

MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
Minutes of Saturday, May 16, 2009 Meeting
Jones Lake

Present: Trig and Angie Birkeland, Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Gaylene Cranford, Robert Herrera, Brian and Denise Iwata, Pat Johnson, Wendy Johnston, Elisabeth and Nelson Lampert

Wendy Johnston opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes of the January 18, 2009, meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report: Wendy thanked everybody for being so helpful and supportive during her tenure as club president. She noted that membership has increased, our hunt tests have been successful, club activities have increased and new equipment including a trailer have been purchased.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy reported there was money in the bank - \$6,331! The club has purchased a trailer and new hunt test equipment (poppers, blinds, wingers) and we are in the black.

Old Business:

Single Series: The club made \$575 from the Single Series and it was a good event. We will decide if we want to do it again next year at a future meeting.

New Equipment Needs: Wendy purchased a new improved manual winger from Butch Green at the NAHRA hunt test for \$350.00. It is now stored in the trailer at Gaylene's home. The club could use another winger. There was a discussion re the relative merits of a Tangelo steel winger (heavier duty than Butch's winger). Gaylene will put together a list of the club's equipment. There are lots of ice chests thanks to Christy and Ray donating the chests. Wendy donated chairs and we are okay with bird racks.

Committee Reports

Evan Graham – Gaylene reported that Wendy has sent out flyers regarding the June 12 and 13. Evan Graham Basics seminar. Entry Express mailed out postcards on Friday, May 15, to our hunt test mailing list. Entry Express is charging the club \$10.00 for each entry. Participants are encouraged to mail the application and check to Pat Johnson and save the \$10.00 charge.

Robert and Trig volunteered to help with parking.

Wendy and Lucy will bring fruit and cookies/snacks.

Angie and Pat will work at the sign-in table.

Trig and Angie will set up for coffee, juice and cups (Trig will have the generator).

Ten entries have been received to date...would like up to 50. There is no limit of number of dogs according to Evan Graham. Evan's fee is \$800 plus half of his travel expenses since he is already in California.

Nominating Committee: The following members were elected to the Board of Directors:

Rich Anderson, Trig Birkeland, Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Gaylene Cranford, Pat Johnson, Wendy Johnston, Steve Kesselring and Nelson Lampert.

New Club Officers are: Trig Birkeland, President, Gaylene Cranford – Vice President, Lucy Bradford – Treasurer, Pat Johnson – Secretary

Don Campbell Memorial Trophy: The perpetual trophy is awarded each year to the club member who has contributed the most towards supporting participation in the sport of hunting retrievers and assisting newcomers and their dogs. Past recipients have provided assistance and encouragement in all aspects of the sport including but not limited to training and working at club events.

Lucy passed out paper for the present members to submit their choices. Members not present are encouraged to e-mail Lucy with the choices. The trophy will be awarded at the next meeting.

Hunt Test 2010: Wendy has received suggestions for judges for our February 2010 hunt test. The club will probably have three (3) master stakes as the 2010 Master Nationals will be held in California. (August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 is the qualifying year for Master Nationals). It was agreed to have no more than 50 dogs per master stake as the test is run during limited daylight hours.

Wendy is working on a "Judges" spread sheet.

Raffle: Trig had no comment. Linda Christensen will help Trig and Angie with the Raffle.

Trig would like to have every member procure one item for the raffle from a corporate donor (Dogs Afield, Cabelas, Avery, Gunners Up, etc.). Trig has a list of donors to contact for a donation for the 2010 hunt test and has a sample letter.

Bar-b-que: Rogers Johnson has volunteered to do the bar-b-que. Hopefully Dave will help.

Jones Lake: There was a discussion on use of Jones Lake. The lake is reserved every week day and the question of using the lake with one of the groups was raised. (Note: Weekend use of the lake is reserved through the Nursery; no more than a month in advance and one reservation per month. The Nursery and Clubs have priority.) Trig noted that people had an open invitation on Thursdays to train at the lake. If a trainer wishes to train on other weekdays, he or she should contact the person in charge for that day,

Following is the schedule of trainers at the lake:

Monday: Pluis Davern (831) 768-1255

Tuesday: Nancy Corbin (650) 728-7543

Wednesday: Carol Haggerty (650) 369-3829

Thursday: Trig Birkeland (650) 368-1009

Friday: Cathy Mason (408) 255-2979

If a person wants to work on a special problem/drill/scenario, he or she should take care to not interfere

with the scheduled group's activities.

New Business: New Boat

Trig purchased a 10 foot "John" boat from Cabelas's. It is located under the trees by the porta-potty and is secured with a combination lock. The combination is 1012. It was agreed that the boat's name is "Lil Coot". Oars are located in the old outhouse (combination 1108). (In October 2009, all combinations will be the same!!!) There are no oar locks on the boat at this time. Whomever uses the boat needs to take care not to drop the non-floating oars into the water. Brian has life vests that will be stored in the outhouse. Life vests are required to be worn when using the boat.

Jones Lake account has paid for the boat. The boat will be registered under Monterey Bay HRC for insurance and liability purposes.

Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Jones Lake with training to follow.

Pat Johnson, Secretary