



MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

Minutes of club meeting, Sunday, March 5, 2017

Next meeting: Sunday, April 23, 2017 @ Jones Lake

Password to member section of MBHRC website: duckseason

Present: Lucy Bradford, Linda Christensen, Pam Durkee, Hamilton, Brian and Denise Iwata, John Kaitshuck, Nancy Kelly, Steve Kesselring, Jim Reynolds,

Brian started the meeting at 9:05 AM

Minutes of the January 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

President's Report: As you know, we had to cancel our Hunt Test, and, this was the right decision. It will cost us versus holding the test, but it was the right decision based on the situation. I appreciate everyone showing up today.

Secretary's Report: Continuing to use manual mail list to reach all members.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy reported our bank balance at \$11,061. This includes the raffle proceeds (prior to additional funds collected today). There are no large upcoming bills. CRTA insurance runs out in October. For our club to have training days at CRTA, insurance is required. We will pay our insurance for 3 months (Oct to Dec), then begin paying on a calendar year starting in January.

Ongoing Business

Hunt Test (2/18-19/2017):

For safety reasons, we canceled and the refuge thanked us for our decision. The last time our club canceled a test was in the mid 1990's. Future hunt tests must have a back-up plan to avoid cancellation. Several suggestions were made including: consider Salt Slough, they have better roads and it would be nice to have a second location with more options available. It may cost our club more, securing two locations, but it was felt that is small cost versus canceling the hunt test. Consider Salt Slough as the main location, or investigate availability and cost to plan the test at that location. There may be a challenge hosting two back-to-back Hunt Tests at the same location. The topic will be added to next month's agenda to discuss further.

Raffle: Per Lucy, the gun raffle (prior to adding recently received funds) generated \$2845.00. With the cost of the shotguns at \$1735.00, the club gained \$1,110.00.

Ammo was purchased and will be used next year. The \$900.00 bird deposit was non-refundable. Lucy mentioned Wendy is inquiring if we can obtain birds for training or other uses. *(As a follow-up, per email from Wendy, we are unable to gain a refund or birds).* Lucy is checking if the Cabela's gift cards have expiration dates and will exchange if necessary. Raffle ticket expense is a sunk cost. \$250.00 in refunds were provided to judges who were unable to gain refunds from air fare. Table rental expenses were refunded as well as the Port-A-Potty expense. The judge's dinner at M&M did not have any cancellation fee nor was there a fee from Hot City BBQ.

Did we notify the AKC that our test was cancelled? Denise will check with Anne – Denise did not notify AKC. *(As a follow-up, Wendy confirmed she contacted AKC).*

Entry Express charged more than expected to refund entries. Our club paid a fee of \$828.69 plus we learned each payment returned to handlers had a deduction of \$4.50 as well. It was proposed we consider another service. Hamilton offered to check with the Curly Coat Club who, for years, used a different service. However, due to slow responses and lack of tacking judge information, the Curly Coat club recently switched to Entry Express. A concern was raised that if we discontinue use of Entry Express, what will the impact be to registrations?

Club member Michael Tancredi suggested we create plaques as a thank you to our generous sponsors/donors including Browning and Weatherby. It was also suggested a nice thank you letter be sent to Wes Douglass and the Quarles. A motion was made and approved, to proceed with the idea. Hamilton offered his graphic design services to create artwork for the plaques.

Shotgun raffle: The raffle hosted by Brian, with ticket support from Linda and Lucy drawing the winning names. Congratulations to Tom Davi and Denise Iwata. Tom was the first winner and will select the shotgun of his choice. Steve Kesselring, who managed the shotguns, left a message for Tom. The event was captured on video and viewable on the MBHRC Website home page at: <http://montereybayhrc.com/>



MBHRC Travel Mugs. Thanks to Hamilton, we have nice Stanley MBHRC imprinted travel mugs. Six will be held for judge's gift next year. The remaining inventory is available for sale at \$25.00 each. Lucy kindly offered to store the mugs at her house. If you wish to purchase, please contact Lucy to plan for pick-up.

New Business:

Member Comments/Suggestions:

With the cancelation of our hunt test, Nancy suggested we consider a 'second' single series to generate funds and to hold it at Denverton or Grizzly Island. Dates may be a challenge as weekends book up. Lucy suggested Grizzly Island, T1 due to a good parking lot and a porta potty. She will explore open dates. It was also suggested we consider a training day with Pluis and Kate – best suited for junior handlers or beginners). Another suggestion was to hold a raffle in conjunction with the second single-series. John Kaitshuck was highly in favor of holding a second single-series and offered to donate funds to cover the cost of the food. Since John Culin's son already donates funds for food at our August/September event it is unlikely he would fund two events.

Next meeting: April 23, 9 AM @ Jones Lake: Club meeting followed by training at Jones Lake.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 AM