

**2011 NAVHDA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 20 – 23, 2011**  
**Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

**Executive Council (EC) Meeting** was called to order by President Marilyn Vetter at 2:25 pm, Thursday, January 20, 2011. Present were Mike Garriott, Joe Dolejsi, Chip Bonde, Bob West, Jim Applegate, Tim Clark, Joe Raia, Tracey Nelson, Dick St.Amant, and Roland Drew.

Outgoing President Roland Drew thanked each member of the EC for all their work efforts over the previous three years. Roland passed the President's gavel to Marilyn and expressed heartfelt thanks for all her work on his behalf.

Secretary M. Garriott reviewed the agenda.

**Motion 11-01** Moved by R. West, second by T. Clark, “that the meeting agenda be approved”.

**Passed**

**Treasurer's Report – Joe Dolejsi**

Joe provided each committee member with a NAVHDA Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010 showing NAVHDA to be in an excellent overall fiscal position. Joe then handed out a NAVHDA Profit/Loss Report for Fiscal 2010 vs. 2009 which showed a loss of net income totaling - \$4,982.71. Next Joe distributed a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report reflecting the same – \$4, 982.71. Finally Joe passed out a 20 page detailed Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual document for 2011. These three budget documents generated several discussions that resulted in cost cutting measures listed in subsequent motions.

Copies of the financial reports are available for inspection at the Central Office.

**Motion 11-02** Moved by R. Drew, second by T. Clark, “that the treasurer's report as submitted and reviewed by J. Dolejsi be accepted as read”.

**Passed**

## 2011 Budget Review

Joe led the EC through a detailed review of the 2011 proposed budget. Discussions of sponsor status, individual contracts and contributions were included.

**Motion 11-03** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second R. West, “that funds **NOT** be transferred from accrued savings in the Life Membership (Johnny Shulkey) Fund for 2011 expenses”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-04** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by M. Garriott, “that funds be approved to update the NAVHDA exhibit at the Bird Dog Museum”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-05** Moved by J Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “ to increase the renewal fee for kennel registration to \$40, every five years beginning 6/1/2011”.

**Passed**

Following a brief absence from the room, M. Garriott returned and was asked to review the minutes of the 2010 Annual meeting. Mike noted that the minutes had been distributed to all chapter presidents and secretaries in April and sent to each chapter delegate who provided advance notification of their intent to attend the 2011 meeting.

**Motion 11-06** Moved by M. Garriott, second by R. Drew, “that the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes be approved”.

**Passed**

The budget review then continued.

**Motion 11-07** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “that NAVHDA donate \$1000 to the Bird Dog Foundation earmarked for the Continental wing”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-08** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Raia, “that at the editor’s discretion, the Versatile Hunting Dog (VHD) magazine be limited to 9 issues of 32 pages, 1 issue of 36 pages and 2 issues of 40 pages”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-09** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by R. West, “that Jim Applegate’s Letter of Employment, for the position of ‘Central Office Manager’, be extended without change for two years (Term: 02-01-11 thru 01-31-13)”.

**Passed**

M. Garriott noted that three motions had been reviewed and approved by the EC since the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Meeting. The motions were:

**Motion 10-36** Moved by M. Garriott, second by R. Drew, “that the San Diego Chapter be chosen to host the 2012 meeting in San Diego, CA”.

**Motion 10-37** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “that NAVHDA adopt a Conflict of Interest policy effective October 1, 2010”.

**Motion 10-38** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “that NAVHDA adopt a Whistleblower policy effective October 1, 2010”.

## **COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **Marilyn Vetter--President**

A list of Officers, Directors, Committees, Chairpersons, Co-chairpersons and Members for 2011 was reviewed by M. Vetter

**Motion 11-10** Moved by R. Drew, second by T. Clark, “that the list of Officers and Directors, as proposed for 2011 (see attachments), be approved as submitted”.

**Passed**

### **Joe Raia - Director of Testing**

Joe used a power point presentation to provide unique insights to NAVHDA’s testing program. In 2010 we had a total of 71 chapters, 8 in

Canada and 63 in the US. Chapters held 306 tests. 1,347 NA, 46 UPT, 643 UT and 104 Invitational dogs tested in 2010 for a total of 2,140.

Joe reviewed some of the criteria for approving a judging team. The overriding concern is that the teams be mixed, that chapters avoid using the same judges and the same teams year after year. With this in mind Joe provided three scenarios. 1) 1 out of region judge and 2 from within your chapter. 2) 2 judges from nearby chapters and 1 from your chapter. 3) 3 from nearby chapters. Remember mixing the judging teams is good for NAVHDA, good for the judges themselves and is a proactive step to reduce possible negative perceptions of judging team bias.

### **Social Media Strategy (FACEBOOK)**

Erin Bonokoski, a social networking specialist, presented a detailed program showing how NAVHDA could use Facebook to increase our presence on the internet, reach a younger demographic and link a NAVHDA “one way” Facebook page to our already existing web site.

**The EC meeting was recessed at 7:00 pm to be reconvened at 8:00 am Friday, Jan. 21, 2011**

**The EC reconvened at 8:00 am Friday, Jan. 21, 2011.**

The same attendees were present as the previous day. The meeting resumed with a continuation of the various Committee and Director Reports.

### **Tim Clark – Director of Promotions**

Tim and M. Garriott with technical assistance from Erin Bonokoski were directed to create a “one way” NAVHDA Facebook page. At this time there is no plan to have an open discussion forum section on our page, thus the caveat “one way”. After establishing the page with links to our web site and other NAVHDA Chapter web sites and Facebook pages, the EC will monitor the usage and may make adjustments to the scope of NAVHDA’s Facebook page in the future.

**Motion 11-11** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Raia, “As of June 1, 2011 individuals receiving a Breeder’s Award will receive a parchment certificate and the ability to order a Breeder’s Award Plaque at their cost.

Break –10 minutes Reconvened at 9:10 am

**Bob West – Director of Judge Development**

R. West led a detailed review of all apprentice judges who applied for consideration to be appointed judge and all judges who applied to be senior judges. In December of 2010 each member of the EC received a CD from the Central office with all the pertinent records on each apprentice and apprentice senior judge. The members of the EC and apprentice coordinators reviewed each application in detail. Detailed discussions ensued followed by a vote on each candidate.

**Motion 11-12** Moved by R. West, second by Tim Clark, “that Jim Carpenter, Angie Hass, Keith Kemmer, Karen Krautz, Aaron Landry and Suzie Moore be appointed as new judges and that Tom Swezey be reinstated as a judge for 2011”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-13** Moved by R. West, second by M. Garriott, “that Steve Brodeur, Brent Catura, Travis Miller, Lon Ruddock and Jason Wade be appointed new senior judges for 2011”.

**Motion 11-14** Moved by R. West, second by R. Drew, “that Clyde Vetter be reappointed as a clinic leader for 2011”.

**Break –10 min Reconvened at 10:10 AM**

R. West directed a review of the 2010 list of Judges, Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. Bob reported that 6 judges were being dropped for failure to meet requirements (failure to run a dog or attend a judge’s workshop in the appropriate time frame). Two judges resigned and one judge, Bill Jensen, announced his retirement.

**Motion 11-15** Moved by R. West, second by T. Clark, “that other than those judges that were dropped, resigned or retired, all 2010 judges, senior judges and clinic leaders (see attachments) are re-appointed for 2011”.

2011 Judges Workshop will be held in Pittsburgh, PA on July 9-10.

Currently there are 12 NAVHDA Handlers Clinics scheduled around the country.

In response to letters written to the President of NAVHDA and the Director of Testing by several NAVHDA members, a discussion took place about the process of securing approval by the local chapters of a requested judging team. Joe Raia, Director of Testing reiterated that the intent of the Director of Testing in granting approval for a team is to insure a mix of judges on any one specific team. This mix is to insure that the same teams, or members of a team, do not judge together repeatedly. With this intent to insure mixing of judging teams three suggested scenarios were provided. 1) 1 out of region judge and 2 judges from within the host chapter. 2) 2 judges from nearby chapters and 1 from the host chapter. 3) 3 judges from nearby chapters. With the aid of a new software program, the Director of Testing will be able to monitor the composition of all judging teams, the history of judging team composition at each chapter, and thus ensure the goal of NAVHDA to maintain diversity within judging teams. Chapters will be able to research a history of judges and teams they have used on NAVHDA's web site to help them in planning future judge requests.

Bob West then spoke about the 2010 Invitational hosted by the Hawkeye Chapter in Searsboro, Iowa at the Brownell Shooting Complex. The grounds were excellent, birds, chapter support, water sites, and fields were all outstanding. Tim Clark did another excellent job organizing the many volunteers from around the country. The support from the Central Office provided by Maria Bondi and Jim Applegate helped Marilyn Vetter and Bob West offer a quality experience for the handlers, dogs and spectators. The local Mayor and Chamber of Commerce were very impressed with the event and the positive effect on the local economy and look forward to our return in 2012.

**Motion 11-16** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second R. Drew, “ that the entry fee for the 2012 Invitational fee be raised to \$400”.

**Failed**

**Motion 11-17** Moved R. West, second J. Raia, “ that the entry fee for the 2012 Invitational fee be raised to \$375”.

**Passed**

**2012 Annual Meeting** The San Diego Chapter of NAVHDA has officially been awarded the bid to host the 2012 Annual Meeting. The San Diego Chapter sent a 5 member contingent to Ottawa to gather first hand knowledge to help them plan for another outstanding meeting. The Dana Hotel, right on Mission Bay, in sunny San Diego, California will host the meeting Jan. 20-22, 2012.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Officer and Director Reports

**Motion 11-18** Moved by J. Applegate, second M. Garriott, “to accept and approve the 2010 officer reports as published in the Versatile Hunting Dog, January 2011”.

**Passed**

## **Chapter Review**

The list of sanctioned chapters was reviewed (see attachment). Chapters being dropped will receive a de-sanctioning letter from the Central Office.

**Motion 11-19** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by T. Clark, “that chapters listed (see attachment) as Active Chapters as of 1/17/2011 are all sanctioned for 2011”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-20** Moved by M. Garriott, second by R. West, “that Motions 10-18, 10-26, 10-37 and 10-38 be added to the Significant Motions List”.

**Passed**

**Motion 10-18** “that International dues will be waived for any member serving overseas in the U.S. or Canadian military in a combat zone”.

**Motion 10-26** “that a new director of position on the EC be created effective Jan 1, 2011 – Director of Information Resources”.

**Motion 10-37** “that NAVHDA adopt a Conflict of Interest policy effective October 1, 2010”.

**Motion 10-38** “that NAVHDA adopt a Whistleblower policy effective October 1, 2010”.

At this point J. Dolejsi handed out a copy of the Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies for each member of the EC to sign and to be kept on file at the Central Office.

**Motion 11-21** Moved by M. Garriott, second by C. Bonde, “that on NAVHDA’s Significant Motions List A1.31 be retired and R1.10 be amended to reflect **Motion 11-05**.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-22** Moved by M. Garriott, second C. Bonde, that Motion 01-18 as amended by Motion 05-32 and recorded in the Significant Motions List as R.1.10 be further amended to read “ that the kennel registration fee will be determined by the EC. Protected kennel names will expire every 5 years and will be renewable at a rate determined by the EC. Kennel names registered prior to July 1, 2001 will not be affected. (**01-18**) as amended by (**05-32**) and (**11-05**)

**The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.**

**The EC meeting reconvened at 1:45 PM to attend an Open Forum with NAVHDA members and Chapter Delegates.**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OPEN FORUM WITH THE EC**

President Marilyn Vetter welcomed the 24 chapter delegates and an additional 30 NAVHDA members. After brief remarks from immediate past President Roland Drew and others, Marilyn opened the floor for discussion.

