



## Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Minutes, Saturday, May 25, 2013 | Jones Lake, Pescadero

**Present:** Lucy Bradford, Stan & Connie Hughes, Debbie Fulgoni, Michael Tancredi, Gaylene Cranford, Linda Christensen, Wendy Johnston, Pat Johnson, Brian & Denise Iwata, Luanne Vidak, Jim Reynolds, Paul and Judy Ernst

**Guest:** Megan Eisele and her 3 year-old Chesapeake, Pica, joined our meeting. Megan recently became Pica's owner and learned she comes from a long line of hunting stock. Originally from Arizona, Megan recently moved to Royal Oaks (near Watsonville) from Alaska and has worked with dogs before, but not hunting. She is interested in learning more.

Brian called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

The March 30, 2013 minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Have many new interested members. Let's keep encouraging people to join our club when we are at events and Hunt Tests.

**Secretary's Report:** Learned how to schedule a reminder in the Yahoo calendar. Yahoo!

### Old Business:

**Prospective members voted in:** Mark and Rhonna Dias of Hollister and John Hewitt of Carmel Valley. Denise will send welcome letters, access to the member section of the website and the bylaws.

**Master National:** Wendy explained a proposed amendment to the AKC bylaws that will change the requirements to enter Master National tests. Master National began in 1990 and continues to be concerned how to limit entries which continue to increase. Currently, a dog can earn a Master National title and use those passes to qualify for a Master National event – 6 passes are needed. The new proposal is to eliminate the concurrent passes. So a dog needs to earn a title first (5 passes if you have a SH or 6 passes if you do not have a SH title) then, earn an additional 6 passes thereafter. All other clubs (in the area) voted no. Wendy suggests the best way to go is have a regional qualifying event. A pass each year at the regional is required to enter the Master National event. This approach would only affect about ¼ of the dogs. Last year there were 700 entries (out of 900 qualifiers) with the same number expected this year. The challenge of the event is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a venue and infrastructure for a 10-day event. If the new rule passes, it will promote pros versus amateurs. A lottery approach has not been considered.

Motion was made to decline the proposal. Approved and seconded.

**John & Sue Roselli Shooting Event** was a success. Another shooting event will be planned in the future.



**Exploring 501c (3) Status:** Wendy's friend is unavailable to assist us. Unfortunately, he fell ill. Wendy's commitments prevent her from taking on continued research. Legal Zoom is ~\$900.00 – Brian's friend indicated this is a reasonable fee. Michael Tancredi will talk to his friend to obtain advice. Debbie F will also talk to her CPA. It was agreed our reason for requesting 501c(3) charitable status is based on serving as an "educational organization dedicated to the education and promotion of the sport and proper treatment of sporting dogs."

The club could consider scholarships or educational events such as what Jim Reynolds does at Grizzly Island - supports apprentice-(junior hunter) state sponsored pheasant hunts. Gaylene and Debbie have also supported similar events. Michael Tancredi's duck club does the same – allowing junior hunters onto the property to experience duck hunting.

According to Lucy, and based on her support of another volunteer club, a CPA is required to file the annual tax documents and the expense could be as high as \$2,000. Our club does not currently incur such an expense. All agree more research is required.

If we make this change, our by-laws will need to be revised. Following a discussion concerning the differences between 501c(3) and 501c (4) Michael will research further and provide us an update.

**Rush Ranch:** MBHRC invited to provide a demo for the public. Saturday, April 26, 2014. More information to follow.

**Specialty Imprint Items:** Trig was not at the meeting. It was reported he has ordered a few sample items (for himself) for members to look at. Before a final decision will be made, a total cost report is required and proposal how to manage the program.

**Treasurer's Report:** Currently \$7,671 in the bank, less \$474 for 6 cases of popper shells. 2 major bills due in October for general liability insurance and officers and directors insurance - \$2037.

MT suggested the club determine its baseline capital reserve to prevent from going under. Brian and Lucy will develop a "projected" annual operating budget, along with establishing a base line capital reserve amount.

Wendy will drop off 4 cases live ammo and 6 cases popper shells to Debbie Fulgoni to store.

## New Business

### 2014 Hunt Test Committee

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| <b>Hunt Test Chair</b> | Denise Iwata                                 |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | Pat Johnson with Gaylene Cranford apprentice |
| <b>Signs</b>           | Linda Christensen                            |
| <b>Head Marshall</b>   | Open                                         |
| <b>Gun Captain</b>     | Open                                         |



Denise will send out a communication seeking input and/or suggested volunteers.

Discussed at length whether or not to hold a Junior/Senior double. A minimum of 6 extra workers are required in addition to gunners. Space at Los Banos is not expected to be an issue. Sharing resources with Hills Ferry was also discussed. A motion was made to wait one more year until our membership increases. The motion was seconded and agreed.

**New Member Applications:** Wendy officially read the application for **AJ Cecchettini** who, with his wife, applied for full membership. AJ was a big hit at our Single Series last year pitching in and helping. He has 2 labs and would be a great addition to our club. AJ was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

#### **Member Comments/Suggestions:**

Gaylene recommended we invest in **new blinds** to replace the old rebar blinds to facilitate easier transport. Michael suggested we 'sell' the old blinds and use the funds to purchase new ones. Everyone agree and the Super Singles is a great venue for such a sale.

It was agreed to hold the annual **Super Single Series** due to its popularity and fund raiser. Brian will talk to Trig about running the event. Debbie Tandoc, due to her commitments is unable to run the event this year. Wendy indicated John Culin's son will fund our food for the lunch BBQ. Paul and Judy kindly offered to run the BBQ (Thanks!)

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, June 30 at Jones Lake, Pescadero

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM