



Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club

Board Meeting Minutes, Sunday, April 13, 2014 | Red Apple Café, Aptos, CA

Present: Brian & Denise Iwata, Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Gaylene Cranford, Michael Tancredi, Wendy Johnston, Jamie Warren

Brian called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM (brunch break 11:10 – 11:43)

The March 3rd meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: It was a very interesting year with many challenges. Costs are continuing to rise at the hunt test and we need to determine how to address the increase. Additionally, we need to continue to attract new members into the club. A high number of members supported our last hunt test, either at the test or before. And, two members stepped in to judge.

Secretary's Report: Please provide input/updates for our web and provide feedback on meeting notes.

Treasurer's Report: The bank balance is \$12,052. The bank requires the account to also have a savings account. Therefore, a savings account of \$1,702 was created with remaining funds in the checking account. Our insurance is typically over \$2,000 which is our largest expense. The hunt test bird deposit is coming up in a few months and that is typically about \$900.

New member applications: Jamie received three new member applications: Susan Bluford (former founding MBHRC member) interested in becoming an associate member, Pam Durkee as a regular member plus one other. Jamie will provide more information at the next meeting.

Board Meeting Business:

The board approved the position recommendations:

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

Linda is honored to serve as President of our club and will be proactive with new ideas, like flier days, and will look at our bank account to ensure we are able to support our club and pay our bills. She hopes we can manage our hunt test with the same level of success as we have had in the past. Jamie shared that one handler at the Junior stake asked if the workers were “professionals” Gaylene shared that as a judge that recently served at other hunt tests, our is the best, top-notch with regard to preparing judges. Pat Johnson adds a nice touch providing judges



all necessary tools to do their job including pencils, well organized binders with handy reference tabs, current scratch information and even goodies. Pat does a great job.

Hunt Test Raffle: Michael explained that the structure for managing the raffle is established. He has all the contacts and will be happy to facilitate a transition. He has Filson, Nutro, etc., and suggests the club needs someone with a significant amount of time to email and follow-up with raffle donors. If we want, Michael will gladly be the interface for the Browning gun. It seemed our last hunt test did not have as many members contribute donations however, many donated items were incorporated into basket sets. Discussion at our last club meeting suggested we consider having one or two large raffle items versus several individual baksets. Now that our club has a larger capital base, we could consider fewer raffle items.

Larger items would include training items such as the popular Winger Zinger and electronics and possibly one to three guns, or holding blinds, duck racks, etc. The idea of a raffle committee with up to three members was suggested, to spread the workload. Michael will facilitate the transition. Discussion also centered on ticket administration. How to ensure only paid tickets are submitted for the drawings. Wendy will talk to the Hills Ferry ticket sales manager to learn how their tickets sales were managed.

The board approved hosting a simplified raffle next year with a few bigger ticket items.

Hunt Test: Before talking about raffle details, the board talked about the need for a Hunt Test chair. Gaylene will approach Debbie Fulgoni and Denise offered to assist but is unable to serve as hunt test chair again. Although AKC rules require one hunt test chair be named, our club can proceed with a shared hunt test chair, with one name listed in the premium.

Email communication was good for the last hunt test but it was recommended phone calls would further enhance communication. It was suggested as President, Linda make calls. Before the next meeting Gaylene will talk to Debbie Fulgoni and provide Linda an update.

Single Series: Anne Pletcher volunteered to run the event this year. Based on other scheduled activities in September, the Board recommends holding the event in August. Linda will contact Anne.

AKC – PAC: The board reviewed AKC's request for donations in support of their political action group and voted no.

Rush Ranch Open House, Saturday, April 26 at Rush Ranch (Grizzly Island): Denise will contact Pat again to promote this event and solicit member signups. Gaylene cannot attend this year.

New Business

To attract new members Gaylene suggested having themes for our meetings. For example, host a "Puppy Training Day" or "Drill Day" as a promotional day to attract new members. Themed training days could occur once per quarter. Our next club meeting and training day will be 'billed'



as New Member Promotion Training Day with a Puppy Theme. All members will be asked to bring a new or interested handler.

New members/associate members: Lucy will create an additional page for our roster to include contact information of our associate members.

Member Comments/Suggestions: Discussed during topics above.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, May 24 at Jones Lake at 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM