

November 17, 2014

SMART Board Mtg (conference call) called to order 7:45pm

Present: Michelle Pressel, Diana Wilson, Rob Michalski, Janet Massolo, Laura Hartwick

Workers at Trials:

Referring to Minutes from last mtg:

The motion was passed to:

- Have the worker requirement of working at every SMART event attended as a condition of membership. SMART membership will now come with a requirement that members volunteer at any SMART function they attend. The details of the volunteer requirement and the tracking of the volunteering is being worked on by a new committee comprised of Rachel Evers, Harley Frezee, Michelle Pressel, Derede Arthur, and Katrina Parkinson.

The committee will report back to the board by the end of July with suggestions.

- An entry fee increase of \$1/run with a \$1/run discount for SMART members, to begin in 2015.
- Add the "buyout" check box on the entry form.

This checkbox is very different than the opt out box we used before. On this one, non workers may choose to check and add their fee (\$15 or \$20) and then we give a list of those names to the crew chiefs so they know who NOT to ask. If they don't check it, they aren't promising to work. It is just to allow people to forgo volunteering but still contribute to the trial.

Diana is not in favor of all of the changes that were made at the General Meeting in June. The committee didn't report back with the details yet though. It's unclear how this would be implemented at this time. Perhaps it would be better to do the increase at this time for the January trial, with the discount for SMART members. Diana will contact the committee members to see what they've talked about.

Fun Match: Nov 29th

Ernie said he's driving a trailer, helping with set-up and tear down. Also running both dogs. Diana has 2 stop watches to bring. Michelle has about 25 entries so far, and says that all going well for it. 8 of them are from SMART members. Rob and Derede will be there to help out, Rob is doing the courses. Janet will be there. Michelle would like everyone to get there at 7:30am to set up. Should the snow fencing be used? Karey has this. Need dry erase boards and markers. Diana asked would people be getting free runs for helping to set up?

Compensation, Michelle suggests entry of 1 dog for Ernie, 1 dog for Rob, 1 dog for Rob, and limit that for compensation to get some money into the club. Unclear whether we need 2 trailers or 1, if Rob doesn't have to bring a trailer he doesn't care about the free entry. But he is doing the courses so he will still get a free entry. Last year we did use 2 trailers, perhaps a bunch of extra jumps and tunnels and a set of poles could get loaded into one trailer.

The fun match is on the far side of the winery this year, everyone will need to unload then move trailers to the parking area. Michelle will confer with Ernie as to what he thinks about the trailer.

Election Committee:

Ernie said he'd still be equipment manager.

Dec Party/Elections:

Ernie offered that we could do something different and hold a daytime potluck event at Carmel Canine Sports Center. We can't charge but donations are accepted because they aren't officially open for business. Place for full course, walking...Only problem is if it rains, and it's far for people coming from farther away. Diana offered her house if it rains.

Date? How about Saturday Dec 13 with Saturday Dec 20 as a second choice. We could bring a couple shade canopies. Make meeting/potluck in the afternoon with running dogs etc earlier.

We need to have a nominating committee. Rob would like to step aside from the board this year. Margaret's board member position is open. Michelle's vice president position is open, she would be happy to continue if there is no one else who would like to run. Janet is happy to continue as treasurer. Laura said she would be the nominating committee chair. Committee needs to nominate 1 candidate for each position.

Jan Trial: Jan. 10-11

Michelle asked about Joan Green's email about judges, making sure that not too many expenses because of a supervising 4th judge.

Work Day needed- Ernie will send out an email after the first of the year to prep equipment for the big season. He says we need to start saving for a replacement for the ribbon trailer. It probably can make it one more season. It is a big cost, at least \$5000. Ernie got a good deal on the last trailer purchased.

Next meeting? January 26 would be a good date after the trial.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.