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Secretary	John Chejne
Treasurer	John Lindback
Director Emeritus	Duane Rickaby
Director	Mark Ritter
Director	Brian Lange
Director	Sue Januschka

Members Present: John Chejne, Bret Lindback, Dave Carlson, Sue Januschka, Mary Tyson, Charlie Aspenson
The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

● The Spring Trial was a success. We had 102 entries and we made a profit. We sent a write up to The ABC and American Field magazines.

● The Walking Trial was also a success and we made a profit. Bonnie Hidalgo, AKC rep, attended the trial. The annual youth event was conducted concurrent with the Trial. We had eight kids participate. Matt Eder did a great job conducting the event, along with Bret Lindback.

● Errata: Brian Lange's dog was identified as Sasha in the last newsletter. Her name is Tasha.

NEW BUSINESS

● Charlie Aspenson gave a presentation on the work he is doing on the cabin at the Namekagen Barrens training ground in Wisconsin. The grounds can be used for training and field trials. He is rehabbing the cabin so it can be used by people who train at the grounds. A number of bird dog and grouse hunting clubs have donated funds for the work on the cabin. Charlie asked the board for funds. The issue was tabled until the August meeting.

● The club needs volunteers for the Game Fair. If you can help, please contact Mary Tyson.

● A motion was passed to appoint John Chejne as the new club Treasurer.

— John Chejne, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Dave Carlson at 612-210-3318, e-mail at dave.carlson@zieglercat.com or send a check to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, 8764 Norwood Lane, Maple Grove, MN 55369-3042. Membership cost are as follows: Full \$30, additional family member \$5; Associate \$15.

NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that you would like to share in the newsletter (announcements/news/etc.), contact Nosh Munar at 763-536-9912, or email at nosh_munar@hotmail.com, or send snail mail to 4257 Abbott Ave. No., Robbinsdale, MN 55422.

SUMMER TRAINING

Here is a reminder of our upcoming training dates at Four Brooks WMA. We had two successful training sessions at Mark Ritters home and now we are moving to the big field.

Dates: July 23rd, 30th & August 6th **Time:** 8AM each day

Where: Four Brooks, WMA, 10 miles north of Milaca on Hwy 169, West side of the road, north of the tall radio tower

Cost: \$ 13 per session for birds, \$ 25 Four Brooks Pass, available from Brian Lange the day of the event. The Pass enables you to train for the calendar year at Four Brooks

Bring: Your dog, water, leashes, etc, birds, launchers and any other training equipment will be provided

Expect: To have a good time. We'll be grilling up some grub at the end of the sessions and socialize.

Contact: Brian Lange at birchhilldrafting@gmail.com or 763-434-0713 to make a reservation for some birds

Additional notes: From 8am until 10ish will be time for your dog to hit the field while temps and dew in the grass keeps the dogs cool. Starting around 10am we will have a short lecture hour to go over some pointers and allow time for members who travel from a far arrive without missing lecture hour. This year will be a little less formal as many members just need some time in the field doing bird work. We have enough experienced members and launchers who can help each other allowing newer members more 1-on-1 time with Mark to help them with their dogs. So if your 6 year old is past the basics, come on up anyway. Your dog will appreciate it. We will still cover all of the field basics from pointing, backing, retrieving, whoa, and field handling.

— Brian Lange

4TH ANNUAL SCVBC YOUTH EVENT

A special thanks to Matt Eder (below) for his participating in our Youth Event this past weekend. Matt is a professional dog trainer and handler and has been helping Bret with the Youth Event for the past several years. He is well known around our Trials and works with several Brittany's in both the SCVBC and the Minnesota Brittany Club. *Youth event photos by Michele Martin*



WALKING FIELD TRIAL

The SCVBC held its spring walking trial at Four Brooks Wildlife Management Area near Milaca, MN June 4-5, 2011. The temperatures were in the 80's with a breeze for the most part. After all the spring rains if you didn't have high rubber boots or gortex boots you would be sure to get wet when walking the course. 51 dogs were run over the 2 day trial. Thank you John Chejne for picking up those smelly birds! We had excellent bird planters with Denise Koslowski, Steve Ralph, Dan Voss and Matt Eder making sure birds were placed throughout the single course.

Exceptional meals were available for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The main cooks included Eileen Gust, Dave Carlson, and Jackie Swanson. A special thanks goes out to those who sat in the judicial saddles; Ian MacTavish, Dan Voss, Mick Rodeghiero and Dan Erickson.

And finally SCVBC held its fourth annual Youth Event simultaneously on Sunday where there were 8 kids, 6 dogs, and lots of fun. Matt Eder, one of the professional dog trainers, gave a short talk on dog handling. Bret Lindback planted birds and helped with the youth handlers. The kids got whistles and ribbons.

With so many club members chipping in, the SCVBC had another successful walking field trial.

— Susan Januschka

CONGRATUALATIONS



Elsie (Vigueur De L'Escarbot) finished her AKC Master Hunter Title this Spring. She has this title to add to her AKC Senior and AKC Junior Titles. Also she is a NA Prize1 NAVHDA dog and is one placement away from her UKC Trialer Title in the Open Division. She is currently training for the NAVHDA Utility Test.

Photos from her UKC test in Benson, MN this Spring where she received a 2nd place in Liberated Brace and a Pass in Solo Liberated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 4-5 | SCVBC Walking Field Trial and Youth Event at Four Brooks |
| June 25-26 | SCVBC Hunt Test at Kelley Farms |
| June 22&29 | Prep training at Mark Ritter's, to prep for summer training in July at Four Brooks (TBA) |
| July 23, 30 | SCVBC Summer training |
| August 2 | General meeting at Lindback's |
| August 6 | SCVBC Summer training |
| August 12-14 | Game Fair, @ Armstrong Kennels |
| August 19-21 | Game Fair, @ Armstrong Kennels |

FOR RENT

Six-place dog trailer for \$50.00 per weekend and \$5.00 for each additional day, \$250.00 deposit. Contact Steve Ralph (651-464-5177).

VOLUNTEERS FOR GAME FAIR

The St. Croix Valley Brittany Club & Minnesota Brittany Club will be co-hosting a booth in the Dog Tent. Volunteers are need for our both a morning shift and afternoon shift for each day. The Game Fair runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 12-14 & 19-21, 2011. Come out with your Brittany and talk Bird Dogs to people for a few hours and then have free time to check out all the other booths at Game Fair. All for Free!! Volunteers get a free pass into Game Fair. Parking is very limited for exhibitors so it depends on your timing if you'll find a spot in the free lot. If interested please contact Mary at Ms.tyson@hotmail.com or Diane at bantam@earthlink.net

FOUR BROOKS GROUNDS

If you are interested getting a season pass to train your dogs at the Four Brooks training grounds near Milaca, send check/money and a self addressed stamped envelope to Brian Lange, 23164 Nassau Court NE, East Bethel, MN 55005 (763-434-0713). The cost is \$25 for the season. Make the checks to MFFTC.

The pass is needed for SCVBC summer training, so you might as well get it early, use it early (spring) and often to get your money's worth.

Map and directions to Four Brooks available on the web at ... http://scvbc.org/Events/scvbc_FunRun.pdf



Jay Hawk's October Skye took 1st place at the Minnesota Brittany Club's spring horseback trial and she placed 3rd at the SCVBC's spring walking trial up at Four Brooks. She only has one amateur point to get her FC/AFC title! Thanks. That's all the new for now. At left, Susan and Skye enjoy the sport of skijoring.