



Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Minutes, Sunday, March 3, 2014 | Jones Lake, Pescadero

Present: Brian & Denise Iwata, Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Debbie Fulgoni, Gaylene Cranford, Janice & Michael Tancredi, Pat Johnson, Anne Pletcher, Jim Reynolds

Brian called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM

The February 1st meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: We survived the Hunt Test!!

Secretary's Report: No updates.

Treasurer's Report: The club's bank balance is \$12,000. Kimberly Wright purchased remaining hunt test birds. She paid \$100 and owes the club a balance of \$129. Lucy has sent messages to Kimberly. Gun raffle net: \$1248; Regular raffle net: \$2929 (we made more with the 2013 raffle); Entry Express: \$10,925 (minus 350 for scratches); BBQ net: \$187.76

Old Business:

Don Campbell Award: Pat has all the votes and the winner will be presented in April

Board Position Recommendations:

Lucy Bradford (Treasurer)	Linda Christensen (President)	Debbie Fulgoni
Denise Iwata (Secretary)	Brian Iwata	Pat Johnson
Wendy Johnston (Vice President)	Jamie Warren	Gaylene Cranford

Anne Pletcher offered to be 2015 Hunt Test Secretary.

Specialty Imprint Items: Freddie sent a message that she will bring a sample cap with our club logo embroidered to the April meeting for members to review.

Attracting New Members to our Club: Please send in your 'breeder contact information' forms to Luane.

Rush Ranch Open House, Saturday, April 26 at Rush Ranch (Grizzly Island): Denise will forward contact information to Pat.

Hunt Test: Great event based on participant feedback, including a thank you letter from Jim Dobbs as well as others. Based on the enjoyment Dale Kelch had at our Hunt Test, he agreed to manage bird boys for our 2015 Hunt Test. Directional signage was great. To enhance visibility for the turn to Lot 4, it was recommended that we add bright tape on the gate and the bushes. Also inform handlers the turn is 1.4 miles from the Los Baños Wildlife parking lot. There was discussion



as to how to widen the scope of hunt test support beyond a limited number of members. If members are unable to support our one-time major fund raising event (either physically at the event or with planning or other pre-event support), a recommendation was made to request a nominal cash donation to help off-set costs such as hired bird boys. This is an approach used by other clubs. The raffle was very successful and based on the bank balance a suggestion was made to consider skipping a year or scale back the raffle for next year. Another suggestion was made to offer only two to three high-priced items such as a gun, a winger, etc. If the next raffle team wishes to continue as we have in the past, it was recommended that all members help gather donations and promote the raffle to increase ticket sales. The Tancredi's did a great job running the raffle for the past two years and now they are passing raffle management to other members.

New Business

Master National Retriever Club shared a proposed amendment to its constitution and bylaws submitted by two mid-west retriever clubs. The Master National Board is neutral on the proposal. After a thorough discussion, the members vote "no" to the proposed changes. The changes include adding a sentence to two sections both re-restating judges and directors must be amateur status. This requirement is already stated in the MNRC Constitution.

Club Promotion and Fund Raising: It was suggested a sub-committee be formed to develop ideas to enhance and grow our club. The task of the sub-committee would be to come up with creative ideas to expand and grow our club and present ideas to the Board for consideration. Further discussion about promoting our sport and sustaining our club touched upon hosting educational seminars or picnic trials similar to our single-series. An event could be held at the Triangle in Monterey (only members can use the property). Educational fliers about handling and the sport could also be useful to members.

New member applications:

David Rank and Kateryna Shilova submitted an application after joining our meeting last month and qualifying in our Hunt Test. They also are registered for the Hills Ferry Hunt Test. Members will vote at the next meeting.

A second application was submitted by former MBHRC members Ron Sauls and Janet Peters. Both are talented Master National judges and could possibly contribute to our club with educational seminars. Ron is also a Purina rep – we enjoyed Purina's donations at our raffle. Michael Tancredi will talk to Ron about attending a future meeting to meet our members.

Member Comments/Suggestions:

Discussed during topics above.

Next Meeting Dates: Next meeting will be a **board meeting**, Sunday April 13th, likely in Santa Cruz. The general club meeting will be scheduled at a later date.