

HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 11, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. was held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Downtown Holiday Inn Select, Memphis, Tennessee.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** HRC President, Jim Reichman, called the Meeting to order at 8:45 am. Deb West 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: 33 were represented by Board of Directors, 28 by Elected Board Members, and 53 by Proxy for a total of 109 clubs represented and 5 Executive members. That is a total of 114 of the 137 possible votes represented. A quorum was present and a simple majority of votes would be required to pass proposals.
- III. APPROVAL OF 2010 MEETING MINUTES:** President Reichman suggested that a motion for approval of the 2010 minutes be made. Mike Botts and Mark Edwards so moved and the minutes were accepted.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Deb West, Chairman of the 2011 Audit Committee reported:

The Audit Committee, consisting of Cory Botts of Mississippi Valley HRC, Diana Peacock of Michigan 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 11, 2011.

Deb West thanked President Reichman for asking her to complete this job for HRC. She thanked Cory and Diana for their assistance. She reported that they had met on Friday, June 10, 2011. They inspected the financial statements of HRC Inc, and The Foundation, finding that said financial records were solid.

We jointly make the following statement regarding our findings.

öWe have reviewed specific and general income and expense transactions for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011 and it is our opinion that all entries, accounts and other documentation are appropriate and correct as stated.ö

Signed by, Deb West, Cory Botts, and Diana Peacock, dated June 10, 2011.

Deb West thanked Mike Dittrich for the outstanding job he has done with the Treasurer's books.

Moved that the Audit report be accepted, Deb West with Mark Edwards seconding the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER - Treasurer Dittrich thanked those who served on the audit committee. He thanked Barbara for her work, saying I stood up here, she didn't. When he started 4 years ago his aim was to get HRC solid and that is what he did. He explained that we have to keep HRC Inc solid. We can't do that without the Grand, but his purpose was to stand up for HRC Inc. Without HRC Inc there would be no Foundation or Grand. We have budgeted money for the Youth Program and the Women's Program. Contact the Treasurer if you need funds for these two programs and you may get some help. Chartered fees are current, and need to be kept that way if you want to put on a hunt. He reminded committee members to keep getting their expense reports in quickly. He also suggested that HRC Inc put some of their money into CD's. Money is harder to spend if it isn't in the checking account. He then passed out the Budget sheet and Balance sheet, noting that we can add about 20 000 to the balance for moneys from this weekend. While these were being distributed, he called Barbara to the front and told a few humorous events that happened after her recent surgery. He emphasized that he could not have done his job without this girl right here! Miss Barbara was given applause from the members.

Mike also reminded us that donations to the Foundation give you a chance to receive tickets from HRC Inc for an Annual Gun Raffle. So far 700 tickets have been given from HRC Inc in appreciation of donations to the Foundation. He reminded the new Executive that they need to continue this program for the Foundation.

Budget and Balance Sheet to be attached.

Travis Bruce of Southern Flight HRC and Mark Edwards of South Mississippi HRC moved that we accept the Treasurer's report. Approved.

HRC FOUNDATION, INC. ö Glenn Stelly

Glenn explained handouts for Foundation and Scholarships, and the budget for the foundation. Glenn asked that the BOD take the info back home and share it with club members and encourage them to take advantage of its work as well as continuing donations to the Foundation. Financial review of the Foundation found the report accurate and true. He reported that the Foundation has over \$223 000 in its accounts. Glenn thanked the Executive Committee for their support, Claudene Cooper for her work as Secretary of the Foundation and Roger Davis for the creation of the Foundation and for his work as Vice President. He explained that we were able to give scholarships and grants this year to a total of \$15 000 compared to last years \$13 500. Glenn thanked the corporate sponsors ó Purina, Tritronics, Avery, Gunners Up, Bayer and Delta Waterfowl for their help and HRC members who make donations. He thanked the Pink Whistle Society for their donations and UKC for their help in advertising. He reminded us to continue to support the Foundation with individual and club donations through the Solid Gold Club. Over the last ten years we have been able to confer Scholarships and Research Grants totaling \$156 225. Glen explained that a research grant had been given to Louisiana State University for their School of Veterinary Medicine ó Cardiology Study of Tricuspid Annular Plane Systolic Excursion, canine pacemakers for short. He also explained that we are giving out 9 scholarships this year ó 5 from the Foundation, 1 Phillip Freeman, 1 Chris Hailey, 1 John Pritchard and 1 Carol Rombauer . Names of twenty qualified applicants were put in a hat and the following individual received the Foundation Scholarships ó Meredith Webster of Roadrunner HRC, Roger A Smith of Badger State HRC, Brandon Saucier of Bayou HRC, Kelsey Hundley of Cajun HRC and Mallory K Robinson of Tennessee River HRC. Jennifer Fisher of St Clair Flats HRC received the Phillip Freeman Scholarship, Cara A Dowell of Wisill HRC received the Chris Hailey Scholarship, Trent Estopinal of Amite River HRC received the John Pritchett Scholarship, and David Botts of Mississippi Valley HRC received the Carol Rombauer Scholarship. Allie K Winters of Old Hatchie HRC was selected as the alternate.

Foundation P&L and Balance to be attached

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

GRAND HUNT COMMITTEE: - Chairman of the Grand Hunt Committee Ernie Istre introduced the other members of the Grand Hunt Committee, Mike Botts, Mike Witt, Glenn Stelly and Paul Ramponi. He thanked them for their work and thanked the executive for attending the Grands. They presented checks to HRC for \$18 817.36 and Southern Flight HRC for \$13 188.18, proceeds from the Spring Grand in Mississippi.

Todd Kellam and Loretta Wylie from UKC read the list of new Grand Hunting Retriever Champions from the Savannah and Mississippi Grands.

Ernie then called Omar to the front for his comments on the Grand today, compared to the beginning. Omar said he was amazed at what the grand has become. Omar managed to get to the line at all 4 test sites and watch 10 to 15 dogs run. He was blown away by the realism all over the place. He said he was just in awe. He counted 20 some workers at one site. He was amazed at where we have arrived. He thanked the committee, the hosting clubs, everyone in the room and most of all the owners and handlers of the dogs. Every single person he thanked. He impressed upon us that it is the dogs and handlers that make the Grand. When he attended the Mississippi Grand he had a helper accompany him who was an ex field trailer. He was also blown away by what he saw. Omar felt that the pro dogs and the amateur dogs were equal in quality. He felt we should hold our heads up high and be proud of what the Grand has become.

To help facilitate last minute scratches, and to assist handlers and owners, the Grand Hunt Committee has adjusted their entry procedures for 2011 as follows-

- 1- any dog may be replaced for any reason before it runs its first test,
- 2- any handler can be replaced by a new qualified handler until the dog has run its first test,
- 3- any changes after the dog has run its first test will be at the discretion of the Grand Hunt Committee.

There will be a \$25.00 fee for any change.

Motion by Claudene Cooper and Mark Edwards, approved.

Mike Botts gave a schedule of the next Grands ó Fall 2011, Lake Ontario, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, Sept 10-14
Spring 2012, WISILL Burlington, Wisconsin, ó Fall 2012, Three Rivers Tulsa OK
Spring 2013, Four States, Texarkana, TX ó Fall 2013, Davenport, Iowa.

Motion to accept report by Marty Davis , and Travis Bruce, approved.

Glenn Stelly announced that Andrea Barlow on behalf of Old South had donated \$1392.00 to the Foundation.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE – Substitute for the weekend ó Paul Ramponi

Paul explained why he was filling in for Tim Gibson. Tim's professorship kept him from attending this weekend.

The field reps met on Friday and discussed what they had worked on improving over the last year. - Dogs honoring on lead when necessary, being sure there were triples in finished as required, and informing the handler at the line if his dog had failed.

He then explained what the field reps will be working on improving over the next year,

1. if reruns are necessary then a dog will go back 3 dogs for their rerun

2. giving a dog recovery room on marks and blinds, making sure a dog can be seen by the handler, no marks or blinds on the crest of a hill, etcí .
3. realism, practicing and continuing what we have been doing and improve this area, use decoys, etcí

Paul introduced 2 new field reps ó Chris Darby replacing Chance Raehn in Region 4 and Paul Bishop taking over Region 13A, since Pat Johnson is moving to Oklahoma and will be helping in that region.

Motion to accept report by Deb West and Steve Peacock, approved.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ó Barbara Newsome ó Chairwoman

Barb reported what some of the PR Reps had been doing over the last year including, youth hunts, TV shows, Lady Handler Seminars, rebirth of clubs, and booths at various local events. She thanked Charlie Whitehurst and Ken McDaniels for their work and welcomed their replacements, Lori Lewis and Mark Evans.

Barbara continued - This year I will be stepping away from my position as Chair of the PR Committee. I would like to reminisce just a little. Rod Smith asked me to consider the position. My question was ó why me? There are many other PR Reps who have been around longer than I have, so why me? He said, I have heard what you are doing in Region 13 and I want to see it happen in all the regions. Well. My first meeting in 2004 was my favorite! [I asked the reps what they thought of their roles in their regions. They said they wanted to be more involved that just writing a report for the magazine. L said, well this is your lucky day! You get to write your own job descriptions. We worked for 7 hours and could have gone 9. We created a detailed job description for the PR Reps. The excitement in the room was incredible. Their energy took on a life of its own. They all came with me to the meeting with the Executive committee and impressed them. The following year the BOD accepted our job description without hesitation. I cannot take the credit for this, it was a group effort. I am very, very proud of their achievements that have occurred during my watch. I want to thank Carol Ford for all she does and for her support of the PRø. I thank the BOD for their support. No matter how good they are, the PR cannot do it alone. The energy born that day, continues to flow.

Barb then introduced Patty Munson who gave a Power Point presentation of the LadiesøHandler Seminar at Illinois River HRC. Patty thanked all of the sponsors for their support. On Friday night the group met for dinner to get to know each other. Saturday started off with gun safety and progressed through obedience, marks, duck calling, walk ups and blind work. They had Pattyø vet come and talk about injuries in the field. They had a banquet Saturday night with a round table discussion where the ladies asked questions of the pros and handlers in attendance. On Sunday they had a mock hunt tests and worked through the 3 levels of testing. They also explained each personø judges sheets. There was a lot of one on one work over the weekend. Patty explained that the format they used with the ladies could also be used with youth programs and for new clubs. She will be glad to share her outlines DVD and booklets that the ladies received.

Motion to accept report Mark Edwards and Deb West, approved.

BREAK

RUNNING RULES COMMITTEE – Rusty Wismer ó Chairman

Rusty reported that there were 7 proposals submitted to the Running Rules Committee. One was deemed a policy issue and needs to be brought forward under new business. The remaining 6 will need to be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

A summary of each is below, with actual submissions to be attached. **See attached for exact wording!**

1. Use of test dogs ó higher level than class running, but not titled at the higher level
2. A seasoned walkup should land at least 60 yards from the retrieving line to facilitate a controlled break
3. Upland ó Change to an upland dog is expected to flush or go on point
4. Change to hunting attire ó Judges, HM, handlers ó must wear camo shirt or jacket, dark colored shorts, pants, etcí
- 5 - this proposal. was considered policy
6. Raise 8 dog per handler limit to 12
7. Change seasoned entry limit from 40 to 30.

Move to accept report by Mike Witt and Harris Clark, approved.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS; PRESIDENT: ó Jim Reichman

This will be my last address to you as president of HRC and my first address to you using notes. I absolutely hate it but this brain will not remember more than four points and I got more than that here. Have no fear, this will be short.

Some points came up yesterday in our EX and Committee meetings that need to be addressed. Our next Grand is in Canada. You now need to have passports for entry and return to the US. Please start the process now. Also If you have had a DUI over the last ten years, you may not be allowed entry, and that will include all in the vehicle. On premiums, the signature line allows ONE signature and only ONE handler. You are not permitted to have two different handlers, unless it is an emergency situation. The Hunt test committee and HTS have the right to say NO! We must protect the integrity of our titles and the HRC program. In 1993 and 94 we discussed mixed breed dogs. Mixed breed dogs are not permitted in the HRC Program. LP dogs are allowed, as long as they are not a mixed breed LP dog. If a club wishes, they may run mixed breed dogs, but they will be at the end of the running order, and will not displace a UKC registered, or LP registered pure bred dog. The mixed breed dogs will not earn points.

It is now time for me to think about retirement. I want to thank you all for your help and support, and for allowing me to serve as President for the last four years. I have to thank my wife Edna and our daughter for their support. Edna had to work so couldn't be here this weekend. I remember her reaction when I went home and stated that the only office I hadn't held was Secretary, her response ó Oh hell no! I have a lot of people to thank who were my mentors ó Mark Lanier, Glenn Stelly and Larry McMurray, who are here, and others who are not, those who have served as officers in the past. Committee chairs and members gave me excellent council. Claudene has taken care of the administrative side and is the protector of HRC. I thank her and the EX Committee for all their hard work. Mike D, thank you. HRC is in a good financial state. We have a quarter of a million dollars in our Foundation and if you add HRC Inc accounts we are pushing \$400 000. We are solvent and the new EX will continue to shore up the financial future of HRC. Carol is a feisty redhead. She is our feisty redhead. She kept us from dropping the cannonball on our foot, reminding us of deadlines, keeping us on track and making sure that the business of HRC was reported in the minutes. Mike Witt will be a great next President. He was of good council and good cheer. He did everything and more than I asked of him. He was always there when I needed him. I appreciate all that these folks have done for HRC. My one disappointment is that the Youth Program and the Women's Program are not fully developed yet. But I have come to realized that it is a process, and four years ago both were just ideas. Thanks to Glenda and Mirinda Dye for their work. It is amazing what we have done. I am looking forward to the day we see younger people sitting at the BOD meetings. Thanks to the Pink Whistle Society and the Solid Gold programs for ensuring the continued growth of the Foundation. When we started four years ago I stated that we wanted committees to function as committees. We tried not to micro manage them. We gave them direction and let them go. They took control and made things happen! Thank you. When we look at our balance sheet now, hunt test fees are the biggest part of our income.

