



Steady On Point

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NAVHDA is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.

From the training table of Brent Catura, NCW Chapter President:

Attached are the meeting minutes from the January 5th, 2008 NCWNAVHDA annual meeting and elections.

Meeting date: Saturday January 5, 2008

Location: Sky Club, Plover WI

Called to order at 3:15pm

In attendance: President Brent Catura, Treasurer Dave Spang, Newsletter Editor Sheryle Tepp, Webmaster Ken Pierce, Test Secretary Tajia Sasse, Vice President Dave Carlstrom, and board members Tim Peeters, TJ Mckenzie; and other members.

Absent: Secretary Kara Gannon

1. Brent re-capped the results of the December 10th officers and board meeting, including the approved training dates (refer to newsletters for specifics). Note there was a change in the June test site from Carlstroms to Grubba's for the second team of the double test, and a move from August 17th to August 10th due to conflicts with Muddy Waters.

2. A reminder: Training day start time of 8:00am at the Mead Dog Training grounds, Test days start time of 7:00am at the Mead Dog Training grounds.

3. Tests fill quickly – turn in your forms to Tajia as soon as possible. The club will retain \$20 if you decide to pull more than 2 weeks prior to the test, but that way a spot is secured.

4. NCW will host a seminar this year. We do have a verbal from Clyde Vetter but do not have dates yet. Will at minimum do a MGA weekend seminar for the public on June 14th, 2008 pending MGA approval.

5. The NAVHDA International meeting is being held February 1-3, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Brent Catura will serve as the NCW delegate at this meeting. There are no motions on the floor at this time. Brent will provide a report from the meeting for the February Newsletter. Note that the 100 dog limit for the Invitational was waived for 2008, judges suggested adding an additional field which is where the biggest bottle neck appears to be.

a. In addition to the list of dogs and handlers noted in Decembers newsletter who qualified for the 2008 Invitational, Dick Sutherlands' Tucker was also qualified – congratulations.

b. A Congratulations to Bob VanMeter and Jonathan Peeters for their pass at the 2007 Invitational. Way to go!

c. The 2008 Invitational will be held at Kelly Farms in Minnesota.

d. The 2009 Invitational will be held in Ohio again.

e. The 2010 Invitational site has yet to be set – would this chapter be interested in hosting that one at the Mead? Brent will check with Tom Meyers to see if the Mead grounds would still be available. This would require a significant

commitment from our full chapter membership to hold, but would be a significant fund raiser for the chapter. If we decide to do this the application must be turned in this summer to the national organization, which will then send a delegation to review the proposed grounds and facilities.

f. The 2011 Invitational will likely be held at soon-to-be permanent grounds in Iowa, which will be the site for all future Invitationals as well.

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2008 Important Dates

- ~~January 5th Annual Meeting 3pm Sky Club, 2202 Post Road, Plover, WI~~
- January 18-19-20 Pheasant Fest Minn MN
- January 31-February 2 International NAVDA Meeting Orlando FL
- March 30 Mead Training Day
- April XX - MGA Work Day
- April 27 Mead Training Day
- May 25th Mead Training Day
- June 7th-8th Mead Test Days
- June 22th Mead Training Day
- July 20nd Mead Training Day
- August 10th Mead Training Day
- August 23rd-24th Mead Test Days
- August 28th-September 1st Invitational Minneapolis MN

First Time Handlers Plaque

We have a fund available for first time handlers who achieve a prize designation on their dog at one of our tests. If you qualify and send in for a plaque, send the receipt to the club treasurer for reimbursement. This fund was set up by a former club member , and so far we have had only one person get reimbursed from it. ***Congratulations Dan Wall for your first time award!***

Check it out! Our new website is up and running! This is the go to place for bird ordering, old newsletters, training information, maps, schedules, photos and more.

www.ncwnavhda.com

Club Business

Membership Information

NAVHDA International dues:

New Member \$50

Special Value Package \$73.50 (not \$72.50 as earlier listed)

Renewal \$45

Spouse and Jr. \$22.50

The time period for all International membership dues runs for 12 months from date paid (not from Jan 1st to Jan 1st).

Local dues: check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA (ncwnavhda.com) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information. A NCWNAVHDA dues form is attached for this newsletter only.

Membership Renewals

You should have received membership forms for the local chapter in the last newsletter - if you need another form check our internet site or call Sheryle Tepp or Dave Spang.

Also note, the International membership dues are coming up March 1st. By joining the parent organization you help keep our insurance rates down as we purchase insurance through the International organization allowing our chapter to use live ammo on training and test days. Also, in order to run your dog in any chapters test you need to be a current member in good standing of the International organization.

Rules Changes:

Check out the NAVHDA web site for rules changes, particularly if you are a breeder who registers dogs/puppies with NAVHDA. There have been several rule changes that you will need to know about.

Training Permits:

Do not forget to check your training permits before you start this year. The permits run for 3 years and its easy to forget that they have expired - the DNR does check the Mead and other areas to ensure that permits are in hand. Of course - on official Chapter training days the Chapters training permit will cover all members. You can obtain training permits at the Mead Rangers center, or call your local DNR to determine where they will do registry.

Thank you to the outgoing officers who served their terms over the past year or years. Your commitment to this chapter is appreciated, and we look forward to your continued support and involvement!

Sheryle Tepp

Club Business

AKC/Breed Accomplishments

I will run a feature column for those people who campaign their dogs outside of NAVHDA. If you have something you would like included in this column I will need the following information:

- Organization
- Specific accomplishment (i.e. 2nd leg of the AKC junior hunt test)
- Age/sex/breed of dog
- Registered name of dog/owners name/handlers name

Other events

In addition to the NAVDA events that will be covered in our newsletter I will include any information you care to include regarding other key events, including AKC tests/shows in WI and the surrounding area, and any breed specific events/dates you would like to include.

Donations:

Fundraiser Basket

The International meeting, to be held January 31-February 2, 2008 will include a special Basket Raffle fund raiser. Each local chapter is asked to donate a basket themed around their organization to the fund raiser. The baskets will then be raffled off for sale at the International meeting. 50% of the proceeds will go to the winning chapter (the one that has the highest bid on its basket) and the remaining proceeds will go to the International chapter. This chapter has decided to go with – what else – **the Packers** as its theme, and are looking for donations from club members to include in the basket. We are somewhat size limited (18" x 18' x 15"), so very large items that do not fit in the basket will not work. Cool baseball caps, cheese head hat, Packer towels etc however would work great. Please contact Sally Peeter (715)-564-3196 if you have items you wish to donate by January 14· 2008.

Invitational

Teams that have qualified for the 2008 Invitational from NCWNAVHDA Chapter:

Tim Peeters/Peerless Northwoods Jam
Scott Daenicke/Peerless First Light
Dan Snider/Isadora Von Enzstrand
Daniel Gannon/Dankar's Haupt Von Ebenbildt
Daniel Gannon/Grouse Point's Ancel Lear
Scott Daenicke/Peerless Prairie Wind
Matt Tepp/Rockwoods Kivalo Maverick
Gary Engebretson/CoCo
Ken Pierce/Molly
Brent Catura/Emma
Dick Sutherland/Tucker
Jonathan Peeters re-qualified Mags but since they earned VC she will not be running again.

Congratulations all!

Sheryle Tepp

Lunch Sign Up for 2008

We already have about 1/2 of the lunches arranged for - thank you to the volunteers! We always appreciate a solid meal on the training and test days. It would be good to see some new faces put on a lunch - please consider it! There is a bit of work that is required to put on a main dish, but the contributor is compensated for the main dish and drinks. The rest of the chapter contributes thorough donating dishes, and there are lots of hands helping to set up and clean up at the end. If you are willing - contact Sheryle Tepp for more info by email or phone (715) 345 - 0443.

Lunch Sign Up

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Main Dish</u>
March 30	Carstroms & Brunis	
April 27		
May 22	Marcia Huernefuss	
June 7 (test - Mead double)	Peeters	
June 8 (test - Mead double)	Huntrods	
June 22	Schaeffer	
July 20		
August 10		
August 23 (test - Mead double)		
August 24 (test - Mead double)		

West Nile Virus Study

The West Nile Virus has been detected in dead birds in Wood County. This virus can be passed from birds to humans and equines via mosquitos, results in encephalitis and can have severe consequences including death. The virus can infect a wide range of bird species, and corvids (crows, blue jays, and ravens) are highly susceptible to WNV. Once a highly susceptible bird becomes infected with WNV, death can occur within five to seven days. Dead birds are most often found singly, not in mass die-offs in one place at one time. Other WI wildlife with evidence of exposure to WNV include tundra swan, sandhill crane, goshawk, Coopers, sharp-shinned, and red-tailed hawks, bald eagle, merlin, mourning dove, hairy and downy woodpeckers, chickadee, robin, bluebird, grackle, cedar waxwing, gray squirrel, big and little brown bat, elk, and gray wolf.

Wisconsin has a reporting program that outdoorsmen and women are asked to support. If you should find a dead bird that you think could have this virus, please call the USDA Dead Bird Recording at 800 433 1610. If the bird is not decayed and you have the ability, using rubber or latex gloves pick up the bird, wrap in plastic bag and place in a cooler or refrigerator. The USDA will contact you to arrange for shipping to a test facility.

Information extracted from the WI DNR web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues>.

Other Club Business

- 6 A few Packer items were brought to the meeting for the Invitational basket fundraiser.
- 7 Dan Wall applied for the First time handlers fund for his plaque
- 8 The Mead Grounds Association meeting will be held January 24th at 7pm at the Mead Pavillion. The general public is welcome to attend, but we do have our 2 delegates chosen (Brent and Dan Snider). If you are a member of another club (AKC, dog breed specific, etc) you are also encouraged to attend as that clubs representative. This meeting will be reviewing any concerns about the use of the grounds, conflicts, maintenance, proposals etc. Julie Carlstrom and Ken Pierce are also on the MGA board.
- 9 Woody Grubba requested a work day from our club in return for using his grounds for tests and training. Brent will notify us what day would work best.
- 10 We will be buying another 12 launchers and 4 remotes. It will be from DT-bird systems and will be the quail size. We will also be laminating the instructions so that batteries last longer to the boxes of all equipment that is checked out on a monthly basis.
- 11 Dave Spang will have the winger and backing dog fixed this winter.
- 12 We will buy the larger winger so we can launch ducks from solid ground, can re-use the electronics from the mid sized one we currently have.
- 13 The new trailer is approved but not purchased yet (Dave Spang needs to loosen the purse strings).
- 14 Training directors for training days are Mike Crosby for NA, Dave Carlstrom and Mike Melotik for field for UT, need someone for water UT yet, and Gary Engebretson agreed to coordinate Invitational dogs.
- 15 Lunch sign up sheet was passed around, have about 1/2 of the total meetings already signed up for – Thank you! Sheryle Tepp will continue to coordinate.
- 16 Birds
- a. Pigeons are harder and harder to find – although the Peeters will do this again this year members need to try to find their own sources. Check with local farmers that have lots of pigeons flying around their barns, visit the Amish (not on Sundays) to see if they would trap them, going rate is about \$2/bird as a rule, consider starting a homing pigeon set up if you will be going through lots of birds.
 - b. Last year we reserved 500 quail from KR, this year we have 800 quail reserved as we were very close to running out by June test and had to limit some people – these are strong 2007 birds which should fly well.
 - c. Dave Carlstrom will check into additional quail and pheasant needs for tests and late summer training.
 - d. Peeters will follow up on chukar – also Mike Crosby has a possible source.
- e. Ducks will be \$10 this year through Brent – cost of fuel and feed went up for birds. They will likely be first available for the April Training day.
 - f. REMINDER – All birds require a 2 week notice for ordering!
- 17 Training permits are good for 3 years – check yours to make sure it is not expired! The DNR can and has checked at the Mead and other areas for permits.
- 18 Financials reviewed – refer to Dave Spangs report.
- New Business
- 1 Marcia Huernefuss requested that the club send 2 representatives to the Wolf Stakeholders Meeting to be held April 12 & 13 – Scott and Marcia were nominated as our representatives. Discourse on options and what can be done about wolves attacking our hunting dogs. Marcia noted the meeting is open to the public. Please forward comments/proposals/concerns to Marcia and Scott.
- 2 Gary Engebretson noted that the Youth Day held by the Ruffed Grouse Society in Marshfield was well attended, and had support from a few NAVHDA members – we will be invited back and Gary will be looking for a few volunteers to help. Gary will provide exact dates, sometime in May.
- 3 Gary Engebretson brought up idea of youth hunt at R&R (under new management) – motion passed to support both youth activities.
- 4 Brent noted that the MGA usually held a training clinic open to the public but that was not done last year – should NCWNAVHDA step up? He will contact Clyde Vetter to see if Clyde has a few available dates. Brent will motion at the MGA to have our chapter support this.
- 5 Julie Carlstrom noted that an un-named member requested that we hold the Woodcock Championship again – Brent requested a written up proposal on how the event would be held. This would be a no-live ammo event.
- Elections were held
- Offices open: President (current Brent Catura), Secretary (current Kara Gannon, declined), Board positions (current TJ Mckenzie, Scott Daenike, Tim Peeters).
- Elected: President – Brent Catura
Secretary – Sheryle Tepp
Board members – Sally Peeters
Dan Snider
Ken Pierce
- Motion to adjourn – 5:12PM, followed by Dinner, Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm
- Sheryle Tepp - Secretary
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