

HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 12, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. was held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Downtown Holiday Inn Select, Memphis, Tennessee.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** HRC President, Jim Reichman, called the Meeting to order at 8:30 am. Stephen Peacock 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: 34 were represented by Board of Directors, 30 by Elected Board Members, and 36 by Proxy for a total of 94 clubs represented and 5 Executive members. That is a total of 100 of the 141 possible votes represented. A quorum was present and a simple majority of votes would be required to pass proposals.
- III. APPROVAL OF 2009 MEETING MINUTES:** President Reichman suggested that a motion for approval of the 2009 minutes be made. They were approved.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Deb West, Chairman of the 2010 Audit Committee reported:

The Audit Committee, consisting of Mark Lanier, Past President HRC Inc, Mark Evans, Amite River HRC and herself, Deb West of Retrievers Unlimited 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 12, 2010.

Deb West thanked President Reichman for asking her to complete this job for HRC. She thanked Mark and Mark for their assistance. She reported that they had met on Friday, June 11, 2010. 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, 2010 and it is our opinion that all entries, accounts and other documentation are appropriate and correct as stated.”

Signed by, Deb West, Mark Lanier, and Mark Evans, dated June 11, 2010.

Ed Barnes of East Arkansas HRC moved that the Audit report be accepted, with A G Shaw of WISILL HRC seconding the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER - Treasurer Dittrich thanked those who served on the audit committee. He thanked his wife, Barbara for helping him get HRC finances done. He thanked the sponsors for their continued support. Mike thanked the Executive committee for their support. He thanked Miss Claudene, saying the longer he was treasurer, the more he appreciated her efforts and cooperation. Claudene took a load off of his shoulders and always said – yes, I can do that! Mike thanked the Grand Committee for their great job taking care of HRC Inc’s two hunts. Like the individual club’s HRC Inc gets revenue from the Grand hunts. Paul Ramponi has done an excellent job as Grand Treasurer. Mike thanked the Field Reps for their work and also thanked the PR Reps. He thanked the Club Presidents for their work and reminded them about Charter Fees that need to be paid again, since this money keeps HRC going until hunt tests start again in the fall. Mike thanked the UKC for their financial support. He acknowledged the fact that they reimburse HRC for about half of the Field Rep expenses. Mike asked Glenn Stelly, President of the Foundation to come to the front. He then explained that HRC has been able to help with payment of sponsors’ ads in the magazine and that HRC Inc had some surplus funds this year. He then presented a check for \$30 000.00 to the Foundation.

Mike then explained about another way that HRC Inc is going to help the Foundation raise funds. HRC Inc is going to have an Annual Gun Give Away. The gun will have nickel plated graphic inlays, be engraved, including a year number and be very collectable. HRC will put your name on a list for every \$25.00 tax deductible undesignated donation you make to the Foundation General Funds. Next year at the Annual Meeting all the names will be put in a hat and one will be drawn. That person will receive the collectable gun from HRC Inc. There will be ads in the HRC magazines about this soon.

Mike went on to explain how HRC is setting aside funds to help support the PR Reps, the Youth Program and the Women’s Program. You will need to contact these individuals respectively to request funds, Barbara Newsome, Glenda Mitchell and Marinda Dye. They will contact us and funds will be distributed if needed.

Mike explained his budget for next year. He explained that everything is an estimate. We never know what funds will come in from year to year. Some regions have decreased hunt participation and some have increased participation. Overall hunt test

participation is up, but we never know how things will develop. He then explained the balance sheet and adjusted several numbers that had changed since it was printed. Mike then asked for questions. During question time Travis Bruce made a suggestion that HRC add another box to check on their Hunt Report sheet, which would allow clubs to donate an extra 10% of their hunt fees to the Foundation if they are in a financial situation to do so. The Executive had a quick discussion and decided that this could be done. HRC will include the extra line on the Hunt Report which clubs have the option to check. If they do so then they can just increase their check by 10%. Mike will keep track and send the extra funds to the Foundation quarterly. Another question was asked to clarify the \$30 000.00 donation to the Foundation. Mike explained that it was surplus money that had accumulated from fees, Grand Hunts and sponsors and needed to be put somewhere. HRC Inc is a 501 (c) (7), non profit and needs to move excess funds to the Foundation - 501 (c) (3) for tax purposes. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Marty Davis, and Travis Bruce, 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. He thanked the Executive for their support of the Foundation and for their donation. He thanked Claudene for her work as Secretary of the Foundation and Roger Davis for his work as Vice President. Over the years we have been able to confer 63 Scholarships and Research Grants totaling \$140 525. We still need your continued help on our way to being self sufficient. Foundation means education.

Glenn reminded us about the Solid Gold Program. 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 twenty five so far. Your donations will go to help fund the scholarship program, youth programs, women's programs and research programs.

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 8 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. If you wish your Memorial Donations to go to a particular scholarship just note it on your check. Names of twenty seven qualified applicants were put in a hat and the following individual received the Foundation Scholarships – David M. Botts of Mississippi Valley HRC, Sarah Beth Dunn of Permian Basin HRC, Kelsey N. Hundley of Cajun HRC, Andrea Renee Picklo of St Clair Flats HRC and Jonathan Rodman of Dakota HRC. Kyle Smith of Badger State received the Phillip Freeman Scholarship, Katie Michelle Dunn of Permian Basin HRC received the Chris Hailey Scholarship, Brandon Saucier of Bayou HRC received the John Pritchett Scholarship and Sean Patrick Fehringer of Panhandle HRC received the one time Jonathan P Smith Scholarship.

Chance Raehn came forward with a check for the Freeman Scholarship of \$1500.00 from Old South HRC. Roger Gray and Glen Scarborough talked about the Chris Hailey memorial fund, and how UKC has agreed to wave their fees if you hold a memorial event and make the donation to the Foundation for Cancer research or scholarship. Glen talked about Chris, his cancer and his love for duck hunting, dogs and HRC. He asked for clubs to think about holding a memorial hunt in Chris' name. Travis Bruce made a \$200.00 donation to the Foundation on behalf of Old Hatchie HRC in reference to Ronnie Harwell's recent loss. He thanked everyone for their donations.

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

GRAND HUNT COMMITTEE: - Chairman of the Grand Hunt Committee Ernie Istre introduced the other members of the Grand Hunt Committee and explained how they have struggled to maintain HRC philosophy, and struggled to keep us going in the right direction. Ernie asked Paul to give some numbers from the past few Grands - South Dakota Spring 2009- 302 dogs entered, 74 went to upland, 60 passed – HRC - \$12 109, Local – \$5 121, Tennessee Grand Fall 2009 – 429 dogs entered, 76 went to upland, 74 passed – HRC - \$24 897, Local - \$20 817, Louisiana Grand Spring 2010, 380 dogs entered, 76 went to upland, 69 passed – HRC - \$18 074, Local - \$12 646.

Mike Witt presented checks to Mark Evans of Amite and Mike Dittrich, HRC Treasurer, for their share of the proceeds from the Louisiana Spring Grand 2010. Mark Evans talked to the Board about hosting the Grand and the work involved. He thanked the Grand Hunt committee for their work.

Mike Botts gave a schedule of the next Grands – Fall 2010, Georgia- Coastal Empire, Oct 9-13, - Spring 2011, Mississippi, April 2-6 – Fall 2011, Lake Ontario, Canada, Sept 10-14 – Spring 2012, Wisconsin, May 26-30 – Fall 2012, Iowa, Oct 6-10 – Spring 2013, Texas – Fall 2013, Oklahoma.

Glenn Stelly explained how potential judges were chosen. They are recommended by Club Presidents, Field Reps and other Grand Judges. They are interviewed and their backgrounds are checked. The Grand Committee then discusses the potential judges and makes the best decisions possible. He went on to explain that the local committee and the judges have already put in an estimated 11 022 man hours before the first dog runs on Saturday morning. He reminded everyone to thank them for their donation of time.

Ernie recognized the Field Coordinators that they have for the Grands and explained what they do for the Grands – Butch Stewart, Glen Noble - Southern Michigan HRC, Darrell Day, Brett Greensfield and Rusty Wismer – Essex HRC.

Ernie explained about the jobs of Diana Peacock, Diana Lacaze – Secretaries and Paul Ramponi - Treasurer

Mike Witt explained how with the help of our National Sponsors, Purina, Gunners Up, TriTronics and Avery we have been able to equip our equipment trailer with everything needed to put on a Grand. All the local club needs to supply are the shot guns.

Ernie thanked the Grand Judges for their unselfish donation of time to the Grand. He also thanked the Executive Committee for their support.

Loretta Wylie from UKC read the list of new Grand Hunting Retriever Champions from the Tennessee Grand, and Diana Peacock read the list of new Grand Hunting Retriever Champions from the Louisiana Grand.

Ernie thanked Omar for what he has given to us.

Motion to accept report by Dick Beaufils , and Roger Gray, Carried.

SPONSORS COMMITTEE – Chairman – Mike Botts

Mike started by introducing the Sponsor representative present at the meeting - David Carrington from Avery, and Dean Reinke and Ann Dichlund from Purina. He thanked the sponsors for their support of HRC and its programs.

Mike then announced the members of the Sponsors Committee – Richard Jennings from New England, Jeff Robland from South Dakota, Jimmy Nealy from Texas and a yet to be named later person.

He went on to explain that he and Mike Witt, as well as Cory Botts take care of Tritronics' questions. Mark Atwater of Up Close Photo has become the official photographer of HRC. Joe Scarpy and HuntMup.com are also sponsors, who support our women's and youth programs. Delta Waterfowl was present and they had application forms with them. He then asked Deb West to come up and introduce the Pink Whistle Society. Deb explained how it all started at the Ladies Seminar in Wisconsin with a pink whistle in the handler's bags. It has now grown into a group on Facebook that brings people together to raise money for HRC and the Cancer Society. As Deb says – There is power in Pink!

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE – Bud Reed

Bud informed the BOD of retirements of several Field Reps – David Cousineau, Charlie Journey, Jim Bowden and Mike Witt. New Field Reps have been appointed – Johnny Barlow, Tracey Stubbs, Chance Raehn, and himself, Bud Reed.

He then explained what was discussed in the Field Reps meeting. Last year they had decided to emphasize realism and camo clothing. This year they want to work on three areas – judges need to use the test briefing format, judges need to let handlers know they have failed as soon as both judges agree that they are out, and encourage triples in all finished tests, since that is what separates marking in Finished from Seasoned marking. In their discussions they have also developed an improved Upland Test Briefing and have created an Upland Gunner Briefing. The committee is looking for ways to improve the Judges and Handlers Seminar. Larry McMurry is chairing a sub committee, and all suggestions for improvement can be sent to Larry. Motion to accept report by Dick Beaufils and John Devney. Carried

Continuation of the National Sponsor's report - Presentation by DELTA WATERFOWL – John Devney

John explained that Delta Waterfowl's mandate is not just for ducks but also for duck hunters. That is what makes them different. Their aim is to increase duck production. To do so they need to find new ways to preserve breeding grounds, and manage predators. They have programs in place that do both. He had a computer presentation and explained Canada and US research and farmer involvement. 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. For duck hunters they have instituting a mentoring hunting program for youth to help them be introduced to duck hunting. They have held 110 events across the country and will gladly share their resources with us if we wish to mentor young duck hunters. Delta also works with local communities to make sure hunting is represented in their areas.

Together with HRC we can increase awareness of conservation and hunting. It is mutually beneficial to both groups.

