96,000 since its inception. Ironically, it also has a balance of \$96,000.

GRAND HUNT COMMITTEE, ERNIE ISTRE, CHAIR

The Grand Hunt Committee was recognized and thanked and the new Grand Champion dogs from the 2006 Fall and 2007 Spring Grand were announced. Libby Milroy's GRHRCH UH Duckdawg's Eba Roll The Dice were among those mentioned. They also announced and thanked the judges. Jim Davis was among those mentioned.

NATIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, TIM GIBSON

The Judges/Handlers seminar has been redone and they are taking you from Started all the way through Finished one-by-one. The Upland is being moved to the beginning of the Seminar. The manual, likewise, will be redone.

[I know John and Pat will have a lot to add here so I didn't take that many notes].

Field Reps did their Regional Reports as we ran out of time the evening before when they are normally done.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, BARBARA NEWSOME, CHAIR

Shannon Nardi of the Super Retriever Series has invited HRC to set up a table to showcase HRC. Besides having literature available, we run a Puppy Stake, a Junior Handler Stake, and a Speed Dog Run. SRS donates the ribbons and gifts to all Puppy Stake and Junior Handlers; they also donate ribbons and trophies to the top 3 dogs in the speed run. A \$5.00 entry fee is charged for all dogs and puppies running these 3 stakes. Since there is no charge involved with ribbons, the clubs manning the table and coordinating the 3 stakes divide the money. SRS was running their 2007 Crown Championship in Hot Springs, Arkansas the same weekend of the Annual Meeting. One of the judges is Region 5A PR. The Crown Champion will walk away with \$30,000 cash and a Mountaintop Custom Kennels Dog Trailer valued at \$25,000. This purse is the largest ever given at a retriever competition. We truly appreciate the opportunity that Shannon & SRS has given us for this exposure and we are in the process of coming up with more ideas and ways to develop and expand on this opportunity.

HRC has formed a partnership with *Pass It On – Outdoor Mentors*'. This is an organization who find mentors for children who want to experience the great outdoors. Our goal is for HRC clubs to let these youths and their mentors come out and watch the dogs and perhaps let the youth run a dog. If your club can possibly put something together for this very worthwhile cause, let Barbara Newsome know so she can hook you up with the appropriate individuals. You can also go to their website – www.outdoormentors.org.

Regional Websites – We now have 16 out of 17 websites up and running. Barbara thanked Lee Ann Heldt for all her help as she was very instrumental in getting these up and running. The website is to be used for regional schedules, announcing member achievements, and current events.

Barbara stressed the importance of regions putting together regional meetings and used the itinerary of Region 13's meeting as an example of how much can be accomplished at a Regional Meeting. Region 3 will be holding their 1st meeting and plan to award a plaque to the person they feel has shown outstanding leadership and unselfish service to other clubs.

RUNNING RULES COMMITTEE, BRIAN MCCANN CHAIR

There was only 1 proposal.

[... waiting for proposal from Willie Ratliff].

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – MARK LANIER

Mark talked about the growth of HRC and the fact we are growing. He spoke of John Tillema and his love of finding and helping new clubs and that we all will miss him very much.

He said they worked very hard in putting a budget together and it wasn't easy going through years of records as they couldn't just pull these numbers out of the air.

He talked about the financial success of the Grand Hunts. It use to be that a Grand Hunt was in the minus column. But the last 3 Grand Hunts have all been in the plus side. There is a minimum amount that is kept in the fund and that has grown from \$8,000 to \$16,000. They switched from having HRC's taxes done by a traditional bookkeeper to an independent tax person.

Mark then wanted to thank everyone who worked with him and gave him so much support. It was a very tearful thank you. He thanked all the challenges that was given to them.

VICE PRESIDENT – JIM REICHMAN

Jim thanked everyone for his support during his years as Vice President.

He stressed the importance of everyone attending Judges/Handlers seminars because it not only creates good judges, but it creates better handlers and better Hunt Committees.

A check was presented to Four States HRC for their share of hosting the Grand Hunt. The check was over \$12,000.

SECRETARY – CAROL FORD

Carol reviewed all the hunts she had an opportunity to participate in and shared some stories.

OTHER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, CLAUDENE CHRISTOPHER

The club CDs will be mailed. Club Presidents need to copy what they want from the CD and then be sure to forward the CDs to the Club Secretary and Hunt Secretary. She is amazed how many Hunt Secretaries don't even know the CD exists and there is so much valuable information on the Club CDs that they can use.

It is important to get judges reports in on a timely basis and it can be done on-line now.

Claudene always has staggering number she shares each year. This year was no exception:

- Processed 29,295 e-mail messages. 75% of my work load is accomplished by e-mail.
- Approved, edited and published 194 Club's Premiums to the Web Site.
- Processed 4,575 New & Renewal Membership Cards.
- Processed 55 new 500 Clubs Members;
- Spent many hours assisting Clubs with computer technical support of various natures.
- Prepared 7 New Club Packages and processed 6 New Clubs.

