



Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club

Meeting Minutes, Saturday, April 11, 2015 @ Jones Lake

Corrected notes – with correct May meeting date.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 17, 2015 @ 9:00 AM (Denver-ton or Jones Lake: to be determined)
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Present: Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Denise and Brian Iwata, Rich Anderson, Jim Reynolds, Greg Hubbell

Linda called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM

The February 28, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: Wendy has the bird contract for the 2106 Hunt Test. Before signing and sending in a non-refundable \$900.00 deposit, a commitment is needed by the club to support a 2016 hunt test. Lucy indicated that all but five members re-joined this year. All members are expected to participate and support the event to share the workload. More delegation – among all members is needed. Phone calls should be used to connect with members to gain their commitment. Following the discussion, it was agreed that signing the bird contract with the non-refundable deposit is low risk and Wendy should proceed. An email will be sent to all members announcing the Hunt Test dates (**February 20 and 21,**) and confirming interest and to gain a commitment for support. A disaster plan is required. The date of the Hunt Test will be added to the website.

Linda reminds us that Steve has MBHRC imprint items in inventory. Please contact him to place your orders.

Club activity at Denver-ton. Lucy paid the \$200.00 fee enabling our club to hold activities at the Denver-ton and Grizzly Island properties. Lucy offered to set-up a date for our next meeting/training at Denver-ton.

Secretary's Report: AKC sent a letter requesting our new officers and board. Denise received documentation to register our 2016 hunt test. Both will be completed after required information is confirmed.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy reported we have over \$15,000.

Ongoing Business

Rush Ranch, April 25, 2015: Rich Anderson created a sign-up flier for our club participation at Rush Ranch. This is a great opportunity to work our dogs and teach the local community about our sport. Participants are to show up at 9:00 AM. The event runs from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Our members, however, may leave early. A separate broadcast, with the flier, will be sent to all club members. Please sign-up to help Rich and promote our club!



New Business:

Master National By-Law proposals and Judges

Proposed Master National Qualifications: A proposed change to Section 3 (Qualifying Standards). In summary to be eligible for the Master National, contestants must qualify for a minimum of six out of eight Master Hunt tests. Dogs entered in an event but not scratched for approved medical reasons prior to the start of the event shall be scored as Failed. If a dog has run/or after the starting time of the event is injured or not able to complete the test due to medical reason, must submit a vet certificate to the Hunt Test secretary prior to the close of the event to be considered as non-completion and not a Fail. This circumstance may only be used ONCE per dog per qualifying year. After discussion the club voted **"yes"** in favor of this proposal.

Proposed Hall of Fame Requirement Exemption: Contestants shall be limited to the following: Dogs having passed three prior MNRC annual events are exempt from the requirements of Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this section and are qualified for all future MNRC annual events. Our club voted **"no"**. Once a dog qualifies their condition may change over the course of a year. Therefore, the club was not in favor of this change.

Master National Judges: After discussion the club votes for the following judges for the Master National 2016 judging panel: Elaine Brock (Oregon) and Chuck Hilton (Washington).

New Retriever Hunt Test Regulations: Denise gave an update on the new regulations. In summary if a club limits the number of entries: Master level test must advertise a date and time when entries will start to be accepted and must establish a first-in, first-out waiting list, and may choose to set aside 15% of the Master level test entries for workers. A fourth recommendation is to allow the use of shotgun simulators in Retriever Hunt Tests.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee needed a third member. Rich Anderson and Anne Pletcher agreed to participate along with Brian Iwata (board member). Rich offered to set-up a WebEx meeting to discuss.

Membership Applications:

Nancy Kelly joined our meeting and training and completed an application to join our club. Nancy is well-known by many with a deep experience in dog training, showing dogs (and winning) and has senior hunter dogs and is working toward the next level. Nancy has golden retrievers (and a lab?)

The club was contacted by Jim Ferkel with a lab pup interested in training and our club. Although invited to our meeting he did not attend.

Member Comments/Suggestions: None

Training Theme: Triples

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Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM