

SMART Board Meeting Monday Jan 26, 2015

Conference Call 7:45 pm

Ernie Mill, Janet Massolo, Diana Wilson, Laura Hartwick, Roberta Troxell, Katrina Parkinson.

Agenda:

I. Minutes & Correspondence

a. Review/ Approve minutes from our 11-17-14

II. Old Business

Review of Jan Trial

Janet will send an email to the board when she gets the final numbers for Jan. trial.

Replacing Ribbon Trailer

Financials need to be looked into on this. Ernie said that the door is not repairable, only way in is the side door. When there is enough money, we will need to get prices on new trailers.

The last trailer cost \$4500. We don't necessarily need this size, so we may be able to get a smaller trailer.

Katrina suggests that this trailer gets cleaned out, it would be nice to have a smaller trailer that more people could haul. Perhaps we can have a spring cleaning day for this trailer.

Currently we have 2 rings of equipment in the other 2 trailers.

The trailers are all at Rob's house, Ernie will organize a cleaning day. Hatedawgs has a nice small trailer that they use for all the extra stuff.

III. New Business

Equipment purchases

We need 2 new 15' tunnels. Katrina checked on the Affordable Agility ones Ernie was looking at, the ones at Happy Dog with 4" pitch didn't last over one year. But they are stored outside and used daily. Ernie is happy with the ones they bought for the Carmel center, they are doing very well after one year. The board is all ok with these.

Katrina suggests getting matching colors on the 15' tunnels so that it's easy to course build, and also to get different colors than Bay Team.

Ernie will purchase the new tunnels.

The new ADCh bars are almost done, Katrina will be down there and can pick up from Ernie if need be.

Changing the colors of ribbons to purple and black was brought up, from red and black.

April trial

Possibly finding a new site. Do we want a new site? Katrina has heard people are reluctant to enter because the footing is not so great on the lower field used in April. Michelle did offer to check the field. There is a potential new field in San Jose. Janet said that a premise of SMART is to put on local trials in the Salinas Monterey area, so we should really try to keep the SMART trials in the local area.

Having overnight camping is key since the majority of competitors come from far away. Skypark in Scotts Valley does not allow camping, nor does Toro Park.

Monterey County Fairgrounds? Roberta says that they don't have a usable field.

Watsonville Fairgrounds is not a huge field. CSUMB doesn't allow dogs on the soccer field, and the football stadium has old style astroturf.

Manzanita can be checked on to see how the grass is doing, and someone checking in with the park people, perhaps Janet and Michelle can check the field. It is a lot cheaper than Thorsens, about \$1000 less to rent the field.

Probably the best thing to do is keep at Manzanita, and explore other options for the future, that allow camping.

By early March, they would need to be watering the field, and making sure they mow earlier than they did last year.

It was also discussed to do a 2 ring trial. Katrina has lined up a starters/adv judge from SoCal, and bring one Masters judge from locally so we could still have a 3 ring trial, which allows for doing some double classes. Should we just plan a 3 ring trial with one judge being able to drive?

The April trial made \$500 last year, so it didn't do too bad. Maybe there could be a fun thing on Saturday night, like \$5 re-runs of MC classes, although that's not exactly USDAA legal. That could bring in a little extra money.

If we could arrange a dedicated crew to help with the fun match, that is a great money raiser. But it's hard to get enough people to stay to pack the trailers after.

So Katrina will go ahead with the 3 ring and try to keep the costs down. Sandwiches for worker lunches.

Revisit Compensation schedule

Score table compensation, with the current way that score table is done it really takes 2 people to do it. It doesn't seem fair that 2 crew chiefs get compensated, but 2 score table people don't, they have to split. What about a score table chief that gets a full entry, and an assistant that gets a half entry. They are there probably more than a crew chief, it's a skilled labor, time intensive job. Would we consider re-evaluating that?

We think that sounds reasonable. The trial chair would decide who was the lead and who was the assistant. Janet will make the change to the sheet and Laura will re-post on website. The fulltimer should probably be the lead person if there is a fulltimer working the score table. It was voted to change this.

IV. Close meeting

We all wish Diana well on her back surgery tomorrow!