



MONTEREY BAY HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

Minutes of club meeting, Sunday, April 23, 2017

Next meeting: Saturday, May 20, 2017 @ Jones Lake

Password to the member section of MBHRC website: duckseason

Present: Lucy Bradford, Marianne Foote and her Daughter, Hamilton, Brian and Denise Iwata, Pat Johnson, Wendy Johnston, John Kaitshuck, Nancy Kelly, Steve Kesselring, Diane and Steve Sloop, and guest Sue Cohen, plus Carla and Scott Campbell

Brian started the meeting at 9:11 AM

Minutes of the March 5, 2017 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Some agenda items are coming up that we will discuss later. It is time to nominate new board members and seek new volunteers to support club activities. We also need a communication to go out seeking a chair for a second single-series event. Denise was asked to send a communication to all members with descriptions of each role. It was agreed that dead ducks will be used for the second single series event. Pat offered to pick them up.

Secretary's Report: Pending final confirmation of membership renewal.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy reported our bank balance at \$12, 278. We lost \$1695 because of cancelling our Hunt Test.

Introduction of new guests: Carla Campbell and her husband Scott joined the meeting. Carla had been a long-time member of the club with her many goldens. She now has a new German Shepard and is interested to join as an Associate member.

Wendy introduced Sue Cohen with her 5-month old Golden Retriever. She has other dogs and is an experienced agility and obedience handler interested in training for field work.

Ongoing Business

Options to Entry Express: Hamilton did some research and provided information about an alternative to Entry Express called *HuntTestSecretary*. They are a smaller outfit offering the same level of service as Entry Express that does not charge extra fees for cancellation. Many handlers were upset with the double fees charged by Entry Express. Additionally, Entry Express refunded entry fees with checks versus crediting credit cards. There could be risk in losing handlers who are accustomed to only checking Entry Express. We would consider sending out postcards to distribution lists (as we have done in the past) and 'market' our event to gain entrants. Wendy will review the information package provided by Hamilton and share her thoughts at the next meeting.

Trailer: Sundowners kindly offered to store our club equipment trailer. Kate and Sharon also offered to manage the equipment inventory. Denise will reach out to Debbie Fulgoni to obtain possible delivery dates.

Back-up location for future hunt tests: To avoid the need to cancel future hunt tests due to inclement weather, the club is interested in Salt Slough as a back-up. Wendy has a contact that she and Denise will contact to learn if they would consider allowing our club to use that property as a back-up.

Donor Thank You Awards: Following Michael Tancredi's suggestion to acknowledge our generous Hunt Test raffle donors, he worked with Hamilton to create two beautiful acrylic awards for John Long of Weatherby and Paul Thompson at Browning Arms. Michael will take care of sending the awards out and will send the invoice(s) to Lucy.

Single Series: The date for our planned single series needs to be determined. Additionally, a chair person is needed to volunteer to manage our 'second' single series in the June/July time frame. Once a chair is named, Lucy will check availability of T1 @ Grizzly Island. Mentioned about in the President's report, Denise will send out a communication.

New Business:

Nomination Committee: A committee of one board member and two members is required to determine the 'slate' of new officers and present at the next meeting. Subsequently the board appoints roles to the slated members. Steve Kesselring offered to lead the committee and is seeking two members to assist.

Don Campbell Service Award: This is an award established to recognize the club member deemed to have contributed, through their dedication, attitude and hard work, the most effort to continue the growth and interest in the hunt test program. Pat and Wendy offered to lead the effort for this year's nominations and voting.

Member Comments/Suggestions:

Diane and Steve Sloop announced it is Kubo's first birthday and to celebrate they brought cakes to share. Happy 1st Birthday Kubo!

Training Theme: Water double

Next meeting: May 20, 9 AM @ Jones Lake: Club meeting followed by training.

Other upcoming events:

5/6: NORCAL Agility

5/13 NORCAL WCX

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM