

SMART Board Meeting Agenda 5-4-2015

Attending: Roberta Troxell, Ernie Mills, Laura Hartwick, Janet Massolo, Katrina Parkinson, Diana Wilson  
called to order 7:45pm

Minutes approved from the January 26 trial.

**Equipment needs:**

- 1) Need more 9" lag screws. Buy a box of 50 to split between the two ring buckets.
- 2) Some of the fire hose tunnel straps could be trimmed back a few inches.
- 3) Need another drill. Should have two per ring.
- 4) The new tunnels are 6" pitch, not 4". (Ernie is handling this.)
- 5) Get rid of that purple and white 20' tunnel that is now oval shaped. Really is unsafe and unfair for the bigger dogs.
- 6) Metal broad jump was missing at least one of the plastic protectors that went over the sharp edge.  
Some long term equipment goals.
  1. Buy at least one timer.
  2. Buy at least one set of ring fencing.
  3. Think about replacing metal broad jump with plastic one.
  4. Think about replacing those insanely heavy a-frames.

Ernie-items 1,2,4,5 are taken care of.

Item 3-we have 3 drills already, do we really need 2 per ring? Ernie doesn't see this as a necessity.

Item 6-this can cause a bad injury for dogs if not replaced. Katrina can help Ernie fix the edge thing, she knows what will fix it.

Long term goals:

1. Timers

Katrina said that Bay Team has discussed that since Bay Team lends their timers all the time, maybe if SMART could afford their own timers to make this more equitable so that Bay Team is not the only club with timers. Janet wonders why Bay Team just doesn't charge rent for the timers, instead of paying entries for the person who stores and brings them. Katrina said they want to be good agility community members, but the timers are getting used so much so it might be nice for SMART to get some timers. Janet prefers to pay some rent on the timers instead of entries. Katrina suggests that SMART thank Bay Team for using the timers, and then suggest a rent fee that they could pay instead of paying entries to whoever is bringing them. Would be easy to expense out if it was a rental fee. Karey is who stores and brings them so she has always gotten the free entry, she is already secretary, so she is already helping the trial. They are about \$4000 to purchase a set of timers, so this is may not be a purchase that will be able to happen soon.

2. Ring Fencing

Purchasing a \$200-\$300 set of fencing isn't that expensive, that seems like a reasonable purchase.

3. Broad Jump-Katrina let us know that the Launch the Dog person is not in business right now in the USA, that it would be easy to just glue a piece of pvc on the broken piece of the metal jump and wait until there is a big shipment from England when Bay Team is doing a big order. Then getting a plastic one from England will be cheaper.

4. Heavy A-frames. They are heavy, but Ernie feels this is not a necessity since the a-frames are good, and we do have the wheels. The wheels help moving it, but they are still very heavy to lift.

Question for Janet: How are the finances, can we afford a new broad jump, ring fencing, possibly a timer?

There is \$20,000 in the bank currently. None of that is currently committed for any one thing, Janet likes to make sure there is at least a balance of \$15,000 in the bank. And SMART does need a new trailer, which may cost approx \$4500.

Here is the priority list of upcoming purchases:

Ring fencing is highest priority, as that is an affordable item.

Ribbon trailer is high priority because it's a safety issue currently.

Timer is a priority, but the price is too high to afford this at the same time as a new trailer.

Ernie will get some pricing on some trailers and email everyone, this will be the first purchase.

**Equipment work party**

Will be at Rob and Derede's house, May 17 is a convenient date for them. Perhaps in the morning and then have pizza for lunch. This would be open to the whole club to help. Ernie will send out an invitation to the club.

### **Title ribbons**

Roberta has had Starters people ask for title ribbons. It could be generic, saying New Title. The ribbon could be purple and teal with black or gold writing on it. Roberta will order these.

### **April Trial Wrap-Up**

There were a couple of cars on the grass. They were on the very edge, but Jeff Vest complained, even though someone said they could park there. The quality of the field was very poor, much dirt had to be hauled in. It is agreed that this was not nice to use, we would need to find a new place to hold the April trial next year if we decide the quality was too poor to hold a trial on that field again.

For a new place, it is nice to have RV parking since many people come from out of town, and there are not a lot of good motels accessible to Prunedale. There were 17 people camping at the last trial.

It would be great to have it at the CCSC.

Janet suggests to have it at Manzanita but move it to the fall when we could use the big field.

Toro Park in Salinas? That has nice grass. Just does not allow camping.

Preliminary trial numbers-Janet thinks SMART is making approx \$2000 for the April trial. Mainly because judge expenses lower, and making lunches kept the cost down. Maybe a 2 ring small trial, such as one at Toro Park would work for next year's trial.

Next year, Socal regional moves their weekend earlier. So then HauteDawgs moves, so maybe SMART should move to last weekend in April.

### **New trial site ideas**

Toro Park is a potential. Inexpensive, nice grass, but no rvs.

Sky Park in Scotts Valley is an idea. Katrina is looking into some alternative trial sites.

### **UKI trials? Do we want to host them?**

Katrina said most of the people wanting to do these are trying to qualify to go to UKI Open to qualify for WAO. Currently they are all held at training facilities, so it would lend more credibility to them to have them sponsored by a club. They are pretty low key, pretty easy to run, offer FEO runs, international style courses. USDAA equipment all works for them. Janet would like to see the budget. There will be one at MHDS coming up in June, so perhaps they will pass along their numbers after the trial. Diana can also get the budget from the past one at Heart Dog from Karey. The idea is a possibility. This will be tabled until after one is held and see how it goes.

### **November trial this year?**

Where? When? Cynosports in AZ 2016 so an additional trial might be a good idea. Nov 7/8 and 21/22 weekends are open right now. The last time that SMART had a November trial, Turlock thought that it reduced their entries the following weekend. Katrina offered to email Mary VW and find out. We don't like to hurt our Turlock friends. Diana had thought they were considering moving their November trial to a different date. Thorsens would be safe in case of rain. It is expensive, but Vici's trial there made a lot of money in 2014. Katrina will look into another place where Bay Team has had some trials in the same area. Diana feels that it is good to offer the SMART local members a local trial, as this is one of the whole reasons SMART was started.

### **SMART clothing (Scott Lovelis' business)**

We will use Scott Lovelis's company for new SMART clothing. It will cost \$175 to digitize the logo, then anyone can look in their catalog and order things, they can get the logo on anything in the catalog. Tracy Lovelis will bring samples to a trial so anyone can order from Tracy at the trial. Katrina will put them in touch with Laura H. so that they can get the logo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm