

Meeting in session at 3:20pm.

Vici took notes as our most excellent Secretary, Laura Hartwick was missing due to a work obligation. She was sorely missed.

Katrina opened meeting with a quick thank you to everyone.

A pile of presents, yet unopened were piled on on a table behind her. The surrounding area was a beautiful green field with agility obstacles. The weather was cool, but the sun was out. The SMART members sat around satiated by the amazing pot luck options that included Mac and cheese, chicken, home made bake goods, chips and dip, and many many many other amazing things. Someone also brought fruit (possibly that was me).

#### 1- Update on 1099 for Volunteers

Janet provided an update. She spoke to our Tax accountant. Bottom line is:

- If we pay someone a cash amount that exceeds \$600 in one year we must provide that person with a 1099.
- Compensation in the form of a certificate is not considered cash and is considered a Thank you for services.

Our tax guy is a well respected Tax accountant in the south bay. He is more than happy to argue for us if we are audited. He did research for us and found many other examples of non-profits that use certificates as a thank you and feels we are on great footing. In response to his advice, the SMART board voted:

- To make no changes for our trial workers that receive certificates
- To change our compensation to secretaries to be a free entry rather than cash
- To manager the full time workers cash payment so as to not exceed \$600 in one year and if we do, to track the amounts we are paying to individuals in order to make sure we give them a 1099 if the money we pay goes over \$600.

Katrina asked for questions and the response was appreciation for the work that Janet has done.

2- Janet announced that we send a donation to the Humane Society. There was a bit of discussion about the fires and how grateful the agencies are to receive any help they can.

#### 3- New equipment

Ernie reported that we have new equipment.

- Tunnels
- timing equipment
- tunnel huggers
- new computer and printer
- ring fencing

#### 4- Voting Results

Voting ballots were tallied:

- Katrina Parkinson - President
- Vici Whisner - Vice President (membership)
- Laura Hartwick Secretary
- Members at large:
  - Gwen
  - Penni

#### 5- Memberships

Discussion about next year membership renewals. With Kraig's resignation we have a little catching up to do and get an email out to members to renew. Vici and Michele will take this action on and Membership renewals will go out soon.

#### 6- Workshops

- Desire Snellman is coming August 3-5 and Michelle Pressel will be organizing and SMART will help with sponsorship. Michelle is working out the details and anyone interested in helping should contact her.
- Other workshops (under new business): Discussion about other workshops (Derede mentioned Ken Ramierz). We all agreed that having more SMART sponsored workshops is good. anyone wanting to organize a workshop with the help of SMART, contact the SMART board and we will provide any assistance needed. We'd love to do more workshops.

#### 7- trial updates

- New years trial. Moving along. We are trying a couple new things at the trial. One idea (thanks to Lisa White) was to provide half compensation for individuals that have dogs only in championship or performance. They would have to commit to working as a timer or scribe within their rotation group (or S/A) in the opposite class then they are in without slowing down the ring. We will work with the trial secretary to make sure they are not running right before or after so that they have time to get their dog out and walk before/after they run. For the SMART New years compensation will be a \$25 Smart Cert.
- April trial. we have had to move our April trial once again due to the regional being moved. SMART did send a formal complaint to USDAA notifying them of the difficulty we have in constantly having to wait till the southern CA club decides on when they are having their regional and so that we can then find our venue and set a date. Katrina is trial chair and is currently looking for a location for the trial.

8-St Francis in Watsonville, possible location for a trial. Michelle will follow-up with more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm