

MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
Minutes of Saturday, August 22, 2009 Meeting
Jones Lake

Present: Trig and Angie Birkeland, Linda Christensen, Gaylene Cranford, Paul and Judy Ernst, Marianne Foote, Debbie Fulgoni, Robert and Penny Herrera, Brian Iwata, Pat and Rogers Johnson, Wendy Johnston, Steve Kesselring, Elisabeth and Nelson Lampert, Jamie Warren

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

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

President's Report:

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: In Lucy's absence, Pat reported that the bank balance was \$7,771. Master National RC dues of \$50 have been paid as well as \$900 for the birds for the February 2010 hunt test.

Old Business:

Equipment needs update:

Trig reported that Butch Green would sell the following equipment

3 Launchers at \$300 each
4 large drying racks at \$125 each

In return for the above purchase Butch will donate three 3-pole holding blinds, four 4-pole holding blinds and a small bird drying rack for our hunt test raffle.

After a discussion it was agreed to also purchase six holding blinds – two 4-pole blinds @ \$130 each for the club and the remaining four blinds will be purchased by members.

Equipment would be picked up in Los Banos to save shipping costs.

It was moved and seconded to purchase the three launchers, 4 large drying rack and 2 holding blinds. Total cost is \$1,660.

Trig and Rogers have carts that may be used for transporting hunt test equipment at the various stakes.

Website Update: Website: Penny Herrera discussed putting together a website for Monterey Bay HRC and her fee would be \$500. There would be an annual fee of \$120.

It was agreed to have Penny put together a MBHRC web site that would include a welcome, listing of events, classified section and links to other pages. Penny would instruct someone to regularly update the

site. Angie agreed to be web mistress. Gaylene agreed to assist Angie.

Jones Lake Scheduling: There was a discussion of having Wendy and Pat handle the weekend reservations for Jones Lake. Wendy and Pat will meet with Pete Vanos to discuss weekend scheduling. (Pat discussed this issue with Pete Vanos on August 27 and he wants to retain the scheduling). The Jones Lake guidelines will be e-mailed to all Jones Lake users/trainers.

SB 250 Update: Elisabeth reported the SB 250 is in a suspense file and it is still alive. Senator Florez can bring the bill back up. Letters and phone calls are critical to defeat the bill.

Committee Reports:

Hunt Test Judges, Birds etc.: Wendy reported that birds have been secured and that she will take orders for members that would like extra birds.

Judges: Wendy reported that Diane Ouillette has agreed to judge master; Chris and Kim Dotson will judge Senior and Junior. Wendy will continue to work on judge assignments for the three master stakes. Members suggestions are welcome.

Entry fees remain the same: Master \$75; Senior \$72.50 and Junior \$70.

Bar-b-que: Rogers will have food for lunch and dinner on Saturday. Cost will be \$10.

Judges Dinner: Trig and Angie will provide at the parking lot Friday evening for the judges. The judges' confirmation letter will include the dinner invitation.

Discussed tents/pop-ups for possibility of rain. Will check weather conditions prior to hunt test. The judges' confirmation letter will include the dinner invitation.

Raffle: Going well. Members are reminded to seek donations from businesses (Dogs Afield, Cabelas, sporting goods stores, etc. as well as wineries)

New Business:

Trig suggested having a Christmas Party and/or a pheasant hunt and bar-b-que at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve, Rio Vista. Following a discussion it was agreed to work on a pheasant hunt at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve.

Evan Graham: Wendy reported that Hills Ferry is willing to co-sponsor an Evan Graham Seminar in May 2010. Monterey Bay would organize the event and Hills Ferry would provide the land and volunteers. NORCAL would offer Evan Graham's Basic Seminar the week prior to our having the Transition Seminar. Wendy will research the dates for May 14-15 or May 21-22.

Don Campbell Award: Trig read the history of the perpetual Don Campbell Award Trophy that is awarded to the person who has contributed the most towards supporting participation in the sport of hunting retrievers and assisting newcomers and their dogs. This is shown by providing assistance and

encouragement in all aspects, including but not limited to training and working at club events.

Gaylene Cranford is this year's well-deserved recipient. Congratulations to Gaylene!

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Jones Lake with training to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Pat Johnson, Secretary