Over the next four years we need to look at our Constitution and Bylaws. They have served us well, but need to be updated. When they were written, there were no rubber duck, collars or wingers. They need to be adjusted and updated to reflect new technology and other changes in our organization.

I hope you feel we listened to you. We hope you felt you could have a dialogue with issues that affected HRC. I hope that continues. I bought a new folding chair and look forward to breaking it in in the gallery. Thank you for allowing me to be President.

Moved to accept Travis Bruce and Kevin Kennedy, approved.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mike Witt ó I have made some notes. I am giving the first part of my report to Glenda Mitchell for a report on the youth program. Glenda presented a video of last years camp. She then went on to explain that the 4th Annual Camp was taking place next weekend. Thirteen boys, six girls between the ages of 8 and 17 and twenty two adults would be taking part in the three day weekend event. They would be starting off with gun safety and gun handling. They would then proceed to marking, basic handling and casting, duck calling, duck identification and conservation, setting decoy spreads, obedience ad they would learn many other skills through game playing. They would end the weekend with a mock hunt tests, where most of the youth would be able to run at a seasoned level. Glenda explained that at camp, peer pressure was a good thing. Everyone wants to be able to do everything. Glenda explained that this couldn't be done without the help of many people, including Pro trainers who give up their weekend for the kids. She explained the role the sponsors have played and thanked Hunt -em up, Purina, Tritronics, Avery and regional sponsors for their support. Delta Waterfowl plays a big role in their weekend. Glenda thanked Miss Claudene and Mike Witt for their help. She also named and thanked the nine Texas HRC clubs that donated \$100.00 each to this event. Glenda's goal is to see a similar event in each region, and she is willing to help any who ask. Get the kids involved and have fun!

Mike Witt then introduced Chuck Dwyer who explained Tower of Hope, a program that supplies service dogs to wounded military personnel without cost. He explained the background of the program and gave us an understanding of the costs involved in providing these dogs. He went on and explained how he brought this program to the attention of his club ó Southern Flight HRC and other friends throughout the region and asked for their help in a fund rising effort called ó 100 dogs in 1000 days. On Sat May 28th they had their event on grounds provided by Frank and Houston Watson in north Mississippi. They had a retriever event that consisted of three stakes with the top three placements in each division. They had a dog/handler team from Desoto County Sheriff's Department do a drug detection demonstration and an attack demo. Mid South Search and Rescue came and did multiple demos, with cadaver dogs, air scenting dogs and a blood hound team. Shelby County Obedience club did demos of obedience, agility and a rally. They had a bounce house and a blue bird house painting station for the kids. SFC Norris Galatis, a wounded military soldier from the Mississippi Army National Guard brought his wife and his service dog to the event. His wife has written a book about her husbands ordeal and Norris talked openly about his incident, recovery and dog, Willie. Lunch and dinner were on site, by Gene Ragon. There was a huge raffle after dinner. They raised \$8000 before expenses. Donations can still be made through the generosity of Janet Kimbrough and Hunttestsecretary.com. Chuck is very proud of Southern Flight HRC and how they have matured into a club that is now reaching out into the community and not just the retriever world. Chuck gave this personal message ó I would like to offer my assistace to anyone here that would be interested in hosting an event. If we raised \$8000 in one day right out of the gate, I know next year our goal will be \$25 000 which will cover the cost of the dog to a wounded veteran within our community. How cool would it be if each club could be a part of doing something similar, or clubs in close proximity getting together and getting it done? If I can be of assistance, call me. I would be glad to help!

Mike explained that he is now a completely different person than he was four years ago. His travels all around the country have made him look at things differently than he did before. He used to think he wasn't a role model, but he realized that wasn't true. We are all role models for our youth. He learned that as a judge, he is not the most important person at a test, the bird boys are! If we get them involved in HRC we will be the winners. Talk to them and get them involved. There are benefits for all. It is amazing what experiences we can give our youth and what effect we have upon them. A young lady he knows from Wisconsin earned a full university scholarship and when she was interviewed by the local newspaper she explained the HRC had a big influence on her and her dad. Mike met Cory and TJ. They taught him. He sought them out when he needed stress relief. Mike explained that he is committed to the Youth and Women's programs and they will have the complete backing of the EC.

Moved to accept by Travis Bruce and Deb West, approved.

LUNCH BREAK

Delta Waterfowl Presentation ó Scott Marcin

Scott told us he played two roles, Delta Waterfowl Director and President of Music City HRC. He talked about what Delta Waterfowl does and how they do it. They are making ducks and duck hunters. HRC and Delta are a perfect match. They are developing Youth camps to encourage new duck hunters. They will work with HRC since youth is the future for both organizations. They have developed Waterfowl Heritage Funds. When your club holds a Delta event, your club gets to send 25% of the funds raised to wherever your club wishes- youth, ducks, etc. Just contact your local Chapter and get involved. Delta is proud of its First Hunt Program. They will help us with handouts for the youth and their mentors. This was launched last year so get involved. Delta has tons of giveaways for the kids at these youth hunts. Their sponsors supply them with hats, calls, decals, DVDs, shells, etc. Scott Jinks of Trail of Tears HRC told of how his club held a Delta Waterfowl Banquet in conjunction with their Hunt Test weekend. They raised \$2500 for the Delta Heritage Program. Trail of Tears may have made a little less money on their hunt, but they felt it was worth it in the long run. Scott Marcin continued telling us that Delta appreciates everything we do, and hopes more will start chapters in their areas if none exist. Delta loves our partnership.

SECRETARY ó Carol Ford ó Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for attending the 26th Annual Board of Directors Meeting. My difficulty preparing for this meeting was ó how do you write a report to say goodbye? I guess I could start by saying thank you! Thank you for allowing me to do something that I loved for the last six years. First I would like to thank a few of the people I have come to love over my tenure as HRC Secretary, and over the last twenty three years of HRC membership.

Miss Claudene ó Thank you! Your confidence in my abilities to assist you in maintaining the day to day functioning of HRC Inc meant a great deal to me. I was honoured that you sought my council and that you knew you could count on me for assistance. I Love you!

Miss Loretta ó Thank you! It has been an honour to get to know you, and work with you. HRC and UKC need to work together for HRC to function properly. Together we met situations head on and dealt with them to the satisfaction of all involved. Thank you for your trust and most of all your friendship. I love you!

Miss Barbara, Chair of the Public Relations Committee ó Thank you! Thank you for your passion for HRC. You encouraged and inspired the Public Relations Reps to spread your love for HRC into their regions. Without your help I would have been lost in many situations. I love you!

Mr Bill and Miss Cleo, Thank you! Without your encouragement and support I never would have run for this position in the first place. I never would have experienced the passion I now have for HRC. I love you!

Mr Omar ó Thank you! Thank you for your vision which has now become your legacy. I am honoured to have been a part of this for you and with you! I love you!

My HRC Family ó Thank you! Thanks for your support over the past six years. I hope I met my commitments of communication and service.

My sister Pat would also like to thank you. She became a part of this great family. Traveling with me gave her the pleasure of visiting many places and meeting many people who have become her friends as well.

In the past six years I have driven over 100 000 km ó Travis ó that is over 60 000 miles in American! I am on my third set of tires on my perky little purple PT Cruiser.

I have driven through ice, snow, rain, hail, sleet, tornados and sunshine, always at the end of the day sunshine. Sunshine, because I have been blessed to be part of the best retriever organization in the world. There is always sunshine.

In my years with HRC I have judged innumerable started dogs, attended seminars, youth hunts and women's seminars. I have run dogs, passed dogs and failed dogs. I have shed tears of joy and tears of sorrow, but always at the end of the day ó there was sunshine because you shared my feelings.

Saying goodbye is not something I wanted to do but circumstances made it necessary! I will miss saying good luck to the handlers heading out to their tests at the Grand. I will miss celebrating with those who were successful and commiserating with those who were not. I will miss representing HRC at Anniversary and Preliminary hunts. I will miss answering your questions and helping to solve every day problems every club experiences from time to time.

I thank you for electing me three times to the position of Secretary of HRC INC. To some an elected position is a power play, to me it was a passion. HRC is my passion and will continue to be as long as we remember our roots. Omar and the UKC created HRC as a democratic organization. With democracy comes great responsibility. It is very important that we all remember why HRC exists ó By Hunters, For Hunters. Let that be your mantra when passing rules, bylaws and electing officers to represent you. You need to elect officers who are and will continue to be honourable in their intentions and representation. You need to elect officers who bring a variety of backgrounds with them, officers who will do everything to preserve HRC as Omar envisioned it. Please take your responsibility seriously. HRC is depending on it!
Motion to accept by Travis Bruce and Mark Edwards, approved.

VI: OTHER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Claudene Cooper

Good Afternoon. As always, I will keep my report short ó very short. There are a few items that I need to have recorded in the official Minutes and a few updates for you.

A clarification of the 10 year points slip rule for new judges or existing judges moving to another category. The point slip submitted as a judging credential must be within the 10 prior years at the point in time that it is submitted as a Judge's credential. It does not matter that it might later age past 10 years once it is on file.

I sent out 6 New Club packages during the last year. One to each ó Indiana, Kansas, Wyoming, New York and 2 to California.

We have 2 new clubs join the HRC family. ó Backwater HRC ó Albion, IN and Southeast Texas HRC ó Dayton, TX

We had 5 clubs demise during the last year ó Down East HRC ó NC, Ark Valley HRC ó CO, Estrie HRC, Quebec, Dixieland HRC ó TN, and Midnight Sun GDA ó AK

We currently have 747 active judges. We added 55 new judges during the last year. Our judges judged 3 129 assignments for 447 hunts in 2010.

I have been promising you that I would get the hunts and entry information completed back to 1984 and I have finally completed the task. The document in your folders breaks down Hunts by month from 1984 to present with yearly entry totals. I also have included gas and diesel price information and indicated the years that had negative effects on our hunts which are 2 elements that directly affect our hunts.

Although 43 hunts were cancelled due to weather in our first few months of this year, we are only 20 hunts below the number for the same period in 2010, but are still up 5 hunts over 2009. We should be very optimistic about that information.

We ran 26 707 dogs in 2010. 6 451 were in Started, 5 146 were in Seasoned, 11 972 were in Finish3ed, 1 928 were in Upland, and 763 were in our 2 Grands. Since 1984 353 128 dogs have participated in 5 237 HRC Hunt Tests. Since 1986, 9 012 dogs have participated in Grand Hunts and there are 532 Grand Hunting Retriever Champions.

I processed 94 new 500 Club members, 15 new 1000 Club members and 1 new 2000 Club member since our last Annual Meeting.

Judge's Tests were to be due by June 1. If any of you have not taken your test, please do as soon as you can. I want to thank Ms. Cleo Watson for grading our Judge's Tests. She had done over 500 of them. Thank you for that and helping at registration.

The Message board ó is horrible! The one we have was free and since it went down the last time it has several corrupt files we cannot fix, though very talented members like Keven Hester and Shawn Shreaves have tried. We can't fix it. We need to get a new provider for our Message board. We need quality, not junk! I will be in contact with the new EC about this.

I want to say a special thank you to my good friend Loretta, she is such a pleasure to work with and really goes above and beyond to help us and work with us. Thank you to Todd Kellam for all of your support and also to UKC President Wayne Cavanaugh for his continued commitment to and support of HRC.

As many of you know our beloved friend and greatly respected Field Rep, John Wallace is very ill. I have a number of get well cards on the table, if you would be so kind as to sign one, we want to let him know how much he means to his HRC Family. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

I want to extend my personal appreciation and thanks to the Executive Committee for their years of service to HRC and all that they have done for HRC. You know how hard it is to keep one club running, imagine what it is like with over 130 clubs.

I have to tell you this, every once in a while I would unexpectedly get flowers, over the last few years. For no reason, sometimes a fruit basket, sometimes soup, and even moose droppings. They were from Sunshine, just to brighten my day.

Thank you Sunshine! And I have a little something for her.

Motion to accept by Mark Edwards and Deb West, approved.

UKC, INC. – Todd Kellam

Wayne addressed yesterday in the forums how UKC is doing. I wish more of you had been there, it was quite an active group.

Last year UKC registered ó	2700 new Labs	down 11%	6 th most popular breed
	Goldens	down 23%	13 th most popular breed
	159 new Boykins	up 15%	32 nd most popular breed
	111 Chessies	up 4%	36 th most popular breed

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Titles were the exact opposite of last year. STR up 2.5 %, HR up 5%, HRCH up 6%, and GRHRCH down 30%. The staff working with you will be the same. If you need help with anything just call Loretta or me. I want to thank the outgoing Officers and look forward to working with the new. Motion to accept by Mark Edwards and Steve Peacock, approved.

