

MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
Minutes of Saturday, June 27, 2009 Meeting
Jones Lake

Present: Rich Anderson, Mark and Laurie Berman, Trig and Angie Birkeland, Gaylene Cranford, Paul and Judy Ernst, Debbie Fulgoni, Brian Iwata, Pat and Rogers Johnson, Elisabeth and Nelson Lampert

Trig Birkeland opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes of the May 16, 2009, meeting were approved.

President's Report: The Evan Graham seminar was a great success. Evan is a good people teacher. Gaylene and club members did a good job of putting the seminar together.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: In Lucy's absence, Angie read the treasurer's report. Balance in the account is \$8,740.84. The Evan Graham seminar netted \$1,686 and the single series income was \$575. Our only fixed future expense is \$1,826 for insurance.

Old Business:

Evan Graham Seminar: Gaylene reported that the seminar was well received. There were 38 registered participants and 37 attendees. Participants would like to attend his next seminar. If we have Evan back next year for another seminar, we might share his travel expenses with Inland Valley as they are hoping to have Evan back next year as well. We will have to find another venue for next year's event as the membership agreed that it shouldn't be held at Jones Lake.

Ways to improve the seminar were discussed: find out the level of dogs, limit dogs to those levels, entry form should indicate find out level/experience of dog.

Pat will forward seminar comments received from participants to club members.

Equipment Needs: There was a discussion on the need for additional wingers and bird drying racks. Gaylene noted that the trailer is getting full. It was agreed that Trig will research with Butch Green and Tangelo re purchasing 3 wingers and 4 bird racks.

Trig reported that Umpqua Valley's club did a great job welcoming people to the test grounds – passed out water, dog biscuits and programs. The signage was recycled real estate boards and was well done. Our club could perhaps emulate the Umpqua's welcome.

There was a discussion on how to improve our signage at the hunt tests.

Gaylene will do an inventory of our equipment including signs.

Boat Registration and Insurance: Pat will coordinate the boat registration and insurance with Lucy.

Don Campbell Award: Will be presented at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Hunt Test: Following a discussion Wendy, Trig, Rich and Nelson were chosen for a committee to select judges for our 2010 hunt test. Committee members can communicate through the internet. We should plan on judges for 3 master, 1 senior and 2 junior tests.

BBQ: Rogers will do the BBQ and Dave has offered to help with the Rogers' Rutabaga BBQ.

Raffle: Trig and Angie are organizing and it's going great. Trig mentioned lots of smaller, less expensive items work well. Large raffle item will be a mini zinger-zinger winger. Baskets were a great success last year and will be doing more of them.

Test Grounds: Discussed the possibility of Los Banos and others refuges that might be closed because of State budget cuts and therefore we might have to look for new test grounds such as CRTA and/or private duck clubs. We should know how this falls out by the fall..

New Business:

Training Day: Trig spoke with Katie Quarles regarding a Mock Hunt test with live birds at Katie and Tom Quarles training grounds in Los Banos. This event would follow our hunt test and occur prior to the Hills Ferry's test. Katie would help handlers and Tom would judge. They will have lots of flyers and will charge \$30 per dog. We could use their house for a BBQ.

Club Web Page: Our club needs a web page similar to the Central Coast's webpage that has pictures, calendar of events, club information and related links. Trig quoted a price of \$500 for a page to be set up and have someone help us establish a domain name. Comments were that the set up is fairly easy and the hard part is keeping the page updated. More research is needed.

SB 250: Elisabeth and Nelson have asked Trig to write a letter from Monterey Bay HRC stating that we are opposed to SB 25 . Trig asked Nelson and Elisabeth to ask the club members at the meeting for approval to write the letter. The hearing is this Tuesday and the bill is for mandatory spay/neuter all dogs except working dogs at six months. After a discussion of the bill a motion was made and seconded to submit a letters from Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever club. Elisabeth will forward the letter and address for Trig to fax to the appropriate people.

Jones Lake Use:

Peter Vanos, Senior, is concerned with the use of Jones Lake. Years ago the lake was used just a couple days a week and now it is being used 5 to 6 days a week. The Vanos family is thinking about consolidating the use of the lake sometime in the future. They have no set date. Monday was free until just recently however it was not a good day for the nursery to do their tractor work, tree work or other work around the lake. Training is busy throughout the week.

Mark Berman suggested to reassure the Vanos family that we understand their concerns and will comply with their wishes. That is the approach we are taking. Possible scenarios to reduce useage include combining training days with trainers, alternative training schedules. It was agreed that there would be no large groups using the property.

A notice will be sent to all users advising them of the Nursery's concerns and include the Jones Lake use guidelines with the notice.

Pat will talk with Pete, Jr., to help assuage the Vanos family's concerns and get a feel for what they are contemplating.

Nest meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Jones Lake with training to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Pat Johnson, Secretary