1) The idea of a NAVHDA Facebook page was supported when a member of the Bluenose Chapter said they recently acquired 8 new members as a result of contacts through Facebook.

2) Peter Wade spoke on chapter mentoring activities to recruit and retain members. Often the new member is intimidated. Suggestions made included assigning an official chapter “greeter” to welcome each new face at a training day or test. Another suggestion was to allow a new member without a dog to handle an older trained UT or Invitational dog through group obedience drills, table work, heeling etc. Including the new member in activities whether planting birds, throwing a duck or handling a borrowed dog allows the beginner to feel welcomed and willing to come back and learn more about training their dog.

3) A suggestion from a member asked that links between the Invitational Test information, the DNA on file requirement and the DNA test kit available from the NAVHDA online store be established so that a handler might easily purchase and supply the needed DNA information to complete the Invitational Test entry form.

4) Another suggestion from a member was to have **NAME TAGS** at the Invitational. Prior to the opening ceremonies each day the member felt that a system should be in place so that name tags could be prepared for handlers, judges and workers.

5) Joe Schmutz, a long time NAVHDA member and NAVHDA judge spoke about the concerns of some members of the LMCNA (Large Munsterlander Club of North America). They feel that NAVHDA’s registry is not supporting their breed club’s effort to improve the Large Munsterlander breed. The LMCNA would like NAVHDA’s registry to only register breedings of LMs approved by the parent LMCNA. Marilyn Vetter explained that NAVHDA’s Registry does not require breed club approval to register a litter that is legitimate by NAVHDA’s policies. NAVHDA does allow an individual breeder, not a breed club, to impose breed restrictions on a dog’s registration papers that may be removed in the future if specific criteria are met.

6) Another NAVHDA member brought to the EC’s attention that an unfortunate oversight had occurred. Once pointed out, the EC apologized and stated absolutely that **Motion 10-18** would be amended to read, “that International dues will be waived for any member serving overseas in the U.S. or **Canadian** military in a combat zone”.

7) Another suggestion was to include in the NAVHDA Test Secretary's Packet a reminder that **ALL** dogs entered in a NAVHDA test at any level, must be NAVHDA registered.

8) In closing the Open Forum Marilyn pointed out the rising cost of corn and how this may influence the cost of birds, bird feed, fuel and the cost of judges' transportation. Marilyn advised chapters to look at their test fee schedule and plan accordingly for 2011.

### **The Open Forum concluded at 3:00 PM**

The EC returned to their meeting while the Delegates remained in the Sandner Room and held their meeting to review the three motions submitted by NAVHDA Chapters.

The first order of business for the EC was to amend **Motion 10-18**.

**Motion 11-23** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Raia, that **Motion 10-18** be amended to read "that International dues will be waived for any member serving overseas in the U.S. or **Canadian** military in a combat zone".

**Tim Clark, Director of Promotions**, then made a presentation to the EC on the proposal for the creation of a Member Recruitment Recognition Award. Surveys have shown that breeders are the single greatest source of new members joining NAVHDA. Most new members come into the organization as a result of purchasing a puppy from, and being informed of the benefits of NAVHDA membership by a breeder. The concept of a recruitment award was expanded to include any member who recruits at least 5 new International members into NAVHDA within a calendar year. Procedural details and awards are currently being developed prior to implementation of the program.

**The EC meeting recessed at 4:00 PM Friday, January 21, 2011**

**A Welcoming Reception and Hospitality Hour hosted by the Ottawa Valley Chapter of NAVHDA followed at 5:30 PM.**

**Following the reception the Ottawa Valley Chapter hosted a wonderful Great White North Hospitality Suite.**

## **HALL OF DELEGATES MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Vetter at 8:05 AM. Officers and Directors present: Mike Garriott, Joe Dolejsi, Chip Bonde, Jim Applegate, Bob West, Joe Raia, Tracey Nelson, Tim Clark, and Roland Drew.

Marilyn invited outgoing President Roland Drew to say a few words...Roland thanked members of the EC for their support and work over the past three years and is looking forward to his new role on the EC as immediate past president.

### **A Roll Call of Chapter Delegates**

The delegates in attendance were polled with 25 in attendance (see attachment).

### **Memoriam**

Bob West conducted a brief memoriam, with Bill Jensen lighting a candle in remembrance of and honoring those troops that have fallen in service to their countries, those members of NAVHDA who have passed on and family members who are ill or suffered tragedy in the last year.

Marilyn reminded the membership that what makes NAVHDA so special is the people. The outpouring of support, both financial and personal for injured members and those who have suffered great personal tragedies is overwhelming. NAVHDA's philosophies are based on teaching, helping and educating. We are a supportive, non competitive organization as displayed in our training and testing programs. NAVDA attracts a unique membership that we can all be proud of.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Officer and Director Reports**

Secretary's Report – M. Garriott

Reported that minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting had been distributed to the President and Secretary of each sanctioned Chapter in April 2010 and that electronic copies were also sent to each chapter delegate pre-registering as a delegate for the 2011 Annual Meeting. No changes or corrections to the minutes were forthcoming.

**Motion 11-24** Moved by D. Trahan, second by B. Valentine, “that the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes be accepted as distributed”.

**Passed**

Each of the Officer and Director Reports can be read in their entirety in the January 2011 Versatile Hunting Dog Magazine (VHD) beginning on page 10.

### **Director of Testing – Joe Raia**

In 2010 there were 63 USA chapters and 8 Canadian chapters for a total of 71 North American chapters. These chapters sponsored 306 tests evaluating 2,140 dogs. The total included 1,347 NA dogs, 46 UPT dogs, 643 UT dogs and 104 Invitational dogs. Joe provided those in attendance with an excellent power point presentation of various statistics on prize classification earned at each test level, prize classifications by breed and the ten year trends in NAVHDA tests held and total dogs evaluated. Joe concluded with a review of the need for and guidelines for the composition of judging teams.

### **Director of Judge Development – Bob West**

Bob pointed out that to complete the evaluation of NAVHDA dogs this year alone took approximately 945 “judge days” including 64 “judge days” for the Invitational. These were days actually spent judging dogs; add in judge's travel time to and from test venues you can conservatively add another 6 “judge days” for each test weekend. Bob thanked all those who volunteered their time and effort to make the testing program a success.

Eight Handler's Clinics were held in 2010. The Judge's Workshop in Reno was held and attended by 37 Judges and Apprentices.

Bob thanked Marilyn Vetter, Invitational Co-chair, Jan and Mike Atchison, Kelly Bryan, Randy Rouse, Pete Brenneman, Wally Richardson, Tim Clark, Maria Bondi, Don Cross, Eric Backer and the Hawkeye Chapter and the volunteer workers from around the country who all helped make the 2010 Invitational test in Iowa a huge success.

Bob then took pride in introducing former judges and a founding member of NAVHDA in attendance: Paul van Hardenberg, Peter Mast, Jim Heard and Ed Bailey.

Bob then explained the current Apprentice Judge and Acting Senior Judge programs. Then Joe Raia announced the 7 new judges (**Motion 11-12**) and 5 new senior judges (**Motion 11-13**), and 1 new clinic leader (**Motion 11-14**).

Bob then formally accepted Bill Jensen's request to be placed on the retired NAVHDA judging list. Bill has been a NAVHDA member for 40 years. Bill and his late wife Barb were awarded Honorary Life Memberships for their years of contributions to NAVHDA. Bill served in various NAVHDA office for 10 years. Bill is the author and editor of the Judges Handbook given to each new apprentice to help educate them on NAVHDA's testing program. Bill has handled 22 different dogs in NAVHDA tests. Bill judged 224 tests and over 2,500 dogs. Bill exemplifies the volunteer spirit of NAVHDA members. Thank you Bill for your years of service to NAVHDA.

In closing Bob thanked Howard Zimmerman, for his many years of dedicated service as Director of Testing and Co-Chair of the Judges and Testing Committee.

### **Director of Promotions – Tim Clark**

Tim announced the creation of two new chapters in 2010, the Texas Chapter located in the general vicinity of the Dallas, Fort Worth area and the New England Seacoast Chapter in Kennebunk, Maine.

The 2010 year end membership total decreased over 2009 by -1.6% or 83 members for a total of 5,241. As of 1/17/2011, 69 NAVHDA chapters have independent web sites. Please check them out for local training days, test information, contact information and directions to training and testing sites.

After a presentation on the benefits of a NAVHDA presence on the social networking site, Facebook, by Erin Bonokoski to the EC, Tim Clark was directed, along with his committee, to develop a Facebook page. The initial page will be “one way”, meaning NAVHDA will post current information but will not host a discussion board, nor allow “friends” to post to this page. After an initial trial period, NAVHDA will re-evaluate possible changes to the various activities allowed on our Facebook page.

Tim asked that local chapters do **NOT** contact International sponsors for donations for local chapter tests or training days. These sponsors already make significant contributions of cash, product, and purchase ad space in the VHD magazine.

Tim also asked all National members to keep their email address current with the Central Office as well as with your local chapter. Tim’s office will be sending out bi-monthly emails directly to the membership through the Central Office. Don’t be left out...make sure your email address is current.

### **Director of Publications –Laura Picard**

Laura is the Editor of the Versatile Hunting Dog (VHD) and our website ([www.navhda.org](http://www.navhda.org)). Laura along with Mary Sargent, Publisher of the VHD, and a host of volunteers (Nancy Anisfield, Patti Carter, Richard Todd, Lisa Boyer, DVM and Philippe Roca) produce monthly, a beautiful magazine loaded with articles, colored pictures, information and features that showcase NAVHDA. Laura, through Marilyn, thanked the membership for their many articles and pictures. The copy deadline is 45 days prior to the month of publication. Please remember that classified ad space is available both in the VHD and on NAVHDA’s website.

## **Registrar—Tracey Nelson**

Tracey Nelson is taking over for Jim Applegate who is becoming the first Director of Information Resources located in the Central Office.

NAVHDA maintains a registry for 28 breeds of dogs. In 2010, 310 litters were registered representing 2,236 dogs. In 2010, a total of 2,270 dogs were registered.

73 Natural Ability Breeder Awards, 6 Utility Breeder Awards and 6 Invitational Breeder Awards were issued in 2010. The NAVHDA registry now has over 80,000 dogs registered along with their test history for viewing as per our open registry policy. Breeders are the driving force behind the continued growth of and one of the most important pieces of the success of NAVHDA.

The NAVHDA home office is moving in early March, 2011. The post office box address will remain the same. You can still send material to NAVHDA PO Box 520 Arlington Heights, IL 60006.

## **Treasurer – Joe Dolejsi**

Joe spent two days in December 2010 in Chicago at the Central Office reviewing in great detail NAVHDA's finances. At the EC meeting Joe presented a 20 page budget document including a NAVHDA Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2010, a NAVHDA Profit & Loss Statement for fiscal 2010 vs. 2009, a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual 1/1-12/31, 2010, and a summary of NAVHDA's Smith Barney Brokerage Account.

Joe handed out, to those interested, a single sheet detailing NAVHDA Profit/Loss for Fiscal 2010 vs. 2009. This document has been published in the March 2011 issue of the VHD on page 21. Joe expertly handled all questions from the floor regarding the budget process.

Joe pointed out the combined generous contributions from our corporate sponsors of \$55,587.50 Joe reminded the membership to support our sponsors, Purina, Tri-Tronics, Garmin, Ugly Dog Hunting, Sierra Trading Post, Cabela's, and our conservation sponsors; the Ruffed Grouse Society and Pheasants and Quail Forever.

Joe explained that after showing a loss of \$4,977.60 the EC looked for ways to adjust the income vs. expenses. This led the EC to adopt a number of motions during their meetings Thursday and Friday 1/20-21/2011.

**Motion 11-05** Moved by J Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “ to increase the renewal fee for kennel registration to \$40, every five years beginning 6/1/2011”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-08** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second J. Raia, “that at the editor’s discretion the Versatile Hunting Dog (VHD) magazine be limited to 9 issues of 32 pages, 1 issue of 36 pages and 2 issues of 40 pages”.

**Passed**

**Motion 11-11** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second J. Raia, “As of June 1, 2011 individuals receiving a Breeder’s Award will receive a parchment certificate and the ability to order a Breeder’s Award Plaque at their cost.

**Passed**

The adoption of these three motions will hopefully save NAVHDA close to \$6,000 and bring the 2011 budget into the black.

**Motion 11-25** Moved by D. Trahan, second by P. Wade, “that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented”.

**Passed**

During a break in the Hall of Delegates meeting, the EC briefly reconvened to finalize the 2011 budget.

**Motion 11-26** Moved by J. Dolejsi, second by J. Applegate, “that the 2011 budget as presented and amended in this meeting be approved”.

**Passed**

### **Secretary – Mike Garriott**

Mike explained the duties of the Secretary normally consist of preparing the official minutes of the Annual meeting, the summer meeting if necessary, mailing motions to chapter presidents, secretaries, compiling a list of

chapter delegates attending the annual meeting and assisting the host chapter in planning upcoming Annual Meetings. Tri-annually the secretary must follow a detailed calendar of items in assuring an open election process.

2010 was an election year for NAVHDA. This year NAVHDA proposed and published a slate of officers on the web and in the VHD magazine: President, Marilyn Vetter, Vice President, Mike Garriott, Treasurer, Joe Dolejsi and Secretary, Chip Bonde. No individual or group filed to run for office in opposition to the NAVHDA proposed slate of officers. Therefore, in compliance with the revised by-laws, no ballots were printed, mailed, counted or had to be certified resulting in a savings to NAVHDA of approximately \$4,000 that was budgeted for those purposes.

The San Diego Chapter will host the 2012 meeting at the Dana Hotel on Mission Bay in beautiful, warm, sunny San Diego, California, January 20-22, 2012.

The bidding process for the 2013 meeting is now open with interested chapters from the central region invited to send bids by June 30, 2011 to Chip Bonde c/o NAVHDA PO Box 520 Arlington Heights IL 60006 or Chip Bonde 5501 Buffalo Rd Mt. Airy MD 21771

### **President – Marilyn Vetter**

Marilyn thanked outgoing NAVHDA past president, Dick St. Amant for his 18 years of dedicated service on the EC. Dick served as Director of Promotions, Secretary, President and Past President.

Marilyn then thanked Howard Zimmerman for his 17 year tenure on the EC, including Director of Testing and the Co-Chair to the Judging and Testing Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Installation Ceremony

Roland Drew, outgoing President of NAVHDA, introduced the newly elected officers and the appointed directors of the Executive Committee. Roland conducted the swearing in ceremony to officially install the 2011 EC members.

### Executive Council 2011 Activity Summary – Chip Bonde

Chip presented a bullet point summary of the decisions made and actions taken during the EC meeting the previous two days.

- Appointed 6 new judges, 5 new senior judges and reinstated 1 judge and 1 clinic leader.
- Added waiving International dues for any member serving overseas in the US or Canadian armed forces in a military combat zone.
- Changed the Breeder's Award to include a certificate and a form to purchase a plaque at the breeder's cost.
- Increased the fee for renewal of a registered kennel name to \$40 dollars as of 6/1/2011.
- Create a "one way" NAVHDA Facebook page.
- Establish the entry fee for the 2012 Invitational at \$375 to be held in Iowa.
- The members of the EC signed and filed a Whistleblower Policy as per auditors recommendations for maintenance of NAVHDA's 501(c)(3) status.
- The members of the EC signed and filed a Conflict of Interest Policy as per auditors recommendations for maintenance of NAVHDA's 501(c)(3) status
- Print Chapter Motions submitted for consideration at the Annual meeting on NAVHDA's web site by Dec.1 each year.

