

Ross Jones; Nominee for President

I first became involved with Rhodesian Ridgebacks in 1982 when I met Cherie Starr of "Cimarron" and she and her Ridgebacks allowed myself and my Great Dane to become a part of their lives. We have bred 14 litters through the years and have attained a total of 35 titles on our puppies. These titles are in Conformation, Obedience and Lure Coursing. We owned, bred and handled the first Ridgeback Brace to go Best in Show and also the first Ridgeback Veteran to go Best In Show in a Veteran Exhibition.

In the course of the following year I became a member of RRCUS as well as the local all breed club, Obedience Club, and Stewards Club. In other words I was "HOOKED". I have been a Board Member of Rio Grande Kennel Club for the past 30 years and have held the position of Board Member, Vice-President and was President from 1994-1999 & 2014-present and am also the AKC Delegate. I was Show Chairman for 8 years and Cluster Chairman for the last 8 years. I am the equipment manager for the local Lure Coursing Club here in Albuquerque. Due to this exposure to the dog fancy I have become well versed in dealing with various personalities involved, dealing with the AKC and conducting the day-to-day business of an All Breed Club.

I have served on various committees for Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the US, and was appointed by the Board to the position of Recording Secretary in January 1999, and was re-elected in 2000. I served as Corresponding Secretary from 2003-2015. In 2016 I was elected to the position of President. I also was acting Treasurer from Sept 2016 until August 2017.

I will continue to take this position seriously, I have not missed a BOD meeting, Conference Call or National since I was appointed to the Board. I feel that attending those meetings are very important. We are in sound financial condition and it is my intention to do all I can to keep it that way. I will always do my best to put the welfare of the Club first in all I do. I want to thank the Nominating Committee for their confidence in me.

Denise Eberhard: Nominee for 1VP

Matt and I got our first Rhodesian Ridgeback in 2007 and we have been hooked ever since. Beau was our companion dog and we decided to leap in to the show world and that is when we got Finn, a year later. Matt showed Finn to his championship, along with our foundation bitch, Bindi, GCHB DC Regal Tolerton's Luminara Unduli for Bindura, MC, who came along in 2009. We added Meera in 2013.

In 2015 we bred our first litter. This was not the litter we had hoped, so we decided to breed Bindi again. In 2016, she gave birth to 17 - yes, SEVENTEEN - puppies. From that litter we have our first home bred Grand Champion at just 10 months of age - Rooney.

I am active in conformation and lure coursing with an eye on getting Meera started in Barn Hunt. Bindi and Meera are AKC and ASFA Field Champions and we are hoping Rooney will carry on that accomplishment.

Through my dogs I have met some of the most wonderful people that I consider my closest friends. I have made many friends all over the southeast and I have become an AKC Lure Coursing Judge. Matt and I, with the help of dedicated SSRRC members, turned SSRRC in to a Regional Club that

now holds AKC coursing, ASFA Coursing and our yearly Regional Specialty. I am currently a Board Member of Ridgeback Trust, Inc. - RTI.

I co-chaired the 2012 RRCUS National Specialty in Orlando, FL and I stepped in 7 months before the 2016 National Specialty in Ohio to chair that event. I work well under pressure and as the First Vice President. I am honored to be nominated and will work as a cohesive member of the Board to ensure that the best interests of RRCUS are represented.

Barbara Rupert: Nominee for 2VP

Barbara Rupert's interest in dogs began in her native Germany where her parents raised Dachshunds. After marriage in the United States, the first family dog was a Smooth Standard Dachshund. Rhodesian Ridgebacks followed in 1970 and Whippets were added a few years later, but Ridgebacks remain the primary breed. Careful breeding under the Oakhurst prefix produced gratifying results in the whelping box and show ring.

Oakhurst's breeding program is widely recognized for both outstanding conformation and temperament, having produced close to 100 champions with many achieving the highest honors, including 10 All-Breed Bests In Show and 3 dogs that earned # 1 Ridgeback in the country. The most recent one, a bitch for 2011.

Barbara has been chairman of the Standard's and Elaboration Committee and currently serves as Education Chair for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the U.S. She has developed and presents Ridgeback Seminars throughout the U.S.

Barbara's AKC judging license was granted in 1985 and is currently approved for the Hound Group and Best in Show. Her assignments have taken her all over the world including All Breed Show assignments in Australia, Canada, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Russia, South Africa. Her most memorable assignments included judging the Ridgeback National in the U.S. twice - most recently in 2012- , the World Congress in the Netherlands as well as the Australian, French, Swedish and Brazilian Nationals.

Life after dogs include grandchildren, classical and jazz music, reading, gardening, cooking and friends who like to share new adventures. After the passing of her husband this year, Barbara shares her southern California home with several Ridgebacks, a Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund, a naughty Macaw, Budgies, Chickens and Koi fish.

Barbara has been involved with RRCUS education for the past 20 years and serves as 2nd V.P. on the BOD. She is passionate about educating new comers to the breed and helping judges understand the breed to the fullest extent. She will continue to dedicate her services to Education and the Wellness of the Ridgeback. Barbara is honored to be nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President and she will continue to dedicate her services to Education and the Wellness of the Rhodesian Ridgeback.

Marie Glodowski: Nominee for Recording Secretary

In 1994, at age 12, my mom sent me to a dog show to help a friend with her Ridgebacks; that friend was Tea Cooper. That one dog show changed my life and 23 years later I've inherited Tea's line and kennel name, Zareba, and Ridgebacks continue to be an integral part of my life. Starting conformation in Junior Showmanship taught me many skills and in 2012 I was breeder/owner/handler of the #10 dog All-Breed, GCHG. Zareba's Baddest Bess piloting her to several National Specialty wins along the way. I couldn't imagine it any other way. The journey, the friends, and the learning that the breed has brought me continue to feed my passion and love for this remarkable breed.

I am humbled and excited to be nominated as an officer of RRCUS and will take responsibility for this position with thoughtfulness and consideration of the important duties to be performed. I've been a RRCUS member for 13 years and have been a member of the Raisin River Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Michigan (RRRRCoM) since 2008. As a member of RRRRCoM I have held many positions including President, Vice-President, Board of Directors and served as the Conformation Chair for 8 years. In 2007-2008 while living in California, I was a member of the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and was on their Board of Directors. I served as an Assistant Show Co-Chair for the 2016 RRCUS National Specialty and also assisted in planning the Top 25 event.

Professionally, I am a Quality Assurance Auditor and believe my skills of organization, compliance and attention to detail will be an asset to this position. My profession gives me the opportunity to interact with people and issues from various positions or departments and resolve problems daily as well as work together to build consensus and ensure objectives and requirements are met. I look forward to applying these skills as part of working with the RRCUS BOD to continue to strengthen the club and work for the breed we all love.

Megan Sexton Brendel: Nominee for Corresponding Secretary

I have had RR's in my life for 50 years and raised my own for the past 13 years. We have competed in Conformation to Championships and Grand Championship, Nose work and dabbled in Tracking and Agility. My current RR is very close to receiving his Novice title with Performance Scent Dogs. As a nominee for Corresponding Secretary, I am reminded of the years my siblings and I stuffed and sealed hundreds of envelopes for my father George Sexton, as Secretary of RRCUS in the 1970's. Of course this does not qualify me for the position today as technology has changed some of the job. I am computer literate so maintaining databases and completing the numerous mailings for RRCUS will be easy for me. I have been on many boards over the years and look forward to working with the other RRCUS board members. I feel I am a fairly reasonable person and always listen to all sides of a discussion. My father taught me to be committed to whatever I do, have a voice of reason and get the job done! All of these qualities will enable me to do this job to the best of my ability.

I was fortunate to be able to be at home with my children who are now 18 and 20... and now am looking at an empty nest. This will allow me to commit the time and energy needed for this position as far as conference calls and in person meetings throughout the year.

Thank you for your nomination for this office!

Douglas Berlin: Nominee for Treasurer

I have been a member of RRCUS for over 15 years, and a lover of Ridgebacks all of my life. I was born into a house with a Ridgeback, and over the past 17 years my wife, Julie Cramer, and I have lived with eight more. Julie and I have bred two litters, and together have enjoyed success in both conformation and performance venues. We are enthusiastic about lure coursing our Ridgebacks and I have been a licensed lure coursing judge for the AKC and ASFA for the past 8 years.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Haverford College, and Master's degrees in both Physics and Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech and Penn State respectively.

Professionally, for the past 21 years I have been a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley, helping individuals, families and businesses manage their finances and investments. In addition, I have spent over 15 years in branch management, the last 10 years managing a \$10 million branch. In that role I was responsible for the monitoring of expenses and revenues, maximizing branch profitability, and ensuring branch and employee compliance with financial industry regulations.

I feel that my background and commitment to our breed more than qualifies me to be a guardian for the financial well-being of RRCUS. I view the privilege of serving as the RRCUS Treasurer as an opportunity to ensure that our club is on sound financial footing for years to come to serve our wonderful breed.

Laurie Brandt: Nominee for Treasurer

Personal:

I have been married to Kurt T. Brandt, MD, for many years. We own three dogs; two are Rhodesian Ridgebacks. My experience with Rhodesian Ridgebacks goes back about 9.5 years when we purchased our first Rhodesian. We have done conformation, tried herding, swimming for exercise, rally, some obedience (not a great experience), and some tracking. Hope to try agility and nose work in the Fall.

My male is retired from conformation, but will occasionally compete in veterans...He was third in his veterans' age category at the specialty in Rhode Island. He also has a RN title. My young bitch has been shown very little in conformation, due to professional conflicts and my knee replacement. Both dogs passed their Canine Good Citizen test and have tried lure coursing. They both seem to really enjoy the challenge. I am very interested in ascertaining and keeping good structure and performance in the breed.

Besides professional related clubs, I belong to RRCUS, Old Dominion Kennel Club, and am currently on the BOD of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders. I recently started showing in conformation again. I am also interested in legal aspects of dog ownership which I feel may become a challenge in the coming years (if not already in your state).

Professional:

I am a Semi-retired tax CPA. I started in mid 1970's in public accounting, worked for one of the "Big Eight" (now Big Four) accounting firms...left as Senior Tax Manager to head up my own tax department for a national firm. I am still doing tax consulting with a limited number of tax returns (clients range from large multi-state corporations with international ties to individuals).

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Treasurer and will do my best to fulfill the demands of the office.

Judith Lichtman: Nominee for Delegate to AKC

I became the proud owner of my first Ridgeback in 1989, and immediately knew my life would not be complete without my Ridgeback family members. I have been actively involved in many aspects of competition and have had top-ranked dogs in conformation, agility, and lure coursing events, earning numerous titles and honors including Best of Breed at Westminster and a National Specialty as an owner-handler. My dogs have been an integral part of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Dog Visitation program, and they have thoroughly enjoyed their visits with children treated in the Cancer Unit.

As a breeder, I have finished multiple champions and take pride in mentoring owners about the proper care and health of their Ridgebacks. I have been a RRCUS member for more than two decades, served on the RRCUS Board of Directors as the Recording Secretary, and am a founding member of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation.

I live in Connecticut with my husband, Stephan, and our six Rhodesian Ridgebacks. In my non-dog hours, I am a Professor of Epidemiology at Yale University where I conduct research on heart disease and stroke. I am honored to be nominated for the position of AKC Delegate on behalf of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. Having been introduced as the AKC Delegate for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. this past year, I am pleased to continue to serve the RRCUS membership in this important role.

Cynthia Cartwright: Nominee for The Board of Directors

I would be honored to serve on the RRCUS Board in the position of Director. Much of my professional and Ridgeback club experiences have given me a background that would serve me well in this position.

I purchased my first Ridgeback in 2001, and since that time I have bred 2 litters under the Roxridge kennel name. I have exhibited my dogs in AKC conformation, lure coursing and rally obedience. I live in San Diego County, California with my three ridgebacks Sara (11), Dillon (7) and Emma (2 ½).

I have been a RRCUS member for 12 years. I have had experience volunteering at the national level. I was the Assistant Show Chair for the Ventura National Specialty in 2010, and this year serve on the advisory committee for the RRCUS National Specialty in Portland.

I have experience organizing events and activities for regional Ridgeback clubs in my area. These experiences have given me some perspective on working with fanciers from other regions as well as broadening the appeal of our regional clubs for both conformation and non-conformation oriented Ridgeback owners. I am currently on the board of the Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. I am a past President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. I was their Specialty Show Chair in 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, and 2014. In 2006 I facilitated the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club's paperwork to qualify to hold AKC agility trials,

and have served as a volunteer at their agility trials. I have been active in organizing and staffing a Meet the Breed booth at a local all-breed kennel club show on behalf of the San Diego Club

My professional life also has provided me with valuable experience. I am a retired educator, having been a science teacher, guidance counselor, high school assistant principal, middle school principal and high school principal. As a principal, I have not only written budget plans, but had to work with budgets given to me. I have planned large events, worked on committees, and have communicated with and worked well with a diverse group of people of all ages.

I currently volunteer at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park as an Interpretive Ambassador at the tiger and gorilla exhibits. This means I have been trained to speak to park guests about the characteristics, habits, history, and other facts about these magnificent animals. Doing that really isn't that different from, but not equal to, the enjoyment I get from speaking to people about my ridgebacks. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Pat Hoffmann: Nominee for the Board of Directors

I am currently on the Board. I handle the website and electronic sales. My husband Bob and I have had Ridgebacks since 1989. Four live with us and four have gone over the Rainbow Bridge.

I show in conformation and agility which I enjoy very much. We have had some nice wins in conformation including BOW at our very first NS in 1993 with our six month old pup, we finished six champions all owner handled over the years. In agility we are working on a MACH having already completed the MXJ and halfway to the MX. The dogs also like the lure and we have two recent JC titles and a CA title.

Besides the website and electronic sales, I also do whatever I can to move the club in a positive direction. I don't like conflict and try to work things out before there is a problem. I have not missed one meeting since I was elected to the Board of Directors. I have organized and run Meet the Breeds in Manhattan since its inception 8 years ago. I enjoy working with the members on membership renewal, trophy sponsorship drive and anything I can do to help with our NS each year. I am also a member and BOD of one of our regional clubs.

I have enjoyed my position on the RRCUS Board as a Director for 4 years and hope to continue to represent the membership.

Anne Jones: Nominee for the Board of Directors

I purchased my first Ridgeback in 1990. I wanted to do obedience, had met and fallen in love with the breed, and believed that intelligence was what you needed for obedience success. I found out that our independent thinkers are a bit more challenging to train for obedience titles. I also discovered that I can be more stubborn than my dogs, Kimba and I persevered and she earned obedience and agility titles.

That first Ridgeback introduced me to an entirely new world. I was hooked, my husband and I added a rescue to keep her company and then a few years later purchased a puppy and ventured into the world of conformation. Since then, I have competed in many venues with my Ridgebacks – agility,

obedience, coursing and conformation. I believe good conformation is the key to success in all of them. Form does affect function.

As a counterpoint to the world of competition, my Ridgebacks have brought me incredible love, comfort and laughter in some of the hardest years of my life. Rhodesian Ridgebacks are amazing and I take my role as a steward of the breed very seriously.

I have never bred a litter on my own, I am a co-breeder on many, and also owned a stud dog that was used a fair number of times and provided me with some wonderful offspring. I admire breeders for what they do and for the time and dedication they give to raising and socializing their puppies.

I come from a family that was always involved in community activities, so for me, being involved in dog sports means volunteering, I have worked as obedience and agility trial chair at all breed trials and Ridgeback specialties, and Performance Chair and Triathlon Chair at Ridgeback specialties. Along with my position as Director for the RRCUS. I have served as an Officer and Treasurer for the Atlanta Kennel Club; I am currently President of 4 Paw Agility of North GA.

Dogs are a large part of my life, but it wasn't always that way, when my first Ridgeback came to live with us I was a store manager for Toys RUS. After 15 years with them I took a chance and started working for myself. I have been teaching obedience and agility lessons and classes since 1995 with my own training school – Alchemy Dog Training.

I have been on the RRCUS Board of Directors for 11 years. I was willing to step down this year but it was suggested that with so many others leaving it would be beneficial to stay on and provide some continuity. I am happy to serve if that is the will of our membership. I truly love our breed and believe that RRCUS provides an invaluable service to our members and our breed.

Kathleen Lyons: Nominee for Board Of Directors

I met and fell in love with my first Rhodesian Ridgeback, CH Riverroads GP of Gera "GP" in 1981 when I was stationed at Ft Campbell, KY as the Asst Div. Chemical Officer. I, realizing what a keen, intelligent, very special breed this is, became a member of RRCUS in 1982.

Along with my partner over over 36 years, Linda Winford, we have bred over fifty champions to include Top 10 MBIS CH Southridge Indiana Jones "Indy", and Top 10 CH Southridge One N Only V Sounda "Bubba". We also campaigned MBISS Am/Ven CH Mshindaji One For The Road "Trooper" (who we owned) CH Takiba Total Recall of M'Khoi "Rerun", and CH Riverroads GP of Gera, who we also campaigned to Top Ten spots.

