

Feb 26, 2018  
Board Meeting Conference Call  
Attending: Laura Hartwick, Katrina Parkinson, Vici Whisner, Gwen Tatsuno, Penni Price, Janet Massolo

**Agenda:**

**Confirm it's okay to rent/lend tunnel braces to OMD Rachel Seminar at Thorsens**

How many? How much? Penni moved to lend them for free, there will be an agreement if anything is damaged that she replaces them. Katrina will coordinate with Rob and Rachel to get it done and figure out how to get them there. A motion was made and approved to lend them to Rachel for the seminar.

**Ideas for encouraging/rewarding people to load trailers**

Roberta says that it is usually the same people always there to load the trailers, is there a way to pre-award with something to entice more people to stay and load the trailers? In the past, there were free run certs given out. Perhaps advertising in advance that this would be greatly appreciated with a free run certificate. How many? Maybe advertising in advance two free runs and take off on the front side of entries, two people per trailer? Perhaps try this for the April trial? A motion was made and passed to try this for the April trial and see how it works, and get some more people trained in how to load the trailers. The cost of this will be figured into the compensation for this trial.

**Membership Update**

Vici has made progress in this but not yet finished, it has been somewhat difficult. She has made a new google group for SMART and is moving people into this, she will wait until it's finished to announce the change of the email groups. There will be a welcome message sent to each new member that is added so they know they are part of the group and have joined.

**June Fun Match**

Vici thinks that a June Fun Match for members would be really fun! Perhaps as part of a SMART meeting. Laura will talk with Kathleen about some dates in June to do a Sunday fun match and General Meeting at Heart Dog.

**Donation to IFCS team member Laura Pryse**

Would SMART like to donate some money to the IFCS in honor of Laura? Would this be a nice thing to do for members who get selected to the IFCS team yearly? Vici made the motion which was passed to start a program to support members directly (as opposed to USDAA's IFCS non profit) to receive a financial sponsorship towards their travel for IFCS competitions, this year the amount will be \$300 as SMART has the funds to support this. Janet will send a check directly to Laura.

**Treasurer Update**

Currently \$40,000 in the bank. Biggest profit ever at a trial from the New Years Trial, Vici kept costs down and entries were high. The lunches saved a lot of money, although it was a lot of work to do the lunches that way. Janet has not yet purchased the new accounting software. \$50/month for the online version, the desktop version is \$250 with higher priced updates, but will be only on Janet's computer so other users can't get into it, which they could online. Perhaps a backup could go onto one of the SMART laptops. Janet will go ahead and purchase it and transfer all the info into it.

**Upcoming Trial updates:**

April trial update: do we need course maps??? (Thorsens, 4/21-22)

Masters judges are hired but Katrina is having trouble finding a Starters/Adv judge, perhaps she will get Roger/Leslie to each do one day. Barbara Standiford and Kama Ruschenberg are judging Masters. Penni will be co-secretary with Holly Newman.

Maybe print Gamblers/Snooker maps and not the others, the others would be posted and people can take a photo with their phone. Starters/Adv maps would be printed. Competitors will be advised this is happening in the General Info. Easing into less paper!

July Trial (July 13-15) with team (how do you guys like team?)

Ernie is looking at a couple of new sites, Prunedale is available as a backup.

Should team be split into 2 days or all run on one day? Benefits and bummers of both, team would need to be Friday and or Saturday. Team on a Sunday is challenging as it is a really long day and hard to have that long day on a Sunday and have to pack the contacts up at very end of day. Katrina will discuss with Ernie.

August Trial: how do we feel about an AKC trial that weekend? (Prunedale 8/25-26)

It was a success when Bay Team did this last year with Lorie Abbot as there were more entries and more workers. It worked out well for both clubs, Katrina got a lot of positive comments from competitors. Some people did do what seems to be so many runs with their dogs, in two trials at same time. Bay Team will be doing this again for their July trial. The benefit is that the cost of the park is split, the lunch cost was offset for AKC workers. It seems like it would be hard to attract workers if there's another whole ring running. The board is split on whether this would be a benefit to the August trial or not, so the vote is undecided as to whether this would be a good move for a SMART trial.

New Years Trial: 12/29-31 (Sat-Mon)

Seminar update will come via email from Michelle after she settles in.  
Desire Snellman August 3-5