Updated 372 Officers changes to the databases; to the web site reports and provided the updates to Loretta at UKC.
 Processed 95 New Judges, 424 Seminar attendees and logged thousands of assignments, changes and other updates to existing Judges Records.
 Printed 194 Judge Cards for new and status change Judges.
 Sent 118 reminder letters to Judges regarding their upcoming Seminar expiration 12/31/07.
 Approved 3,064 Judges for 383 Hunts and then recorded each assignment to every Judges Record. Very seldom are Judges approved the first time or changes are later made and re-approvals totaled 401.
 Processed entries & performed the pre-Grand administration for the 06 Fall and 07 Spring Grand Hunts.
 Coordinated and shipped 115 Tri Tronics XS Bark Limiters and 111 Zink/HRC Duck calls to the Clubs for their Hunt Raffles.

We added 95 new Judges since last National Meeting.
 We have 807 Judges. Of those, 231 carry an Apprentice status.
 STARTED totals 697; 110 - Apprentice; 147 – Licensed; 440 – AA;
 SEASONED totals 533; 54 – Apprentice; 120 – Licensed; 359 - AA;
 FINISHED totals 606; 30 – Apprentice; 270 – Licensed; 306 – AA;
 UPLAND totals 204: 49 – Apprentice; 10 –Licensed; 145 – AA.

She asked we please remember to provide your Judges gas/mileage reimbursement FIRST and then if your Club is financially able, give a gift, free run or whatever.

3 Clubs Demised since last National Meeting: Southeast Alabama; Rappahannock, VA; Yadkin River, RI;

She welcomed to the HRC family these 6 new Clubs since last National Meeting:

Hidden Pines HRC	Cheyenne	WY	13
James River HRC	Richmond	VA	3
Prairie Lakes HRC	Elbow Lake	MN	8A
Wateree Boykin Spaniel Club	Sumter	SC	4
West Kentucky HRC	Paducah	KY	6
Heart of Texas RC	Belton	TX	11

Claudene stated we have to remember what we are all about and remember to help each other and to appreciate our volunteers.

She listed the 20-year members in the BOD Annual Meeting book. Those listed from Region 13 were: Erik Brekke – 1987, Richard Carpenter – 1986, Kenneth Hogan – 1987, John Klomp – 1987, Donald Ley – 1986, Mark Powell – 1986, and Peter Spangler – 1986.

HRC/UKC NATIONAL AMBASSADOR – OMAR DRISKILL

Omar reminded us of our roots and some of the differences between us and the other side. One of the very big differences is that we have a Board of Directors that comprises of the membership. Whereas the other side is governed by a small handful of people.

UNITED KENNEL CLUB – TODD KELLAM

Todd gave us some numbers some of which is of the new dogs registered with UKC this last year, 3,118 were labs, 466 were goldens, and 97 were Chessies.

Todd spoke of the special connection and partnership that UKC has with HRC.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD accepted the proposed budget by the Executive Committee but that a variance report be submitted to BOD in 6 months.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS

~Change policy of judging requirements from age 21 to 18. **Passed**

~Motion to allow 2 apprentice judges at each flight. **Failed**

~Motion to allow someone with proxy to give their 2 minutes of discussion to someone who is speaking and has used up their 2 minutes. **Passed**

~Motion that the test dog does not have to be of that level to be used as a test dog. **Failed**

It was decided by the Running Rules Committee that the wording for the test dog was a policy and should not be shaded. It will be moved to the white area. [check with Willie to make sure I am correct on this]

~Motion that a requirement of judges is they must be AA status before moving to the next level. **Failed**

~Motion that one of the requirements for grand judge is that a grand judge must have run one grand before he/she can judge a grand. **Failed**

~We need to form a committee to come up with better recognition of our judges such as we recognize our 500 point and higher dogs. **Passed**

~Motion made to put pictures of scholarship recipients in the magazine to better recognize the scholarship program. **Passed**

~Motion made that Running Rules people who are not carrying proxies should be allowed to speak on running rules issues at the BOD meeting like the Field Reps do. **Passed**

~Motion that we increase the number of dogs by a single handler from 8 to 12 but that not more than 8 dogs can be in any one stake. **Failed**

John Klomp was nominated and approved by BOD for Honorary Lifetime Membership. John accepted the nomination and said it was a tribute to Omar and all because he and some buddies in a hunting blind decided to form a club to help each other train their dogs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Because there was only one person per elected office running, all were affirmed with a verbal vote.

President: Jim Reichman

Vice President: Mike Witt

Secretary: Carol Ford

Treasurer: Mike Dittrich