President Marilyn Vetter then led a discussion of each of the three chapter motions submitted for consideration.

**Motion 11-27** Steve Graham presented the Pacific Northwest Chapter's motion. The motion read, "The Pacific Northwest Chapter of NAVHDA moves that the Executive Committee revise the criteria for the Natural Ability Breeder's Award to eliminate the existing automatic elimination of consideration of breeders based solely on the size of the litter".

Moved by Steve Graham, second by Bill Jensen.

Delegate vote 14 For; 10 Against; 1 Abstain: **Motion Carried.**

The EC will direct the Registry Committee to investigate possible revisions.

**Motion 11-28** The Northern Illinois Chapter did not have a delegate present. Dave Trahan introduced the motion for discussion. The motion read, "We move that NAVHDA International adopt the following Appeal/Protest Procedure: (see Attachment 1)" There was no discussion from the Hall of Delegates.

Moved by Dave Trahan, second by Rene Jones.

Delegate vote: 0 For; 24 Against; 1 Abstain: **Motion Failed.**

**Motion 11-29** Bill Valentine presented the Potomac Chapter's motion. The motion read, "To provide a more detailed explanation of the Field Phase section of the Test booklet, Aims, Programs and Test Rules.

Moved by Bill Valentine, second by Steve Graham.

Delegate vote: 16 For; 8 Against; 1 Abstain. **Motion Carried.**

The EC will direct the Joe Dolejsi and the Testing and Judging Committee to design a re-write of this section in the Aims, Programs and Test Rules booklet.

### Open Discussion

Joe Raia, Director of Testing, presented some slides of the testing programs, number of dogs tested and prize categories earned by the different breeds tested. Joe reiterated the need to mix judging teams and reviewed various judging team compositions. (A) 1 out of region and 2 in chapter judges, (B) 2 nearby judges and 1 chapter judge (C) 3 nearby chapter judges. Joe reminded us that one out of area judge should be brought in at least every third test.

Bob West had received comments that the UPT is not necessary and is under utilized. The jump from NA to UT is large. The intent is still to train for the Utility Test after the Natural Ability Test. The UPT was designed for the person new to the NAVHDA training and testing program or joining with a dog too old for the NA test and is to be used by the handler as a stepping stone to the Utility Test.

**There being no further business, the Hall of Delegates meeting was recessed at 12:00 PM to be reconvened Saturday evening at the banquet.**

**Hall of Delegate Meeting reconvened Saturday evening at 7:45 PM.**

Ottawa Valley Chapter President Peter McCooeye welcomed everyone to the full banquet hall. Peter paid high tribute to the Southway Hotel and Steve Zlepning for their outstanding service. Peter thanked the members of his committee and hoped everyone was enjoying the Canadian hospitality. The meeting opened with the singing of the US and Canadian national anthems.

Marilyn Vetter welcomed everyone on behalf of NAVHDA and thanked the Ottawa Valley for all their work in preparing and hosting the annual meeting.

Breeders Awards Presentation – J. Applegate and Tracey Nelson

There were 73 Natural Ability, 6 Utility and 6 Invitational Breeders Awards earned in 2010 (see attached list).

Jim noted that 88 NAVHDA recognition awards for outstanding service during 2010 (see attached list) had been sent from the Central Office thanking each recipient for their volunteer service to NAVHDA.

**Motion 11-30** Moved by D. Trahan, second by T. Clark, “that the 2011 Hall of Delegates Meeting be adjourned”.

**Passed**

There being no further business:

**Motion 11-31** Moved by C. Bonde, second by M. Garriott, “that the 2011 Annual EC Meeting be adjourned”.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chip Bonde*

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Secretary, NAVHDA

Attachments:

- NAVHDA Organization – 2011
- NAVHDA Active Chapter List
- 2011 Delegate List
- 2011 Judges List
- 2011 Recognition Awards List
- 2011 Breeders Awards
- 2010 Election Results
- 2011 Chapter Motions