

## **Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club**

Meeting Minutes, Saturday, May 24, 2014 @ Jones Lake

**Present:** Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Wendy Johnston, Denise Iwata, Paul & Judy Ernst, Luane Vidak

Linda called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

The April 13th meeting minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Linda is very proud and happy about MBHRC's successful participation in the Annual Rush Ranch open house. She reported we have a good start on planning for our 2015 hunt test; Anne Pletcher-secretary, Wendy Johnston-chair, Denise Iwata-co-chair. Since we are a small club all members are asked to encourage other members to support the test in order spread out the work load. Lucy will update our club roster. Linda will add a note to the distribution of the new roster, requesting all members either commit to a volunteer position or make a monetary donation to the raffle. Wendy Johnston plans to contact each member by phone to confirm member hunt test involvement. Linda shared that Anne Pletcher, chair of our single-series, is very organized and shared her plan for the event. Linda expressed a kind thank you to all who attended the meeting today.

**Secretary's Report:** Denise will post the revised roster.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance is \$12,530. We made almost \$5,000 on the hunt test (raffle and gun raffle).

## **Old Business**

**Don Campbell Award:** Pat Johnson has the results of the vote. Results postponed to the June meeting when Pat is able to attend.

**Specialty Items:** The group agreed to move forward with the specialty items. Before placing an order, the club wants to a) confirm the logo to be used is the correct color version and b) see the logo embroidered on an item. Denise will contact Freddie's supplier to obtain a copy of the logo on file.

**Single Series:** Anne will order birds from Metzger and planning is all set. A volunteer is needed to manage the Brats BBQ lunch. Please contact Linda or Anne. Judy will gladly share the planning and checklist document with whomever assumes responsibility for the lunch. Wendy will contact John Culin to fund the lunch. Target date for the event is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 16</u>.

**New Membership:** To encourage more membership Gaylene's earlier proposal to arrange "themed" training days was accepted. Topics may include how to handle a gun at the line, or how to do blinds. Themes could be determined in advance of a meeting by asking for RSVP's and topic selection. Another approach could be to discuss and select a training theme as part of the



monthly meeting agenda, before the conclusion of our meetings. Handlers are encouraged to speak up to ask for assistance on a particular training area.

## **New Business**

**Hunt Test:** Noted above, our chair is Wendy, co-chair – Denise and secretary – Anne. Wendy will ask Christy Gonzales to handle hospitality again because she does a great job. The club is considering hiring out the raffle BBQ. Luane will research options. Options include Hot City BBQ or local freelance caterers.

- Raffle: We need a chair for the raffle. Next year the club will feature a few large-ticket items as well as a gun or guns versus featuring smaller basket items.
- Hunt Test Judge's Dinner: It was unanimously agreed to book the judge's dinner at the H&M Italian restaurant.

**Master National Request:** The master national committee is requesting monetary donations from all clubs to fund judge's gifts. The group denied the request.

## **New Membership Applications:**

Wendy provided background about the application received from Pam Durkee and noted at the April meeting. Denise will issue a vote via email. Wendy and Linda also provided background about Suzi Bluford, a previous MBHRC member, who is applying for an associate membership. Her application was also noted in the April meeting minutes. Denise will issue a vote via email.

Member Comments/Suggestions: Discussed during topics above.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jones Lake at 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM