

HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 13, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. was held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select, Memphis, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER: HRC President, Jim Reichman, called the 25th Anniversary Meeting to order at 8:30 am. Jimmy Hodges was introduced as Parliamentarian of the meeting. President Reichman explained the Agenda of the Meeting and advised everyone that Roberts Rules of Order would be followed during the meeting. After a brief summary of Roberts Rules of order, President Reichman welcomed everyone.

II. ROLL CALL: Secretary Ford called the roll and reported the following eligible votes: 30 were represented by Board of Directors, 29 by Elected Board Members, and 41 by Proxy for a total of 96 clubs represented and 4 Executive members. That is a total of 100 of the 140 possible votes represented. A quorum was present and a simple majority of votes would be required to pass proposals.

After Roll Call, Mike Witt passed out 25th Anniversary Commemorative Caps to those in attendance. He thanked David Carrington and Avery for helping him have these hats available for this special occasion.

III. APPROVAL OF 2008 MEETING MINUTES: President Reichman suggested that a motion for approval of the 2008 minutes be made. John Wallace moved to accept the 2008 minutes as written, Kim Parkman seconded. They were approved. Travis Bruce opposed the motion.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Fred LePenske, Chairman of the 2009 Audit Committee reported:

The Audit Committee, consisting of Loretta Wylie of UKC, Gabe Tarr of Four States HRC and himself, Fred LePenske of Fox River Valley HRC are members in good standing with the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. and were appointed by HRC President Reichman, for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Treasurer prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on June 13, 2009.

Fred LePenske thanked President Reichman for asking him to complete this job for HRC. He thanked Loretta and Gabe for their assistance. He reported that they had met on Friday, June 12, 2009. They inspected the financial statements of HRC Inc, The Foundation and the Grands, finding that said financial records were solid.

We jointly make the following statement regarding our findings.

“We have reviewed specific and general income and expense transactions for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009 and it is our opinion that all entries, accounts and other documentation are appropriate and correct as stated.”

Signed by, Fred LePenske, Loretta Wylie, and Gabe Tarr, dated June 12, 2009.

Fred commended the Treasurer for an outstanding job. Fred moved that the Audit report be accepted, with Tim Kingsfield seconding the motion. Motion approved.

SPONSORS’ AND PROMOTIONS TEAM REPORT – Gabe Tarr – Four States HRC

Gabe thanked Claudene and Carol for all their support and assistance. He thanked Omar for starting this organization and hoped he would be around for another 25 years.

Gabe reported using a power point presentation that his team had created a professional press package including a cost effective brochure, an HRC ad for magazines and a promotional DVD. He thanked Sharon Nardi for her assistance with the DVD. He also mentioned that a quality organization like ours acknowledges its judges as well.

He went on to say that his committee has increased awareness of the HRC Foundation. With Deb West’s assistance the Solid Gold Campaign, which will help HRC reach the goals suggested last year was created and appears in our HRC magazine bimonthly.

A strategic relationship with Delta Waterfowl has been negotiated. Gabe went on to explain that contracts with Bayer K-9 Advantix had been renewed and contracts with our other sponsors had been renewed. Because Bayer has come on board and the last two Grands, HRC is in great financial shape!

Gabe was excited to announce that we had been able to follow that mandate given to us last year at the Board Meeting – get judge’s appreciation program started. It was a cumulative effort – Travis, Mike Dittrich, Avery, Bayer and Denise Gordie for inspiration. Denise gave us \$1000 to start the drive. We will see them in a few moments during the Treasurer report.

Gabe went on to say it is your responsibility to give us direction. Come and see him if you have ideas. He will see what can be done.

Mike Botts will be joining this committee.

TREASURER - Treasurer Dittrich thanked those who served on the audit committee. He thanked his wife, Barbara for helping him get HRC finances done. "I couldn't do it without her!" is his favorite comment.

He then proceeded to a power point presentation. He explained that Charter fees for clubs are due now for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. He reported that he has met most of his objectives, including becoming Quick Book proficient, developing a budget with a tracking mechanism, being current with Net 30, assisting clubs with expense decisions, implementing backups and transition procedures and to being prudent with HRC moneys.

Mike went on to explain that we have a positive cash flow, a working budget, quarterly balance sheets and backup procedures have been implemented. HRC Foundation Granting to HRC for reimbursement of qualified expenses has begun, and we continue to distribute quarterly balance sheets via the Public Relations Reps, reduced shipping costs, and developed additional procedures for tracking expenses.

Then Treasurer Dittrich explained the treasurer's report. His goals for the future include securing different funds for award programs, distributing quarterly reports in a timely manner, more cutting to shipping costs and improved delivery of Club charter fees.

With the help of Purina, Avery, Bayer, Travis and Denise we have been able to begin the Judges' Appreciation Program. We will continue to make jackets available to judges as we can afford them, but we are off to a good start. Initiating this program was the big expense; further jackets will be a relatively small investment. They are in recognition of service to HRC. Mike displayed an example of the Jacket created for the Judge Appreciation Program. He was hoping to present a jacket to the judge with the most assignments - Rod Rombauer, but neither Rob nor his wife Carol, who is number two, were present. Neither was the 3rd ranking with assignments - Terry Jones, so Mike presented President Reichman with his jacket, being number 4 on the list. Mike explained the star program and was very happy that we were able to get this mandate started. One star with jacket, 2nd at 50, 3rd at 75, 4th at 100, 5th at 200... He asked to save on shipping costs that everyone try to take jackets home to judges we know that are not here at the meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Mark Edwards, and Deb West, carried.

GRAND HUNT COMMITTEE: - Chairman of the Grand Hunt Committee Ernie Istre introduced the other members of the Grand Hunt Committee.

Mike Witt - the liaison between the Local Grand Committee and the HRC Grand Hunt Committee.

Mike Botts - who gets committee members, workers and judges to the sites?

Paul Ramponi - the Grand Treasurer and the presenter of the seminar to the Grand Judges.

James Lacaze - oversees the banquets, hats and shirts.

Glenn Stelly - who gets the judges and does a little bit of everything.

Ernie explained that they have decided to do a seminar for the handlers at the Grand in the future.

Mr. Ernie gave us the line up of the next 4 Grands

- Fall 2009 - Union City, TN, October 17-21,
- Spring 2010 - Amite River HRC, Baton Rouge, LA, April 17-21,
- Fall 2010 - Coastal Empire HRC, Savannah, GA,
- Spring 2011 - Southern Flight HRC, Grenada, MS.

In 2012, Wisconsin will hold a Spring Grand.

Ernie thanked Omar for starting this organization. He also thanked UKC. A video of the Iowa Grand was played. After the video, Mike Botts talked about the video. Mike Witt talked about the adventures at the last Grand. Mr. Ernie then invited Miss Loretta to come up and read the list of new Grand Hunting Retriever Champions from the Iowa Grand and Mr. Todd read the list of New Grand Champions from the South Dakota Grand.

Motion to accept report by Travis Bruce, and Pat Johnson, Carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Barbara Newsome - Chairwoman

Barbara presented a slide show highlighting events in Regions 1, 3, 9, 12 and 14. Her PR Reps in those areas sent the pictures to her to share with the BOD. She also shared reports from the same regions. Barbara thanked Gabe Tarr and Shannon Nardi of Dancing Dog Productions for the Promo DVD created for use in our regions. Barbara also thanked Richard Krippen for getting stuff pulled together to set up a booth at SRS events to further publicize HRC. Delta Waterfowl was the next group to be thanked. Our partnership should help each organization expand.

Barbara reminded the BOD that it is important to have regional meetings yearly. These meetings help the region unite and plan for growth. Barbara then played our new promotional DVD.

Motion to accept report by Mark Edwards, and Deb West, Carried.

RUNNING RULES COMMITTEE - Rusty Wismer - Chairman

Rusty Wismer introduced himself. He explained that six potential rule changes were put forward for consideration. His Committee deemed that three were policy changes, and three were valid rule proposals. One of the three rule proposals was withdrawn, leaving two to be brought before the clubs for consideration.

1. Lake Erie HRC, Region 7 - deals with honoring in finished - Current Rule - PG 49 Finished Test Rule

Current wording – During the hunting tests, a Finished Hunting Retriever must be required to honor another hunting retriever at or near the retrieving line. When the Finished Hunting Retriever is honoring, its view of the hunting test cannot be obstructed.

Proposed Change – Add the following – A finished Hunting Retriever shall not be required to honor during another dog's blind retrieve.

Five justifications for this change were listed.

2. Ohio River HRC , Region 7 _ deals with test dogs – Current Rule – page 35 under Test Dog

Current wording – Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENCED events. This will enable judges to see how smoothly the mechanics of the tests will be executed, to give handlers a view of the test; so that bird and drag back scent will be on the ground for all dogs and to verify the usefulness of the test. Test dogs must be of the same level as the test; i.e. a retriever with finished points cannot be used as a test dog for started or seasoned. A judge may run his or her appropriately qualified dog as a test dog only in the class and flight they are judging.

Proposed Change – Test dogs shall be the same level or may be one level higher for the test being run; i.e. Dogs with a seasoned title and no finished points may run as test dog for a started test. Dogs with a finished title and no Grand passes may run as a test dog for a seasoned test.

Justifications were listed.

These Rule proposals will be sent out to the clubs for their consideration according to the time frames established for Rule Proposals.

Motion to accept the report by Tim Kingsfield, and Deb West, Carried.

HRC FOUNDATION, INC. – Glenn Stelly

Glenn explained handouts for Foundation and Scholarships, and the budget for the foundation. Financial review found the report accurate and true. Glenn thanked the National sponsors for their help and members who make donations. Over the years we have been able to confer 54 scholarships totaling \$127 025. We still need your continued help on our way to being self sufficient. Foundation means education.

Glenn asked Deb West to come up and explain the Solid Gold Program. Deb explained the aim of the Solid Gold Program was to build the Foundation funds to a point where the Foundation would become self sufficient. As explained in the Solid Gold ad in the HRC magazine, if you donate 250 dollars at one time, you will receive a Solid Gold Foundation Pin in appreciation for your donation. We have given out five so far. I challenge all of you to become Solid Gold members. Your donations will go to help fund the scholarship program, youth programs, women's programs and research programs. We need a lot more Solid Gold Members. Be generous with your donations.

Glenn explained that you may request how you would like your gift used by designating it to a specific program, or you may just make it to the general fund.

Glen explained that a research grant had been given to Louisiana State University for their Canine Cancer Research program. He also explained that we are giving out 9 scholarships this year – 5 from the Foundation, 1 Phillip Freeman, 1 Chris Hailey, 1 John Pritchard and a one time Jonathan P Smith Scholarship. A total of 18 applications were validated and were entered into the selection process.

The following individual received the Foundation Scholarships – Corthi Danielle Liggio of Lake Charles HRC, David M Fischer of St Clair Flats HRC, Gunnar Doetker-Martz of St Clair Flats HRC, Nicolis A Todd of Panhandle HRC and Stephen Michael Gandy of North Louisiana HRC. Roger Allen Smith Jr of Badger State received the Phillip Freeman Scholarship, Jacob Knight of Ponchartrain HRC received the Chris Hailey Scholarship, David Michael Botts of Mississippi Valley HRC received the John Pritchett Scholarship and Sean Patrick Fehringer of Panhandle HRC received the one time Jonathan P Smith Scholarship.

Motion to accept the report by Mark Edwards and Deb West. Carried.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: – Jim Reichman- It is indeed been a pleasure to address you on this 25th Anniversary Meeting of HRC. I appreciate the confidence you placed in me and the entire Executive committee. The nice thing about getting to the president's report is that by the time I get up here it has already been given. You have very capable folks working on behalf of this organization. There have been changes, and growth.

I judged at North Louisiana's 25th Anniversary Hunt, where it all began. I judged with my wife. We had never judged together before. Omar was our gunner. It was indeed a great day for us and a great weekend for HRC, back where it all began.

My aim was to secure the future of HRC. We have heard reports on what has been done, what has been implemented, and about our growth. Another way we can secure the future of HRC is to be cognizant of where we began – Conceived by hunters for hunters. We are not here to run field trials. We are not here to run big air. We are not here for an obedience competition. We are here to run hunt tests. The way we have to secure the future of HRC is to return to realism. That is the message I want you to take home – return to realism. I am just as guilty of it as anyone, but we need to return to realism. If we don't there will no longer be an HRC.

Motion to accept report by Travis Bruce and Mark Edwards, Carried.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mike Witt – Carol asked me if I had my report written, but I had to tell her no. Those that know me know I can talk without paper. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the membership for allowing me to be Vice President and continuing to pay back to this organization. Omar’s dream is still going strong, whether it is in Maud, TX, in Ponchartrain, LA, in Essex, Canada, or WI, or now in the northwest in Seattle or Montana. I was privileged to go to Montana where Margo Ellis is helping to get things going. At Easter, we had a seminar on a Saturday and a mock hunt test on Sunday. I met some folks there that I met over 20 years ago in another state. They have moved out west and are coming back to HRC. I have been a member for over 20 years and I have seen the same people come and go. Many are coming back and they are still enjoying what we do as an organization.

I will always remember my firsts! My first hunt tests! My first judging assignment! My first Grand Judging assignment with Robert Hines. I will remember Mr. Ellis, Mr. Ernie and Mr. Glenn. He has arranged for anger management classes for me. I have passion! I will remember Cory Botts and tears and his bath when he got his HR title, and now he is ready for college. Two years ago Jim asked me to take on the Youth program. I wasn’t sure how that was going to go. But being involved with all these things has taken me in different directions than I thought. It has been a pleasure to work with the three EX members and Claudene. We don’t always get along, and we don’t always agree, but we get it done and support each other. Motion to accept the report by Deb West and Bill Watson, Carried

SECRETARY – Carol Ford - Since this may be my last Secretary’s address to the Board of Directors of HRC I thought you might like an accounting of some of the jobs I did on behalf of the membership of this organization.

In my four years of office I have fostered an excellent working relationship with HRC Administrative Secretary, Claudene Christopher Cooper, and UKC contacts - Loretta Wylie and Todd Kellam. These three individuals are the key to our success, especially Miss Claudene and Miss Loretta. They have the knowledge that keeps HRC and UKC working in tandem. I have assisted Miss Cooper whenever and wherever possible. I am proud to say that Miss Claudene felt very comfortable having me handle requests and issues when she was busy or away from her desk. She knew that she could count on me to respond to the individual’s requests, or to direct them to someone who could. I assisted with the proof reading of two rule books before their publication in 2007 and 2009, and with proofing the newest Judges and Handlers Seminar. When Miss Claudene needed letters or articles proofed, I was her girl! I also helped Miss Claudene with preparations for our Annual Board of Directors’ Meetings. I was in phone contact with her often and together we solved problems which erupted occasionally. I monitored the HRC web site forum daily and offered assistance and clarification when needed, sometimes putting out fires before they got out of control. I also took over daily monitoring of the two on-line entry services available to HRC to be sure that premiums there were correct and complete as required by HRC/UKC Policies and Procedures. As a result of my endeavors in this area, I earned the loveable title of “Internet Police” from one disgruntled individual.

I was an advocate for the membership and clubs when difficulties arose with UKC. Miss Loretta, Mr. Todd and I have worked through several sticky situations with hunt test difficulties, resulting in positive outcomes for both sides of the situation. I assisted Miss Loretta in solving problems with hunt test paperwork and explaining Policy and Procedure to the membership. Both, Miss Loretta and Mr. Todd were comfortable contacting me for assistance when needed. They trusted me to be there to help. I tried not to fail them.

I received over two hundred Purina orders annually and submitted them to Purina for processing. Thankfully, I kept hard copies of these orders. The hard copies came in very handy when I experienced several computer crashes over my tenure. Most orders were received, but I must apologize again for the few mix ups that happened this spring. I was working with a new email program in January and did not realize that attachments were not being sent, thus two sets of orders were not processed as they should have been. My hard copies really came in very handy then, or a lot more clubs would have been disappointed!

Since I have been Secretary of HRC INC I have traveled extensively. I have judged in Texas, Nebraska, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont, Ontario and Oregon. Speaking of judging, I find it hard to believe that I’ve sat in the Judge’s chair over fifty times, many of those in the last four years. Unfortunately, I cannot remember how many apprentices have begun their judging careers with my guidance.

I have attended or worked at Grands in Wisconsin, North Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Texas, Michigan, Iowa and South Dakota. It has been my responsibility to receive process and order the Grand Hunting Retriever Trophies for the last eight Grands. It was also my privilege to assist with the Region 8 Ladies Retreat and Seminar this spring in Wisconsin.

I worked with Gabe Tarr, our Marketing and Promotion Chairman assisting him as needed. Barbara Newsome, our Public Relations Chair and I kept in contact regularly. I want you to know that HRC is very lucky to have Barbara. She and her Public Relations Committee work very hard for us.

I tried to contact new clubs as they joined our family and offered my assistance with any questions or concerns they had with HRC and UKC. My most resent contacts have been with Long Island Club in New York and Prado Basin Club in Southern California. I have encouraged the growth of HRC by helping Margo Ellis and Paul Stewart bring Montana and Quebec into the HRC Family.

Together with the other members of the Executive Committee, I have been fiscally responsible to HRC. Required traveling can be expensive, but I always researched my options and kept my expenses to the minimum, just ask Coach. The Executive Committee had regular phone conferences and we had an EX Meeting at each Grand we attended. We have worked hard to keep HRC fiscally sound.

Every two months, I created an article to appear on the President's Message page in the HRC Magazine. Whether this was just so Jim didn't have so much room to fill or not, I was very appreciative of the opportunity. I decided to use that forum to assist club secretaries, hunt secretaries and hunt committees. I hope I succeeded. The column was also a place to update members on policies and procedures and important dates. Miss Claudene and Miss Loretta often gave me suggestions for article content. Working together for HRC/UKC, and helping the volunteers of this organization was our intent.

Over the last four years I have upheld the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of HRC and UKC. I always responded quickly to questions or concerns of the membership in these regards. Self motivated, but also a team member, I had focus and enthusiasm for the job. I strived to be proactive and use good judgment. My sight was always on the big picture, the continued growth and success of HRC. "Conceived by hunters for hunters," was always foremost in my mind. Being retired, gave me the time needed to devote to HRC and its membership. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed serving the members of HRC over the last four years! Thank you for the memories!

Motion to accept the report by Travis Bruce and Margo Ellis, Carried.

VI: OTHER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Claudene Cooper – We have a significant amount of business this year, so I will keep my report very short. There are a few items that I need to have recorded in the official minutes and a few updates for you. I have provided the Executive Committee with a report of the administrative accomplishments for the past year. We not only have a large number of new clubs this year but also new people stepping into the leadership roles of the existing clubs. It will help you to know who to contact regarding various issues involving administrative matters and hunts.

Miss Loretta at UKC is the contact for scheduling of your hunt dates and sends out the hunt packages.

I am responsible for

- clubs – new and existing
- Judges – licensing, approval for hunts, and detailed records
- Memberships and membership cards
- Resource CD and its content
- 500 Clubs
- Memorial and Honor Programs
- Premium – approval and publishing on the web site
- IT
- Web Site

We had 2 clubs demise during last year – Palmeto RC and Shenandoah Valley. But we had 12 new clubs join the HRC family –

- Midsouth Boykin Spaniel Retriever Club – Birmingham, AL
- Prado Basin HRC – Upland, CA
- Bay Area HRC – Fairhope, AL
- Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club – Long Island, NY
- Upper Chesapeake Chapter Delta Dog HRC – Rising Sun, Maryland
- Missouri Headwaters Retriever Club – Bozeman, Montana
- River Valley HRC – Arena, WI
- Albermarie Retriever Club – Camden, NC
- Etrie HRC, Lawrenceville, Quebec, Canada
- Northeast Washington Gun Dog Club – Chewalah, WA
- Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association – Anchorage, Alaska
- Las Vegas HRC – Las Vegas, Nevada

We currently have 717 active Judges. We added 163 new judges during the last year. 335 judges had their licensing status changed over the year. There were 3312 judging assignments for 414 hunts in 2008. It is my understanding that HRC held more hunt tests than AKC did, last year.

We ran 24 464 dogs in Regular hunt tests, 1613 in Upland tests, and 629 in Grand Tests. Since 1989 - 267 956 dogs have participated in hunt tests and 7175 have participated in Grands.

In December of 2007 our web site recorded one million hits. As of June 9, 2009 there were 1 300 888 hits. Our web site is primarily a resource site for members and clubs but also serves as a tool for new people to find out about HRC. Those are incredible numbers for a private web site!

I created the program this year to help celebrate our 25th Anniversary. I hope you like it.

I want to thank Bill and Cleo Watson for grading all our judges' tests. They have processed over 450 since February.

I want to thank Carol Ford for always stepping up and assisting when the work became overwhelming or a deadline loomed. I know that my 'can you handle this one?' was always addressed quickly and efficiently.

I want to thank Kim Parkman, Pat "Carol's Keeper" Taylor and Bill and Cleo Watson for helping with registration, could not have done it without your help.

I have been a member of HRC since 1987. Beginning in 1993, I served 6 years as National Secretary and the next 10 years as Administrative Secretary, I have had a view of the National Organization that probably no one else has. I attest that HRC has been blessed to have the right person at the right time step into the leadership roles of this organization and

each made their own specific contribution at critical times in our history. It all started with Omar, his vision, the belief of Fred Miller in HRC and the continued support of Wayne Cavanaugh.

We will thrive in the next 25 years as long as we remember who we are and where we came from. That knowledge will chart the course for HRC. It is all about the dogs and being – Conceived by hunters for Hunters.

It has been my honor and privilege to be part of the HRC Family. Omar, on behalf of my HRC Kids – Charlie, Chrissy, Baron, Angel, Spartin, Khaki, Rosie, Tiki, Molly, Gunner, Thomas, Trooper, Cinco, Robin, BJ and Rocky, - Thanks for the memories!

Motion to accept report by Deb West and Bill Watson, Carried

NATIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Tim Gibson: Tim reported he spent the day Friday moderating the Field Reps meeting. He enjoys coordinating and keeping the meeting moving. It is the one time every year that the field reps can get together and discuss what is going on in their regions. They are the eyes and ears of HRC at the hunt tests in their regions. He reported that Omar got them fired up! He got us back on realism! The field reps help judges and clubs keep 25 years of doing it best. Time reported that the field reps are 100% behind realism. We have some new faces in the field rep group. Tommy Williams, Cade Gentry, Charlie Jurney and Bob Black have all retired from their position of responsibility. Glenn Dye, Dean Roy and Don Garrett have joined the ranks, with Margo Ellis, Troy Thacker and Bud Reed taking on the roles of assistant field reps.

The new Seminar book is complete and printed. Field reps have copies to use at their seminars, and it is also available on line at the HRC web site for individuals to print if they so desire. More video and picture clips are needed to be added to the seminar. New procedures are in place for scheduling the seminars.

Motion to accept report by Deb West and Margo Ellis, Carried.

UKC, INC. – Todd Kellam – Things are going well. Wayne Cavanaugh sends his best regards. He is ringside watching schnauzers and other dogs, wishing he were here. We are glad to be here too! Single and litter registration are down a little this year. Titles earned by dogs were mostly up this year, SHR down 2.7%, HR up by 7%, HRCH up by 12 %, and GRHRCH up by 7%. Regular hunt tests were up by 14 % and Upland hunts were up by 26%

Motion to accept report by Deb West and Glenn Dye, Carried.

HRC/UKC NATIONAL AMBASSADOR: Omar Driskoll- Omar was jovial and suggested he was under the gun with his report since he could smell all that good food that was being set up for lunch. He informed us that a record of HRC History is underway. He has dug up old documents, pictures and memorabilia from pre HRC days. It will explain what caused HRC to be formed. The history will also explain why we are what we are today. We have so much to be proud of. UKC backed us from the beginning, AKC didn't want us. HRC was formed to impress bird hunters. It was born with realism which we need to preserve. Some of us are slipping away from realism. We need to keep the hunt in the hunt test. Please leave the Started and seasoned rules alone. Do not change them. Try not to forget way back when, where your knees were knocking as you came to the line.

This is also the time of the year that we honor some members with Lifetime memberships. This year Jim Reichman and Larry McMurray are to be honored. We have 5140 members of HRC and we have about 20 lifetime honorees.

Motion to accept the report by Deb West and Margo Ellis, Carried.

Lunch Break

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: President Reichman opened to floor for new business.

1. **Granite Springs, South Dakota** – Kevin Yoe discussed the possibility of a regional training center. He explained how Granite Springs was willing to work with HRC to develop that possibility.

Motion – to explore the establishment of regional training centers – was put on the floor by Bill Watson and Tim Kingsfield. Motion carried.

President Reichman informed us that plans are underway to have a Youth camp next August at Granite Springs. The Youth Program and Ladies Programs are developing nicely, with another Ladies Seminar as well, in the works. We are hot on the trail for funding to help in these regards.

2. **Delta Waterfowl Presentation** – John Devney: John thanked us for being here today. He was excited to be part of our meeting. Delta Waterfowl and HRC is a marriage made in Heaven. Our association will assist both organizations. The passion exhibited by HRC members is similar to my passion for Delta Waterfowl. After examining the history of HRC and discussing its future we realized that HRC is exactly the type of organization we want to be affiliated with.

John then went on to give us some background on Delta Waterfowl. It was founded in 1911 and started waterfowl research in 1938, but didn't do a good job of talking about it or developing membership programs. Its main aim is to secure the future of waterfowl and waterfowl hunting! They work equally hard on hunting and conservation issues. They face two big challenges – young ducks and young duck hunters. Duck production is crashing. Nesting success in Canada is declining. We need to fix prairie Canada. There is a loss of wetlands, needs to be more upland nesting cover and predators are on the increase, thus less ducks are being produced. Delta Waterfowl is trying to improve these situations with predator management programs, hen house creation, adopting of prairie pot holes and the ALUS program, Alternate Land Use Services. Their main objective is to make landowners aware of their pilot projects in SW Manitoba, Southern Ontario and Alberta and get them on board to help conserve and preserve habitats. We are working hand in hand with farmers and ranchers to provide habitat for ducks. Delta doesn't stop there. They want to mentor young duck hunters and are aiming programs at the late teens and young adults. Together with HRC we can increase awareness of conservation and hunting. It is mutually beneficial to both groups.

3. Recording Secretary – A motion was put on the floor to limit the elected Secretary position on the Executive of HRC to two consecutive terms as it is for the other officers. This was moved by Tim Kingsfield and seconded by Fred LePenske. Discussion of the motion followed and motion was withdrawn from the floor.

4. Safety Policy and Procedure. Dave Brannon raised the issue of preparing a safety policy to be included in the Judges' and Handlers' Seminar. This policy would keep dogs, handlers, workers and gallery safe. A lengthy discussion was had on the issue discussing the pros and cons of this issue. Since no motion was put on the floor the issue was closed.

5. Bill Watson explained the reasoning behind the Secretary's position should not be limited to two consecutive terms. Consistency was his main point. Claudene Cooper added info as to why the constitution had been changed in 1996 allowing the Secretary of HRC to stand for more than two consecutive terms. The Board decided that it was in the best interest of HRC at the time.

6. Bird Dog Hall of Fame – Travis Bruce - It is in the works for a permanent display for HRC at this facility.

7. Four States HRC – first Solid Gold Foundation Club. Roger Gray donated \$250.00 to the foundation on behalf of his club.

8. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Since there was only the Secretary's position up for voting, the two candidates were given a few moments to introduce themselves and speak to the Board. Diana Lacaze spoke first and then Carol Ford. Ballots were circulated for voting. While the ballots were being collected and counted, Jimmy Hodges and Mike Botts put forth a motion that we accept the other three positions as they were since only one person was standing for election. Motion was accepted.

President – Jim Reichman - acclaimed
Vice President – Mike Witt - acclaimed
Treasurer – Mike Dittrich – acclaimed

While the ballot count continued, Marinda Dye and Deb West talked to the Board about the two Ladies Seminars that had been held to date. The first was in March of 2008 in Mississippi, the second was in May of 2009 in Wisconsin. They were both well received and the ladies are looking for more. We are hoping for a third in the south. We are also looking forward to an HRC Delta Waterfowl Hunt. Marinda talked about the Mississippi Seminar. Deb West talked about the Wisconsin Seminar. She also had a hand out summarizing the workshops. As Marinda explained - Ladies, if we get the moms involved we will get the kids involved.

Secretary – Carol Ford - elected

IX: ADJOURNMENT: – Motion to close New Business and adjourn the meeting – by Kim Parkman and Mark Edwards.
Motion Carried

Carol Ford, SECRETARY, July 9, 2009