

MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

Minutes of Saturday, April 7, 2012

Jones Lake, Pescadero

Present: Trig and Angie Birkeland, Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Debbie Fulgoni, Brian and Denise Iwata, Pat and Rogers Johnson, Steve Kesselring, Michael Tancredi, Debbie Tandoc, Jamie Warren

Trig Birkeland opened the meeting at 9:06 am.

Minutes of the January 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Trig and other MBHRC members attended a Mike Lardy benefit seminar for Luane Pleasant last weekend in Oakdale. Luane is suffering from melanoma cancer. Trig received approval from our board to donate \$100 for Luane's treatment. The Mike Lardy Seminar and other club donations raised \$30,000 to help defray Luane's medical expenses.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy reported that we have \$5,725 in our account. Liability insurance which is the club's only major upcoming expense in the amount of \$2,035 is due in September.

Old Business:

Quarles Training Day: This is the third year that we have had a training day with Katie and Tom Quarles and it was a successful event.

Trig attended the Mike Lardy Seminar and shared Lardy's belief that each person is the ultimate decider on what correction to use on your dog. Handlers know their dogs and should not be pressured to follow instructions/methods that you don't think are good for your dog.

Triangle: Michael Tancredi reported that he has had no word from the owner re any problems. If there are any problems, please let Wendy or Michael know.

Hunt Test: Everyone agreed it was a good hunt test: Good team effort, bird boys were great (noted we should keep a list of the bird boys for next year and years to come when they can become gunners).

One comment was that there were not enough marking pens for the white boards.

Linda requested that marshals mark the tests sites on Friday afternoon following the test set up so that the signage for each stake can be put up Friday night because it is difficult to drive from stake to stake Saturday morning fighting all the incoming traffic.

It was agreed that bird boys would be given dinner.

Trig reported that that a pro trainer commented on the lack of qualification of one of our master stake judges who has not run a dog in a master stake. Following a discussion Trig stated that is is important that we pick judges that meet AKC rules. AKC has a listing of approved judges and Entry Express lists every handlers' history of dogs run.

Following is the new AKC rules regarding Master judges:

“ Remain an Active Judge: Must judge at least once every 4 years to maintain eligibility.
Remain an Active Handler: Must handle a qualifying dog at the level to be judged or higher within seven (7) years of the date of the event. *(Club's responsibility to monitor.)*

Note: Current judges who do not meet this requirement have until January 1, 2014 to come into compliance”

Raffle: The raffle took in \$2,014 and net profit was \$1,710.

The cost to put on the hunt test was \$806.

Discussed raising entry fees such as:

Master from \$75 to \$80
Senior from \$72.50 to \$75
Junior from \$70 to \$72.50

This would increase our income by \$520, assuming the same number of entrants as this year.

Another thought was to double the junior and senior stakes. Although it was pointed out that we would need more help and sites to run 4 stakes each day as well as requiring additional judges.

Also discussed incentives to attract more pros by offering \$100 of raffle tickets.

BBQ: Great food but no profit. Discussed increasing the dinner to \$15 or reducing costs by offering chicken in lieu of tri-tip.

Judges dinner from Hot City Diner was a success, however it cost the club \$86 for the judges. Next year charge “guests” \$15 (actual cost was \$11 per dinner).

If weather is inclement we should look into using the Los Banos Sportsman club which is located just west of Highway 165 about 1 mile south of the intersection of Henry Miller Road and 165.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Steve Kesselring volunteered to be on the committee as the representing board member. Denise Iwata and Linda Christensen agreed to be on the committee as well. Members are encouraged to advise the committee of suggested nominees.

Triangle and Associate Membership: There was a lively discussion revolving around new membership and use of the Triangle training area. We discussed changing our by-laws or policy to require prospective new member to be “associate” members for a period of one year after which there would be an evaluation of their contribution to the club and a vote to determine if the “associate” could become a full member. Associate members would not have voting privileges. The impetus for the Associate membership designation chiefly evolved from the use of the triangle training area and our liability insurance coverage. Current triangle users sign a waiver and pay a \$35 fee to our club, this paper work is handled by Wendy. All triangle users are ostensibly covered by our liability insurance. Lucy will research this issue to determine if non-member Triangle users are indeed covered. The friction that evolved from this membership-Triangle- users question was caused by a current Triangle-user who has applied for membership in our club. One of our members has an issue with this person and before proceeding with his application, Michael will contact him and advise him that Trig will be regarding his membership application. Trig will ask if he is interested in being just a user of the triangle. If so, there would be no conflict with his just being a triangle user. If he desires membership, Trig will inquire re his background further.

Discussed assigning new “new” members specific tasks so they can learn the ins and outs of training, putting on a hunt test, etc.

New Member applications:

Eileen Oshiro of Cupertino has applied and she has two golden retriever, past member of MBHRC and President of Norcal.

Membership approved.

Karl Baumheckel from San Jose and has a Labrador Retriever. Karl has not attended a meeting therefore will table the application and invite Karl to our next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 9:00 am at Jones Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Pat Johnson

Secretary