

MidStates Stock Dog Association

December 2011

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th at Grant's Café in Monett, MO. The Board of Directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch, compliments of the organization. High Point Year-end awards will be presented as well as the Hall of Fame and the new Dale Kuhrt Memorial Award. If you are planning on hosting a trial, this would be a good time to get it sanctioned. Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2012 will take place...be thinking about which position you'd like. Dues for 2012 will remain at \$10 for a single membership (one vote) and \$15 for a family membership (two votes). Dues must be current to vote and accumulate points. You can pay dues at the meeting or send them to:

Twila Leierer
814 Crawford St.
Branch AR 72928

The club voted 25 to 5 in favor of sanctioning no more than one member's trial on any given day. This rule will be in the new MSSDA book due out in January along with several other changes.

There is only one more trial sanctioned for 2011...David and Twila will host a cattle trial on December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2012. Points from December 31 will be awarded to 2011 and January 1 will start off 2012. USBCHA has extended the deadline to March 30 to qualify for the National Cattle Dog finals. So far, David Leierer, Lyle East, Marvin Daniel, Myra Bradford and Ruth Hines have qualified dogs according to the USBCHA site. However, there are several trials that have not been posted.

This year, MSSDA hosted the Tulsa State Fair trial. Thank you to everyone that jumped in and helped make it a success! Members worked all positions necessary at a trial including set-out, exhaust, scribing, announcing. There were some outstanding runs by MSSDA members. The club has the option of hosting again next year.

Upcoming Trials

December 31 – January 1 Leierer Farm and Ranch Cattle Dog Trials
Time and Points
David Leierer 479-965-2882
Branch, AR

April 14 – 15 Republic FFA and 4-H Benefit Sheep and Cattle Dog Trials
Judged
Danny Shilling 417-732-2325
Republic, MO

Time wasted making up excuses could be time invested in actual training. Don't over explain, just train.