

NCWNAVHDA Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 3, 2009

Location: Sky Club, Plover WI

Called to order: 3:20pm

In attendance: President Brent Catura, Vice President Dave Carlstrom, Treasurer Dave Spang, Secretary Sheryle Tepp, Directors Sally Peeters, Dan Snider and Ken Pierce, and 35 other members.

1. The proposed change to NCW by-laws was discussed, copies of the by-laws with changes marked in red were reviewed by membership. A motion was made to accept the changes, seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Election held for Treasurer - there were no other members nominated to that position, Dave Spang was elected to his second 2 year term.
3. Election held for Secretary - there were no other members nominated to that position, Sheryle Tepp was elected to her second 2 year term (note her first election was a mid-term election).
4. Vice President Clarification – the chapter is “off rotation” in the elections for Vice President due to an untimely opening 2 years ago. Nominations were solicited from the floor for this position – none received. A motion was made to keep Dave Carlstrom in the VP position until next year when that position would open in the normal course of elections, and the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
5. Meeting minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting were made available for all members. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as written.
6. Elections held for the 4 open board positions. Six people were nominated, with the four receiving the highest vote count being elected. Those board members with highest count start their 2 year term. The other two board members will need to serve a one year term to get them on the proper rotation per the approved by-law change.
 - a. Sally Peeters – 2 year term
 - b. Dan Snider – 2 year term
 - c. TJ McKenzie – 1 year term
 - d. Mike Melotik – 1 year term
7. The Treasurers report was reviewed by Dave Spang, a motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Each officer provided a brief review of their responsibilities last year.

New Business

1. Contact lists of chapter members have been requested several times by members who would like to be able to work with other chapter members training. Sheryle Tepp will send out a survey with the next newsletter asking if members would be willing to be contacted BY OTHER CHAPTER

MEMBERS ONLY. The contact list would not be made available to non-chapter members for any other purpose. The comment was made, however, that most members are likely listed on the International member list which is available online as well.

2. Member photos (person and dog) were requested for the officers and board members, and possibly other regular chapter members, so that new members have some way to figure out who to talk to when they come to a training day. Mike Crosby will take on this project.
3. The newsletter could use a little help – membership input for articles, recipe ideas, etc should be solicited.
4. Presidents update – there will be no Invitational held at our grounds – some concern with the blind retrieve water (although it is likely that other more suitable sites could be found). This means that the 2010 Invitational will be held in Iowa. Six dogs from our chapter passed last year – congratulations! Nine dogs were qualified from the NCWNAVHA chapter for 2009 – good luck in Ohio!
5. A Handlers Clinic will be held May 16/17 at a location TBD (Muddy Waters has their AKC trials that weekend at the Mead). Brent Catura stated he would lead the clinic.
6. A pro seminar had been intended with Clyde Vetter, but due to time commitments he was unable to hold this. Dave Carlstrom is in contact with Allan Burkhardt who may be available – since there was strong interest from the membership Dave will follow up.
7. Pheasant Fest was reviewed – NCW in conjunction with WR has agreed to staff the NAVHDA table in Dog Alley. This will be held February 6-8. Sheryle Tepp started a sign up sheet, will coordinate with Sean Timmens of WR chapter so we have all required slots filled. Nine members signed up at the meeting.
8. Reviewed the Youth Learn-to-Hunt sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society. Our chapter donated money and members time to support this worthy, well attended activity last April. Jamie Kuhn provided a review of the results. Our chapter will again support this in 2009.
9. Bird orders were covered. Members are REMINDED that orders must be in the website no later than 2 weeks prior to the training day – or no birds.
 - a. Brent will again manage the ducks. He estimates the price will stay the same at \$10.
 - b. Quail have been reserved, 100 per training day and for the June test NA dogs. We will need to coordinate someone to pick the birds up again (near Thorp).
 - c. Pigeons will no longer be picked up by Sally Peeters – she is now working near home and not traveling by Marshfield. The senior membership agreed that a rotating list of members will be asked to do the required pick up duties. Additional crates will be purchased so the suppliers can have them pre-filled with birds and ready for pick-up. A pre-arranged number of birds will have to be settled on so the suppliers do not need to be contacted (no phone contact available). Sheryle will

manage a sign up list for this – Mike Crosby noted he will do the April birds, and Ken Pierce said he would manage the May 31 training day birds.

10. Lunch sign up noted – a few slots have been taken – thank you!
11. Gary Bohlman's will had requested that his dogs be sold to hunting families and the moneys donated to NCWNAVHDA. This raised \$2,200 – we thank him and his family. The money is in our general fund – no specific uses were designated. A Thank You card was signed by all members present to send to his family. Jamie Kuhn requested that a plaque or some sort of memorial be purchased in his memory, and he agreed to arrange for one that can be attached to our trailer for display.
12. TJ McKenzie will bring clothing order sheets to the chapter training days. Hats and wind shear pullovers were specifically requested. Judy Carlstrom noted there was a source of blaze orange hats available at \$2 @ - she was asked to secure as many as she could (thought there were about 20-30 available yet).

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm, followed by dinner and awards.

Handler of the Year – Corey Siegler.

Dog of the Year – Tim Peeters and Jammer