HRC/UKC NATIONAL AMBASSADOR: Omar Driskill- Omar explained that this was the 25th meeting he had attended and he was so very proud of how far we have come. He said he had worked with eleven presidents and many other officers of HRC. He was glad to work with Claudene and Todd and Loretta and considers them friends. From the very beginning HRC has been different since it was started to recognize hunting dogs, UKC was chosen as our registering body because they did things as we wanted them. There are 5 major differences, and Omar wanted to talk mostly about the fifth. The first four are - The title is on the front of the dogs name. We could keep the gun! And 25 years latter, still no wooden stick. The dogs are judged to a standard, not against each other and all dogs run all tests. The fifth he talked about was our constitution. From the beginning he didn't want it run by five people, he wanted us to have a say in our club. If we hadn't done this we would have no Foundation, no scholarships, no money for research, and no BOD meetings. How thankful he is that we have a constitution. He went on to say that we need to make some adjustments in our constitution, but we better pay attention. We have to vote on these changes. You have a voice so be proud of it. Other organizations do not. Let's be proud of our constitution, be proud of our voice and voting abilities. We have grown so good and have so much to be proud of. Motion to accept by Marty Davis and Mike Witt, approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: President Reichman opened to floor for old business - no old business
Motion to close old business by Travis Bruce and Mark Edwards, approved

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

1. Deb West – Pink Whistle Society The PWS gives half their proceeds to the Foundation and the other half goes to Cancer Research. They presented the Foundation with a check for \$ 1250. They now have a not for profit status. Deb also mentioned Sunken Kennel T Shirts that were available for a donation to Carol Rombaur Scholarship.

2. Honorary Lifetime Memberships – Glenn Stelly

Glenn put forward Butch Gandy for Life Time membership and explained the reasoning.

Moved by Mike Botts and Jim Reichman, approved.

Glenn put forward Butch Stewart for Life Time membership and explained the reasoning.

Moved by Mike Botts and Pat Johnson, approved

3. Duck Strategy Survey. Marty Davis and Larry McMurray had a duck survey which they passed out and asked the Clubs to complete and return to them for compilation. They also asked clubs for info on how they figured the number of ducks needed per dog at a hunt test.

4. Policy Changes in the Grand. Mark Lanier asked that we approve the Grand Policy changes that were brought up in the Grand Report.

Motion by Mark Lanier and Travis Bruce, approved.

Motion to close New Business by Mike Witt and Harris Clark, approved.

Drawing for Tritronics collar ó Winner ó Sandusky Bay HRC

IX: ELECTIONS

Since three of the executive positions were unopposed it was moved by Claudene Cooper and Mike Botts that they be appointed by acclamation. Approved.

Both gentlemen, Kevin Bearden and Rusty Wismer, running for Vice President were give their three minutes to speak to the Board, before ballots were passed out for voting. The ballots were collected and counted by Jim Reichman, Barbara and Mike Dittrich.

Jim Reichman, now Past President, announced the new Executive Committee

President ó Mike Witt

Vice President ó Kevin Bearden

Secretary ó Patty Munson

Treasurer ó Diana Peacock

X: ADJOURNMENT ó Motion to close New Business and adjourn the meeting ó by Glenn Dye and Glenn Stelly. Motion Carried

Mike Witt then addressed the Board of Directors as President.

He let the field reps know that there were manuals and banners at the front for them. Changes will be made as they feel are necessary for HRC. They will continue the Youth and Women's programs. He introduced A G Shaw as the Sponsors Chairman. Mike wants to get Wounded Warriors involved with us, to help fight depression. Mike announced that Kyle Kruse would be the new Public Relations Chairman.

Carol Ford, SECRETARY, July 4, 2011

Attachments . included with Minutes Document
Running Rules Proposals 1, 2, 5, 6

Six Separate PDF files for .

Running Rules Proposals 3 and 4

HRC INC Budget and Balance Sheets

Foundation Balance and P&L Sheet

SUBMITTED BY: Jeff Lindskoog

Region: 8

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)*1 HOOSIER HRC

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

TEST DOGS, PAGE 35, FIRST PARAGRAPH

CURRENT RULE WORDING: Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENSED 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 can not be used as 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: Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENSED 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 should be at the same level as the test, but may be at a single level higher than the test, provided they are not titled at a level higher than the test; i.e. a retriever with Finished points can be used as test dog for Seasoned as long as they do not have an HRCH title or a retriever with Seasoned points can be used as a test dog for Started as long as they do not have an title. A Judge may run his or her appropriately qualified dog as a test dog only in the class and flight they are judging.

JUSTIFICATION: A major challenge facing clubs during hunt tests it to find test dogs. This change will help reduce this burden by widening the pool of dogs that can be used. Allowing a dog that has points in a higher level, but not titled in that level will still provide a realistic demonstration of the test's mechanics. A retriever with one or two passes at the Seasoned level will still provide a valid demonstration of a Started test. Same can be said for a retriever that has one to three Finished passes with respect to the Seasoned test. While a retriever that has passed a higher level test does have a higher degree of abilities, they have not demonstrated this consistently over time. Titled dogs should not be used as they have consistently demonstrated a higher degree of abilities.

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RUNNING RULES PROPOSALS 3 AND 4 ARE pdf Files and will come with this document as email attachments.



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HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

RUNNING RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 10/13/2010

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Vires
Southern Flight HRC Region: 5A

(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)*¹

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

Page 41 PARAGRAPH 2

CURRENT RULE WORDING: "The Seasoned Hunt shall have five tests double marked Land Retrieve, double marked water Retrieve, a walk up, or tracking, or quartering test, a blind Land Retrieve, and a blind water Retrieve.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Seasoned walkup should Land at least 60 feet from retrieving line. In the event of a controlled break, the handler would have ample opportunity to stop the seasoned retriever.

JUSTIFICATION: Walk ups, in seasoned are being thrown too close to the seasoned retriever. These short distances are not allowing the handler enough space or time to stop the retriever before it has a chance to reach the bird.

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SUBMITTED BY: Matthew D Hemphill Backwoods HRC_____Region: __3__

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)*²*

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2011 RULEBOOK.

Page 7 . Paragraph 5

CURRENT RULE WORDING:

There is a collective limit of eight (8) dogs per Handler, per Hunt. Each Club has the option of lowering this limit. The limit must be published on the Premium. Each dog is limited to one (1) entry per Licensed Hunt. A dog participating in a Regular Hunt (Started, Seasoned or Finished) may participate in a separate Upland Hunt(s) on the same day. Any Handler handling more than 8 dogs or more than a Club's lower designated limit, will forfeit all Championship Points for all dogs handled by that Handler at that Hunt. The Handler and the Hunt Secretary are jointly responsible for ensuring that point slips information is correct and complete and the limits are not exceeded.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

There is a collective limit of **twelve (12)** dogs per Handler, per Hunt. Each Club has the option of lowering this limit. The limit must be published on the Premium. Each dog is limited to one (1) entry per Licensed Hunt. A dog participating in a Regular Hunt (Started, Seasoned or Finished) may participate in a separate Upland Hunt(s) on the same day. Any Handler handling more than **12** dogs or more than a Club's lower designated limit, will forfeit all Championship Points for all dogs handled by that Handler at that Hunt. The Handler and the Hunt Secretary are jointly responsible for ensuring that point slips information is correct and complete and the limits are not exceeded.

JUSTIFICATION:

There are several reasons why an increase in the number of entries would be beneficial.

1. The current economic environment demands that we look at how local HRC clubs conduct their hunt tests. If you have been an integral part of conducting a hunt test, then you are aware of the difficulties of making a profit. For most clubs, their annual hunt test is the primary source of revenue for the next year. Numerous local clubs throughout the country are struggling to remain profitable and keep their organizations going. A change to the entry limit per handler may be a way to help with this. One pro trainer bringing 24 entries over a weekend can very well be the difference between a club making a profit and losing money. Local clubs must remain profitable to provide benefits to its members and handlers in the form of training days, seminars, training grounds, hunt tests, etc.
2. There are professional trainers who run other venues because they can enter an unlimited number of dogs and therefore make their trip to a hunt test more profitable. The rising cost of fuel, food, lodging, etc. is making it difficult. Many of these pros have expressed interest in running HRC, but because HRC limits the entries the trip is not worthwhile.
3. The belief that increasing the limit would slow down the test doesn't apply in some cases. There are numerous pros that travel with dogs that will be ran by assistant pros or clients. All these dogs are housed on the same trailer. The head pro and assistant pros/clients finish in one stake and move to another stake. In these cases the time it takes to run 12 dogs is not dramatically different for 1 or 2 handlers.
 - a. The rule that will allow a club to LOWER the limits is a good rule and should remain in place.
4. Increasing the limit could lure pros who exclusively run other venues to switch over and exclusively run HRC.
5. Amateurs with the knowledge that John Pro will be entering the test with a large number of dogs will be motivated to get his/her entries in early to secure a spot. This will assist the club in planning for lunches, tailgate, birds, etc. The ability of the club to better prepare and plan will result in even more cost savings.

This rule change will only have a positive impact on HRC clubs. Clubs that are struggling for entries will have another way to attract entries and clubs that do not struggle for entries can set their handler limit to whatever they want.

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HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

6 RUNNING RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

Date: _____03/31/2011_____

Submitted by: __ north louisiana hunting retriever club

Region: _____10_____

(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)??*

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

_____Page 7 paragraph 2 under Hunts_____

Current Rule Wording: _____the season. entries. will close with the 40th entry_____

Proposed Change: _____Seasoned 6 entries not to exceed 30 dogs per flight_____

Justification: _____season judges have complained about the number of entries at some test which have 40 season dogs entered. with the complex test concerning the season. level we fell that this number needs to be lowered_____

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