

## Wisconsin River Chapter – NAVHDA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chapter President-elect, Brian White.

**Members present:** Brian White, Paul Juckem, Donna Cochenet, Laurie Vierthaler, Corey Lawson, Paul Grover, Karla Nephew, Joe Stewart, Chuck Vierthaler, Sean Timmens

**Members Absent:** Linda Bennett, Connie Roewer

### **WRC Test Dates & Sites**

Pending confirmation from the Mazo Grounds Assoc and the DNR, the 2010 dates for WRC NAVHDA tests will be May 15 & 16, June 26 and August 21 & 22. It was pointed out that the August test dates coincide with Kettle Moraine's & Minnesota's proposed test dates. However, due to early hunting seasons, it is no longer feasible to schedule tests in September especially if it becomes necessary to approach the DNR for permission to move to an alternative water site. Hunt clubs also begin their hunting season in September. Alternative locations were discussed including private hunt clubs and DNR wildlife areas. Areas worth considering include: Badger and Rainbow slough for water sites near Spring Green, WI waterfowl association grounds near Tangelwood, Rush Creek hunt club, Cedar Valley hunt club, Tangelwood hunt club. Chuck Vierthaler and Joe Stewart agreed to investigate the hunt clubs.

Single tests were proposed for the three dates. NA, UPT & UT will be offered in May and August; while NA only will be offered in June. It was agreed that the entry fees will be \$100 for NA and \$130 for UPT & UT. An out-of-region judge will be pursued for the May spring tests. The rationale is to spread out the expense of flying in a judge over a full weekend of tests. Karla will begin recruiting judges and register our test dates with International NAVHDA as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Motion: Investigate the possibility of using a hunt club for at least one test site in 2010 with the August test being the preferred date. The hunt clubs should be contacted in the following order of preference: 1) Rush Creek 2) Cedar Valley 3) Tangelwood. Motion was made by Paul Juckem, seconded by Sean Timmens; motion passed.

### **2010 Calendar of Events**

Pending confirmation from the Mazo Grounds Assoc and the DNR, the 2010 training dates for WRC were discussed (see attached calendar). A Handler's Clinic may be added to the calendar if it turns out to be WRC's turn to host one. Since no winter obedience is being offered this year, Chuck Vierthaler has reserved the UW stock pavilion in his name for the winter months. Anyone interested in using the facilities for in-doors training may contact Chuck for rental fees and UW policy agreement. This is considered a non-sanctioned event.

Motion: Accept the 2010 calendar as proposed with the possibility of adding a Handler's Clinic. Motion made by Sean Timmens, seconded by Corey Lawson; motion passed.

### **Mazo Grounds Fees**

Discussions regarding WRC's desires for improvements to the Mazo fields and access to the Hwy 78 water site were entertained. Disappointment was expressed that the gate near the Hwy 78 pond has not been moved despite WRC's monetary support and offer of labor. The 2009 collar fees for Mazo Grounds Association (MGA) are \$1 per dog per event. The total number of dogs participating in WRC events in 2009 was 150. It was felt that any additional contributions to MGA would be taken into consideration at a later date.

Motion: Send a check to MGA treasurer for \$150 to cover collar fees of \$1 per dog for 2009. Motion made by Paul Grover, seconded by Corey Lawson, motion passed.

### **Bird Supply**

Bird prices are expected to rise this year with chukars & quail not available until late spring/early summer. Pigeons may also be scarce this year. A down payment has been made to reserve chukar for the May tests from Nobles. It was agreed to continue the policy of members reserving birds ahead of time for training days. A few extra birds will be brought to training days for new people who show up.

### **Equipment & Trailer**

The trailer has a crack which needs repair. Paul Grover volunteered to take it in for estimates and repair. It was felt that some equipment purchases were also needed. The smaller bird launchers are without a transmitter, the radios do not operate, some bird bags are worn out and several bird crates are missing. Brian, Paul G. and Corey Lawson volunteered to take an inventory of the items in the trailer.

Motion: Pursue purchasing or making remote transmitters for the release traps. Purchase 6 bird bags, 2 small bird crates, radios, 2 blinds and another set of small release traps. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Corey Lawson, motion passed.

### **Fund Raisers & Promotions**

Possible options for raffles were discussed. WRC needs to renew it's gaming license. Paul Juckem and Corey Lawson agreed to look into all possible raffle options. WRC-NAVHDA hats have been ordered and will be available for sale at the annual meeting.

The pot luck lunch format for training days was discussed. Members should be encouraged to bring dish to pass so some people are not always binging the side dishes. Lunch will be served between 12:00-1:00 so the lunch coordinator does not have to spend several hours serving lunch. Comments were shared regarding monetary donations for the lunch. Some felt a specific dollar amount (\$5) was reasonable, while others felt the contributions should be left up to the individual.

Motion: Form committee to investigate possible raffle options. Motion made by Sean Timmens, seconded by Brian White, motion passed.

### **Membership Renewals**

Dues will remain at \$30 individual and \$35 individual + spouse. An effort should be made to contact lapsed members and remind them to renew their membership.

Motion: 2010 dues will be \$30 individual and \$35 individual + spouse. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Sean Timmens, motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Vierthaler, seconded by Paul Juckem; motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40PM

Minutes submitted by Donna Cochenet

## 2010 WRC Calendar

| <b><i>FIELD TRAINING SCHEDULE</i></b><br><b><i>MAZO GROUNDS</i></b><br><b><i>8:00 A.M.</i></b> |                          |
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| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>LUNCH COORDINATOR</b> |
| Saturday, March 27   |                          |
| Sunday, April 18   |                          |
| Saturday, May 8  |                          |
| Saturday, June 19  |                          |
| Sunday, July 18  |                          |
| Saturday, August 14  |                          |

| <b><i>WRC TESTING SCHEDULE</i></b><br><b><i>7:00 A.M.</i></b> |                 |
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| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b> |
| May 15, 16  |                 |
| June 26 (NA-only)   |                 |
| August 21, 22   |                 |