Motion to accept both parts of the report Mike Witt and Mark Lanier. Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Barbara Newsome – Chairwoman

Barbara welcomed the new PR Reps to the fold. She explained to the BOD that she had created a folder for the PR Reps with all of the necessary files and information that would help them in their jobs. They are to take these folders and create a binder that they will keep updated, and it will stay in their region to be passed on to the next person who takes their position. They are to personalize these binders to their region, making turnovers much easier.

Barbara went on to explain that the PR Rep has an important role in HRC. They are in contact with their field reps and are always busy helping clubs. They recruit new members and help with the youth and women's programs. They attend Preliminary hunts and assist with regional meetings. They also are responsible for regional reports for the HRC magazine and have regional web site to keep updated. PR Reps will help you as much as they can, but you have to do the work. HRC will have some regional banners produced which can be used at functions.

Barbara then read highlights from reports of Regions 1, 2, 5A, 8, 8A and 12. Barbara had the PR Reps stand, so we could show our appreciation.

Secretary Ford thanked the PR Reps for their hard work.

Motion to accept report by Dick Beaufiles, and A G Shaw, Carried.

RUNNING RULES COMMITTEE – Rusty Wismer – Chairman

Rusty Wismer introduced himself. He thanked the Running Rule Reps for their work.

He explained that 68 clubs had responded to the mail in ballots sent out to them about the rule proposals. Proposal 1, listed below passed by mail in ballots, but Proposal 2, listed below, needs to be voted upon here at the meeting since it did not pass by 2/3 majority by mail in ballots.

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.

Proposal 1 Passed by mail in ballots.

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.

Discussion was opened to the floor. Discussions were closed by A G Shaw and Dick Beaufiles

Ballots were passed out, collected and counted. Proposal 2 failed.

Motion to accept the report by Dick Beaufiles, and Marty Davis, Carried.

LUNCH BREAK

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: – Jim Reichman

Jim talked about some good things in HRC for members of the Executive. The Executive Committee works together and supports each other. We have been good stewards of HRC resources. The youth program is growing. The ladies program is growing. He and several others attended the Hunting Expo in Dallas and had a great time explaining HRC to people who dropped by the booth. The HRC Magazine grabbed people's attention and thus opened doors of discussion. While visiting other exhibitor's booth Jim found an adjustable stock that fits on many of our club shotguns. It is produced by ATI, a company which supplies equipment to the military and police. This stock was developed for police shotguns, since many new cars are too small for the standard stock to fit in the car. This stock shortens the gun by 4 inches, in one inch increments. Thus it will be ideal for HRC with youth, women and men able to use the same gun, by just adjusting the stock, HRC is working on a deal that will allow clubs and HRC members to buy these stocks at a reduced price. It will fit Remington 870, Winchester 1200 and 1300 models, and a Mossberg 500. More information will be available on the web site.

Jim explained that the EX has been able to have a representative at most Anniversary hunts and preliminary hunts and will continue to do so. He is also pleased that 500 and 1000 point jackets are increasing in popularity. More handlers are earning them.

Then Jim talked about the unpleasant things that must be handled, and he was not going to mince words.

If a handler shows up on more than eight dogs on the point receipts, none of the dogs will get their points! No longer can there be two handlers' names on one point receipt, unless there was some sort of emergency.

Personal misconduct by members will not be tolerated. UKC will sanction the individuals. They do so after consulting with us and ensuring we are satisfied. UKC has had to deal with some members and we have had to deal with others. This will continue if necessary.

Bashing of individuals on the message board will not be tolerated. Violators will be charged with unsportsmanlike like conduct and will be dealt with accordingly. If you cannot exercise restraint, we will have to help you. We don't need this type of conduct and we want to clean up the message board. It needs to be safe for our children, wives, family and friends to read.

Motion to accept report by Marty Davis and Mark Evans, Carried.

After the president's address, we had the draw for the TriTronics collar – the winner was Trail Of Tears HRC.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mike Witt –

Mike started his speech by asking – what does a Vice President do? He didn't have any idea when he started. But he filled the void with many things. He explained that the Executive Committee do not always agree, but they discuss any issue that comes up and support the final decision that is made.

As VP he was responsible for the Youth Program. It began as a point system – title oriented idea but that was changed to a newer system Glenda Mitchell has been the driving force and has held several youth camps, the third of which is next weekend. He then gave the floor to Travis Bruce, Johnny Barlow, Baker McCool and Craig Fredericton. They shared a video of their Youth Day and explained their aims for the day. It was an outstanding success and they are looking forward to improving and growing.

Mike continued with his address. He talked about his work with the youth groups and conservation groups. He explained that we have customized a Daisy Red Rider to auction at the banquet. One will also be sent to Barb Newsome and Glenda Mitchell for their youth hunts.

Mike then talked about his interaction with the field reps and asked that their work be acknowledged. He then invited Region 1 Rep Dean Roy to start off the Field Rep Reports. When we all saw the look of horror on the field reps faces, Mike said he was just kidding and the field reps gave a collective sigh of relief.

Mike talked about his memories of HRC. He thanked Carol Rombauer for her judging career. He thanked Dave Brannon for his work on the HRC Wall of Fame.

Mike said in HRC you have a voice. You need to be part of the decision making process. We are a democratic organization which gives you a responsibility to the organization.

Motion to accept report by Travis Bruce and Chance Raehn, Carried

SECRETARY – Carol Ford - Welcome everyone to the Annual meeting. I promised my sister that I would keep my address to the board of directors short this year, so I am going to give it my best shot!

First I would like to thank everyone for their continued confidence in me, from Claudene to Loretta and Todd, from the east coast to the west coast, from Alaska to Texas. The lines of communication remain open and I have done my best to help solve problems large or small and answer your questions.

I want to thank all of the clubs who have invited me to judge at their hunts. Everyone has made me feel welcome and appreciated. I enjoyed every event and was always amazed by the sense of family. My cousin accompanied me to several events. She could not believe that total strangers welcomed her and enjoyed stories about her beagle-basset rescue dog. She is hooked on HRC even though she is not a hunter and is ready to come with me on any of my outdoor adventures.

I want to thank our sponsors for their continued support of HRC. We would not be where we are today without their generosity.

The economy may be weak in major areas of the United States and Canada, but the HRC Spirit lives on. This speaks volumes about our organization and our sense of family.

We have recently welcomed four new clubs to our organization – **Key City HRC** in Iowa, **River Valley HRC** in Wisconsin, **Kalamazoo Valley HRC** in Michigan and **Bitterroot Valley RC** in Montana.

Like River Valley HRC, fledgling clubs, **Estrie HRC** in Quebec and **Lower Columbia HRC** in Oregon will be holding their Preliminary and first Licensed Events in June. I know that these clubs can look forward to support from all of us.

I am attending the Estrie Club's preliminary hunt as the EX representative and judging started both days for them. I also volunteered to be their Hunt Test Secretary to help them get their feet under them after several members felt they couldn't manage the job the first time. As you might imagine, it was very interesting trying to create a program booklet in Canada's two official languages.

In 2009 HRC clubs held 404 Licensed Events with over 25,000 entries. The first quarter of 2010 shows promising growth as well. The number of Licensed Events is up by almost five percent. Thank you to everyone who enters HRC Hunt tests.

I wonder if Mr. Omar ever envisioned these numbers. These figures are amazing, considering that everything for these hunts is done by volunteers! Volunteers are the heart of our organization. Volunteers need to be proud of what they have accomplished.

Thank you everyone who has been involved in HRC. Whatever you have done for HRC, big or small, you have done an amazing job!

Motion to accept the report by Dick Beaufils and Mike Witt, Carried.

VI: OTHER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Claudene Cooper –Miss Claudene asked that clubs include Vet information on their premiums, including a phone number. She also asked that club members who are judging at your test should NOT be included on your official Hunt Committee.

She reported that she had sent out 13 new club information packets and that we have welcomed 5 new clubs this year – Lower Columbia in Oregon, Bitterroot Valley in Montana, Key City in Iowa, Kalamazoo in Michigan and in Indiana. We had 4 clubs demise during last year – Upper Chesapeake Delta Chapter, West Kentucky, Lake Champlain and Prado Basin.

We added 105 new judges during the last year. 398 judges had their licensing status changed over the year. There were 3240 judging assignments for 4o5 hunts in 2009. We ran 25 861 dogs in Regular hunt tests. Since 1989 - 301 391 dogs have participated in hunt tests.

Claudene asked that we think carefully about dumping ice water on title winners. We don't want anyone to be injured by this.

She also mentioned that she has seals for certificates that she can send to clubs if they wish to present title earners with a certificate in celebration.

Claudene reported that after 23 years of HRC involvement that she finally got to judge with Omar. She thanked Omar for that great experience.

She also reported that she was happy to issue a judging License on Jan 27th to Cory Botts.

She thanked Bill and Cleo Watson for grading all our judges' tests and helping her with registration.

She also thanked Loretta Wylie, who in her words is awesome to work with.

Motion to accept report by Scott Marcin and Travis Bruce, Carried

UKC, INC. – Todd Kellam – Things are going well. In 09 Labs were the 6th most popular breed with UKC, Golden Retrievers 13th, Boykins 35th and Chessies 42nd. Titles earned by dogs were mostly down this year, SHR down, HR down, HRCH down, and GRHRCH up. Regular hunt tests were up by 22 % and Upland hunts were up by 1%. Their mailing list is up by 2%.

Motion to accept report by Travis Bruce and Johnny Barlow, Carried.

HRC/UKC NATIONAL AMBASSADOR: Omar Driskill- Omar explained that he would be short this year. He thanked the Executive Committee for their work. He thanked Miss Claudene. He thanked everyone for coming. He finally thanked UKC for allowing us the freedom to continue.

Omar remaindered us that realism is the most important factor that separates us from all of the other groups. We need to keep the hunt in our hunt tests. He said one of our aims is to improve the hunters out there. He reminded us that field trial started to do that but got too far away from that aim. He said that it does his heart good that the youth are now getting involved in our programs. He went on to explain that he has had a change in his life. He used to dwell on his illnesses and depression. But now he has stopped thinking about himself and began using the word – compassion as a mantra. He has it duct taped on his sun visor. It has improved his life and he hopes it will improve life for other as well.

Motion to accept the report by Johnny Barlow and Glenn Dye, Carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cut Off Dates – Scott Jinks, of Trail of Tears brought up a discussion of Cut off dates for accepting entries at hunts. Discussion ensued and it was explained to Scott that it has been left up to the clubs to decide if they wish to have them.
2. Old business closed by Glenn Dye and Mark Lanier, Approved

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

1. Scott Jinks – Trail of Tears – Scott wanted to put a motion forward to allow clubs to combine Started and Seasoned entries, under one set of judges, but with 2 separate set of tests, creating a “Small Hunt” Category. It was seconded by Glen Dye. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Executive could give special permission on an as needed basis. The motion was withdrawn.

2. Save the Puppy Program- Janet Kimbrough- Bryan College Station - Janet explained about this fund raiser for cancer. Donations can be made at huntsecretary.com

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 A G Shaw and seconded by Janet Kimbrough. Ballots were passed out since it required a constitutional change. The motion passed.

4. Three Day Weekend Hunts – A motion was put forward to allow clubs to have a three day hunt. Moved by Margo Ellis and seconded by Travis Bruce. Discussion ensued. President Reichman explained that the Executive Committee and UKC were not in favor of this. This policy change is not supported by the UKC and hunt dates will continue to be defined as Saturday and/or Sunday hunts only. Motion was withdrawn.

IX: ADJOURNMENT: – Motion to close New Business and adjourn the meeting – by Glen Dye and Glenn Stelly. Motion Carried

Carol Ford, SECRETARY, July 4, 2010