

Meeting called to order 4:50pm at Ernie and Gini Mills' house by Sue Rush.

Attending: Ernie Mills, Diana Wilson, Gini Mills, Janet Massolo, Margaret Guthrie, Cheri VonBibber, Sue Rush, RobertaTroxel, Laura Hartwick, Dee Hutton, Michelle Pressell, Diane.

Reports:

Treasurer Report-nothing new to report
Secretary Report-nothing new to report

Trial Updates:

Katrina not here to report on April 28/29

Currently July 14/15 trial is going to be held at York School next year since the cost of Quail is too high.
Babalu truck is Roberta's idea for catering with Cuban food

August 25/26 Trial-Trying something new. Derede will be the chair for the new Workers Trial for workers only (Roberta suggested a worker's only do-over run)(Sue reports that Kraig Paulsen has some good ideas-perhaps he could be on the committee)
There may be lower entries because this is a radical idea to have worker's only and also the qualifying period for Nationals timing so this would be a good time to start this. Derede would like for anyone interested to be on this committee to think of good ways to run the workers only trial.

Fun Match in Gilroy:

Very successful, \$808 Pre Entry, \$531 Day of, \$1339 Total cleared. We should try to do this again next year.
Michelle will send a deposit again for next year, the deposit costs \$250 this year, an increase of \$50.
Only 12 people signed up for the \$35 unlimited run package, everyone else paid per run.

Fun Match Box

We need a ring box that is just for fun matches-with timers, wristbands, tickets so it's all set up and ready to go without having to dig around for everything out of the trailer of trial stuff. Also make a flyer template so whoever runs the fun match isn't reinventing this each time.
Janet says Laura could put it on the website so it's easy to download all the info. This would be possible. Or the files could be uploaded to the yahoo group site where anyone can access them, this would work great.

Seminars:

Marcus Topps-Sue would like to work on this again and bring him for 2012.

Equipment:

New tunnels, breakaway tire purchased this year. Looking at new snooker flags and chute, Derede will email Ernie Rodriguez to see what these cost, Ernie M may be able to sew the chute.

Raffle Table sprucing up:

Dee wants to know what is the vision of raffle sprucing up. Diana once used a clear photo display under a clear tablecloth. Michele was thinking about embroidering SMART logo on the front of a long tablecloth. Diana used to get things throughout the year on sale at Marshalls, Costco, etc.
Gift certificates were popular items, Margaret liked the Cypress Inn which was a big donation, Roberta liked the gift certificates for vendors at the trial. Derede would like a range of items, big things like dog beds, as well as gift certificates and small stuff.
\$500 for items will go up front to Dee Hutton and Deb Langley as well \$100 for table presentation. Derede suggests writing the SMART list in advance of for people to bring stuff to the trials to donate them.

Work Party:

To outfit the 3rd trailer will be held sometime in the future.

President's message to the masses:

Sue will be leaving her position as president after this meeting.
Here is the recap of what happened the last few years in SMART during the time she served as president:
3 successful trials per year.
Bunch of fun matches.
Seminars and demos.
Updated the website with several new pages and downloadable info for people to get stuff from and a members page.
A new cafe/press store to get logo items from.
2 of 3 trailers were outfitted for equipment and have logos on them now.
All contacts are rubberized, 24" weaves, new tunnels and breakaway tires were purchased so all equipment is up to date.
Computer purchased for computerized scoring at trials to match Bayteam's.
Created and implemented the appreciation package to help keep volunteers happy and appreciated and to implement fairness and consistency in appreciation.
More documentation is being put together to keep trials running smoothly.
Lots of new DVDs and books are in the library.
Lots of new titles were earned by our members' dogs and the club stayed in the black
Sue encouraged everyone to join committees such as Rob's equipment committee, education and fun match committee to look at ways to bring seminars for SMART members, nominating committee, the worker only trial committee, worker task force committee.

Brags:

Margaret and Corgi got many new ASCA titles
Roberta got a SuperQ with Kylie first time in Masters
Diana and Callie are qualified for AKC Nationals in March

Special Topics:

Janet would like to commend SMART on the creative idea of themed trials.
Margaret points out next year's is 10th anniversary of SMART-August Trial.

Nominations and voting:

Ernie is running for president, Laura for secretary, Derede for board member. They are not running against anyone else.
Ernie is now the president, Laura is now the secretary, Derede is now the new board member.

Ernie presented Sue with an outgoing secretary gift and card.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm
Michelle firsted this and Dee seconded it.