I have judged Rhodesian Ridgeback sweepstakes as well as the Bloodhound National Sweepstakes and am in the process of applying for my judges license. I have also participated in the auditing of the RRCUS financial records.

The last several years Linda and I have devoted our lives not only to our Ridgebacks but also to children. We have fostered over 50 children, 15 at one time, and adopted 4 special needs children. In 2010 we were Tennessee Justice Systems Mothers of The Year.

Presently I have a Tenn. Supreme Court judicial appointment to Chair Foster Care Review Boards overseeing the states care of more than 300 children in states custody.

To the board I intend to bring my knowledge and experience in the breed, my organizational skills, my integrity, and my dedication to the breed. I am presently on the board of Tristar Kennel Club in Tennessee. I possess the experience and ability to effectively meet challenges and make decisions as well as the flexibility and diplomacy to work well with others. I will also bring to the board not only my ideas but also my great passion for our breed.

It would be an honor to serve on the board of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of The United States.

Theresa Lyons: Nominee for the Board of Directors

I have been involved in the sport of dogs for almost three decades. While I have owned and shown many breeds over the years, I found my true passion, in 1991, when introduced to the Rhodesian Ridgeback. Since then, I have owned, co-owned, shown and championed multiple Ridgebacks as well as co-owned multiple Top Ten, Westminster and Best in National Specialty Show winners. Currently I co-breed and co-own with Maureen Tauber under the Lyonnese prefix.

Over the years I have competed in conformation and coursing and most recently dock diving, hunting and agility with my Pointer. I have grown to really love performance and plan to incorporate it with all my Ridgebacks in the future.

I am a member the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, the Pointer Club of America, Morris & Essex Kennel Club and the Western Hound Association of Southern California. I have attended Hound, Sporting and Working dog seminars and National Specialties of many different breeds. I especially enjoy researching pedigrees, health and breed cultures. I have judged multiple Sweepstakes in the U.S., including regional specialties.

I am a professional graphic artist and dog photographer by trade. I founded the award-winning *Ridgeback Register* magazine over two decades ago, and made it synonymous with eye-catching design, stunning photography and quality journalism from around the world.

I am the creator and volunteer designer of the 365-day Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue Calendar, which has been a yearly fundraiser since 2000. I have also been on multiple National Specialty committees as well as donated my design services for specialty promotion and catalogs. I am the Art Director for *Sighthound Review*, volunteer Editor and Art Director for *Pointer Points*, and a freelance canine photographer and graphic designer.

Proudly serving four-years active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, I pride myself on integrity, loyalty and being fair. I believe this will be an asset to RRCUS. I have also officially ceased publication of my magazine (September 2017), so there will no longer be a conflict of interest with the club publication. In fact, I believe that my two decades of design, publishing, merchandise and printing experience will be an asset to RRCUS.

With the ending of my publication and the youngest of my three children leaving for the Marine Corps at the end of 2017, I believe I am now in a position to take on the responsibility of an active board member. I have attended every National Specialty for over two-decades and look forward many more. I am a communicator by nature and very active on social-media. I follow all the Ridgeback groups closely and participate respectfully in many of the discussions. I am very open-minded and

approachable. I believe that as a board member it is my duty to listen to and represent the membership. I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving RRCUS members.

Dennis Melear: Nominee for the Board of Directors

Judy and I got our first Ridgeback thirty years ago. It was one of the best decisions of our lives. Over the years we have had several top Ridgebacks in conformation and several pets. We loved them all equally.

What an honor to be nominated for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of The United States Board. It's been a privilege to participate in this dynamic community over the past three decades, to meet many like-minded friends and be a part of RRCUS's evolution.

The more I have seen, the more I realize what's important to our breed remains the same. First and foremost, their continued health and well-being. For me, 'well-being' includes the blessing of living with one family their entire life. Ours is a versatile breed and I support the myriad of events in which these incredible athletes perform and succeed. There's nothing more thrilling than to watch your progeny go from the breed ring to obedience and tearing it up on the field or in the agility ring but most of all seeing these loving dogs lying across their owner's laps on the sofa surrounded by family at home.

I know many breeders and enthusiasts, some in the breed much longer than I, and think most would agree about the importance for us to pull together and continue to support our beloved Ridgebacks. I believe I bring experience, perceptiveness and passion coupled with a desire to serve the best interest of our breed and club.

Simply put, I love Ridgebacks and it is my privilege to give back by being on the RRCUS Board.

Edith Mrak: Nominee for the Board of Directors

Our first Ridgeback joined the family in 1998. Sampson was bred by Betty and Jim Scattini (Triggerhill) and was followed two years later by Sophie, co-bred by Dudley Hackney (Rakiara). I began my foray into the show ring when Sophie became part of our family and have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of being an owner handler in the heavily competitive ridgeback ring. I competed in the RRCUS Owner Handler Program twice, finishing #9 (2004) and #4 (2014). These ribbons are displayed proudly showing you CAN teach an old dog, new tricks!

Everything ridgeback is my passion, second only to my family. I've attended numerous seminars, read countless books and spoken with a wide variety of dog and ridgeback experts. Form, function, how to be a better handler, nutrition, health and genetics, behavior, breeding....every single aspect fascinates me and there always seems to be something new to learn.

We had our first litter in 2003 and have had nine litters with the Keniba prefix. While breeding for confirmation is the number one goal, it cannot be attained without equal concern for health and temperament. Our puppies have gone on to not only be wonderful family companions but also have competed in a wide variety of venues. Two of the most my cherished wins were, RRCUS Best in

Puppy Sweeps 2004 with my first home bred girl “Zoe” (Keniba’s Little Good Luck Charm), the most recent being the Breeder of the RRCUS Winners Dog 2015, “Jake” (Keniba’s Beta Play, Owned by George and Sue Ohanesian and shown by Theresa Lyons).

I’ve also been given the privilege to judge our breed. I have been honored to judge two Regional Specialty Puppy and Veteran Sweeps, Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (BARRC) 2014 and Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas (TVRRRCOT) 2017. Both were very exciting and gave me new perspective as both judge and handler.

In my non-dog life, I have spent the last twenty something years in a very busy home raising four children and being a military spouse. As a military family, we were afforded many opportunities to move and explore new places and people. I’ve held many volunteer positions ranging from room/team mom to Treasurer/ VP/ Director Positions in various organizations. I have been a member of the RRCUS Ethics Committee since 2015. With my children all but grown I have the time and willingness to commit to being a Director on the RRCUS Board. I am open minded, understanding that even divergent opinions may offer valid points on a given topic, and therefore always try to approach issues from a balanced perspective. With that said, however, I also have the ability to be decisive, knowing “why” and “how” I came to my own conclusion. I love the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed and wish to do my part to protect and preserve it to the best of my ability should the membership wish me to serve in this position.

John Wyszynski : Nominee for the Board of Directors

I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Directors of RRCUS. I hope to encourage constructive dialogue and cooperation to advance the breed and all fanciers. Initially, this may sound naïve and trite. RRCUS foremost aims should be the welfare and improvement of the Breed. The betterment of the breed and fanciers can be accomplished by setting lofty goals and striving to achieve them. I hope to bring my management skills and experience as an advocate to the RRCUS Board.

I have been an owner handler since 1999. I have competed and earned titles in conformation, lure coursing, and obedience. In 2012, DC Ridge View’s Walking in Memphis CD and I were tied for the #2 Ridgeback Owner Handler team.

In 2016, The Rio Grande Kennel Club selected me to be sweepstakes judge during one of their shows at The High Desert Cluster.

I have served as president of The Colorado Rhodesian Ridgeback Club for over 15 years. During that term, our Board and members grew the club’s assets 10 fold, established the CRRC Regional Specialty and assisted in National Specialties. You might know me from the grounds crew at the 2011 National (aka The Pick-Up Your Poop Guy). In these capacities, I have worked with many varied personalities. We have all worked together towards the advancement of the breed and the joys of owning and exhibiting our hounds.

In my professional life, I am President and Managing Broker of a mid- sized Real Estate firm. I have a BS in Business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and an MBA from the University of Chicago. I will bring experience in matters both fiscal and fecal (I was the designated pooper scooper at South Dakota National Specialty 2011) to the board. I will also bring an occasional bad joke to all meetings. This does not mean that I am volunteering for the fecal duties in the future.

Please be assured by voting for me, I will always be open to your suggestions and criticism. I look forward to participating in the RRCUS leadership and in doing so I will honor the RRCUS Code of Conduct : "Members shall do all within their power to uphold, promote and protect the interests of the breed by conducting themselves in a manner reflecting credit on the Club, its members, their dogs, and the dog world in general."