

4pm Manzanita Park 06 30 2013

Attending: Lisa Pomerantz, Derede Arthur, Janet Massolo, Ernie Mill, Cheri VanBibber, Roberta Troxell, Margaret Guthrie, Laura Hartwick, Rob Michalski, Sue Rush, Dee Hutton, Michelle Pressell

Meeting Called to Order 4:08 pm

From minutes of last meeting:

Salinas Pound donation Take the Lead for at risk kids, Diana had the contact there. Has it happened? And was this in the minutes? ( I believe this was in the minutes from the December 2012 Meeting)

Previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Janet Massolo

Janet reports that the club has \$18,000+ in the bank right now.

The report from the April trial-including certs this trial cleared \$264.32. This is good because there were last minute expenses for this trial because of the location change.

We bought 2 \$900 aframe movers, only new equipment purchase.

Derede bought \$600 of new chairs and umbrellas. The umbrellas are stakeable and were a good deal.

Report was moved and approved.

Equipment report

New tunnels were used at April trial. Aframe movers are installed. New jumps will be pending USDAA decision. Old tunnels can go in the next trial raffle. Rob will pull them out at the trial and give them to raffle people.

Ernie got the name tags for the tire, he is going to install little eye rings on the tire frame to make it very easy to change the height. He also marked all the heights for aframes so those are ready.

Whiteboards-New ones that don't blow away have been requested for the volunteer boards, and that were already marked with the grid lines. Ernie said he would look into gridded white boards and see how much they cost.

Dog First Aid kit-Michelle has purchased it and it's in the trailer along with the human first aid kit. It's in the Bayteam trailer that has the ribbons. This seems like a central location. Michelle might purchase a red tote for it so it is very clear where the first aid stuff is. Roberta thought it might be confusing to have it in the trailer and Ernie suggested the raffle table.

Michelle asked if benadryl and tylenol and advil should go along with it, it does open the club up to liability to have drugs in there. Since they are over the counter drugs that should be ok to have them in the first aid kits, we do have to remember to replace them when they expire.

Trial committees:

April went well.

July Agility on Greens is at Manzanita on the big field.

August trial-Ernie believes that Katrina has it squared away.

November trial-Sue believes that there is a usdaa rule that there has to be starters advanced classes at a tournament only (update to the minutes from Karey- this is not a USDAA requirement and the trial can be offered without st/adv classes if we like)

Vici's proposed trial (Vici is here via iphone):

Saturday:

Ring 1 MC standard

Ring 2 Team Snooker (possible rotation group)

Ring 1 Team Standard (possible rotation group)

Ring 2 Steeple (possible rotation group)

Ring 1 GP (possible rotation group)

Ring 2 Rnd 2 steeple

Sunday

Ring 2 MC Jumpers

Ring 1 Team Gamble (possible rotation group)

Ring 2 Team Jumpers (possible rotation group)

Ring 1 Relay

To add starters/adv we would need to add another ring. Ernie thinks it would be just as easy to add a ring and only additional cost of a judge. Maggie, thru Michelle, thought this might be exclusionary to have only qualifying classes and no classes for starters advanced. Vici doesn't have a problem with adding this, she would just need to find another judge and have Karey look at the schedule. Lynn Sigman is confirmed and Leslie Bickel will let Vici know on Tues if she can judge. Karey and Sue are

secretaries, Katrina will be trailers. Jim Basic will do Friday setup. She has the crew set up already will just need additional crew chiefs.

#### Membership committee:

Sue reports nothing new. Tania Chadwick was asking Sue why anyone would join a club like SMART or Bay Team. Michelle suggests putting out an email that has the benefits, and putting this on the email. Tania suggested to Sue discounts to trials for members. Derede replied that does everything have to give you something back. She likes the idea of people joining because they are trying to contribute to the sport of dog agility. The benefits are more intangible.

When the discount was given for the Susan Garrett seminar, many people joined just to get the discount then disappeared.

Janet suggested perhaps a reduced rate for the stuff that seminar presenters sell such as books or videos. Derede said that Monterey Bay dog training gives discounted rates to training classes, if members work at an event. Dee likes the free run certificates SMART used to give out at the end of the trial for people who helped clean up.

Derede suggested that: It's not volunteering if you're getting paid.

Derede will look at how it's written on the website and see if there is some new wording to use about volunteering.

The Christmas party is a nice member only benefit, the fun match does offer a member discount. Meetings sometimes are held at an agility facility such as Laura and Vici's and Rob and Derede's.

The member invitational was a freebie idea for members only. But no one has really stepped up to run it. It would be a fun match that members could invite guests to, basically a members only fun match with prizes. It would be a nice social thing for members.

Sue read a blog that described a trial without competition or titles, that would be just for fun. This was sort of what the member invitational was about.

Michelle brought up idea of silver buckle award that PASA does for members. The members at their trial all compete for a dog collar with a silver plate on it, to get the most points members have to compete at all their trials.

IE, April, July and August trials would all count for points and double points at the members invitational. would need to keep track of all the different scores counting towards this. Sue thinks this might be possible in the database, everyone feels Karey could figure out how to do this. Perhaps starting w July and run July to July and it would be a yearly award. (How would tabulate starters adv levels since they usually move up as time goes on).

#### Old business:

Burn off the Bird, do we still want the Saturday after Thanksgiving since there is a trial now 11/16-17.

Didn't seem like that was too much work to do, just 1 trailer and not hard to set up, tear down. Many of the people that came to that in the past don't trial yet, it is a good location from Bay Area. It made \$900+. Consensus is to keep this happening after Thanksgiving.

#### New Business:

Did the SMART article of incorporation address change to Rob and Derede's house? Should the secretary do this? Does the IRS stuff already go there? Yes it does. Janet files the club's returns to this address. Janet thinks this is fine. Ernie would like us to correct the articles of incorporation to Rob and Derede's address. The club is in favor of changing the form to Rob and Derede's address. Motion carried. Ernie will do this.

Premium wording change: Derede got this idea to do this from the Baddog agility podcast. Adding a line to the entry form of each premium of "Check here to add \$1 to (name of charity)" like on tax forms. This would generate some money that could be given to charity and nice to get people to think about giving. This would just be a bit of additional work for the secretary. Everyone is in favor of doing this. Derede will draft the language.

#### Seminar:

Ana Eifert seminar in December. Intro to Euro handling 12/14-15 at Morgan Hill Dog Sports. Sharing airfare w a Social group to fly her here. With 12 working spots, this would break even. Rain is a potential problem. 10 or 12? \$175/day is current price idea.

How does the entry work? With 12 people, SMART would make \$300 at Vici/Laura's. To rent covered arena, much more expensive. \$85/day for auditors, they don't have to come both days. A discount would be for trainers, hoping for auditors, 25% off to trainers if 3 or more of their students come. \$60 might be a better number for auditing, a bit lower. Would need 10 auditors to break even at Thorsen per day with the 12 working spots. The trainer discount costs 1 of 3 auditors which means 2 auditors coming in at full cost.

Perhaps has to be on an entry lottery because there will likely be a lot of interest.

#### Suggestion box:

Having this at trials, at the raffle table, for people to put in suggestions. The questions/answers could go on the website, or be emailed out.

#### Activities for Beginners:

Margaret suggests that perhaps not enough activities are offered towards beginners. Perhaps a starters seminar in euro handling by a local competitor, such as when Rob offered some seminars. Perhaps a one day trial for starters/advanced. Perhaps the

board could discuss this. Things for non-Masters handlers. Newer members may be more beginning level. What are some ideas, perhaps course walking seminar, how to evaluate a course, Maggie will email some ideas to Ernie. Michelle suggested something about rules.

Brag: Safari got AD, Corgi is working stock.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm, motion approved.