

Wisconsin River Chapter – NAVHDA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chapter President, Brian White.

Members present: Brian White, Paul Juckem, Donna Cochenet, John Mattern, Corey Lawson, Paul Grover, Karla Nephew, Connie Roewer

Members Absent: Joe Stewart, Laurie Vierthaler, Jody Jensen

2011 Activities

Pending confirmation from the Mazo Grounds Association and the DNR, the 2011 training dates for WRC were discussed (see attached calendar). The group discussed the value of mentoring and greeting newcomers to WRC's training days. The folder of handouts that Paul Juckem put together will be made available to all new members. Names of officers were suggested to take on the role of greeter.

Winter obedience will be offered this year as a 5 week course running in Jan/Feb at \$25 per dog. Paul Grover suggested that the theme should be basic obedience geared towards all members of the family. Chuck Vierthaler has reserved the UW stock pavilion (see attached calendar for dates). The dates of March 5 & 19 may be used to assess what was learned during the obedience sessions and practice at home. It was suggested to have a Youth evaluation day in March.

A Handler's Clinic will be scheduled and added to the calendar. Brian will propose a date and request a clinic leader from International. Suggested date for Handler's Clinic is June 11-12. The Shooting Clinic was a success last year and it was decided to make plans to offer it again. With a full calendar of activities planned, a pro-trainer clinic will not be pursued.

Motion: Accept the 2011 calendar as proposed. Motion made by Paul Juckem, seconded by Corey Lawson; motion passed.

Bird Supply

It was decided to reserve 250 chukars from Nobles to cover the bird needs for the spring training dates and the May test dates. A 25% down payment will be made to reserve chukars. Paul Grover and Brian will contact the Nobles to purchase eggs to hatch and raise for our chapter.

Motion: Approve the 25% down payment on 250 chukars. Motion made by Paul Grover, seconded by Corey Lawson; motion passed.

WRC Annual Meeting Plans

Brian proposed that the meeting be held at Rush Creek on Sunday, January 16th at 1:00 pm so it would not conflict with the Saturday obedience classes in January. A draft agenda was discussed. Paul Grover will order plaques (\leq \$50 value) for the volunteer of the year award (2) and lifetime members (4). No meal plans or hunts would be organized by the chapter. WRC members should feel free to arrive early for a hunt or meal at the lodge or stay after the meeting for drinks and a sandwich. Brian will formalize these arrangements with Andrea at Rush Creek.

Preparations to send Karla Nephew as the chapter delegate to the International Annual Meeting in Ontario were discussed. It has been customary to send a contribution to the hosting chapter. The committee decided to send a \$100 monetary contribution to the Ottawa chapter. Corey will send a check ahead to the Ottawa chapter. The three chapter motions that are being proposed will be presented to the WRC members at WRC's annual meeting with the EC's recommendations. The EC's recommendations are:

- Northern Illinois – Appeals/Protest Procedure: Not in favor
- Pacific Northwest – Modify Criteria for NA Breeder's Award: Not in favor
- Potomac – Provide Detailed Description of NA Field Phase: Further discussion needed

Motion: Proposed a \$50 spending limit per plaque for the awards and a \$100 contribution to the Ottawa chapter. Motion made by Brian White, seconded by Donna Cochenet; motion passed.

Mazo Grounds

Paul Grover outlined the Mazo Grounds Association's plans for improvements to the Mazo fields which will include burns and treatment to eradicate woody vegetation. Technical ponds and improved water sites are still under discussions.

The 2010 collar fees for Mazo Grounds Association (MGA) have increased to \$3 per dog per event. The total number of dogs participating in WRC events in 2010 was 200.

Motion: Send a check to MGA treasurer for \$600 to cover collar fees of \$3 per dog for 2010. Motion made by Corey Lawson, seconded by Donna Cochenet, motion passed.

Equipment & Trailer

Equipment needs were discussed for the next year. It was decided to purchase one case of poppers and 10-12 bird bags to replace 4 worn out chapter bird bags and sell the remainder. Corey will make these purchases. Corey suggested that a Gunners Up winger be purchased for a more reliable duck launcher. He will research the pricing and report back to the committee.

Motion: Pursue purchasing one case of poppers and 10-12 bird bags. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Paul Grover, motion passed.

Fund Raisers & Promotions

Possible options for raffles were discussed. Corey will renew WRC's gaming license. Donna will forward the paperwork to Corey. WRC-NAVHDA hats were popular last year and will be made available for sale again in 2011. Corey will order a dozen hats. We still have T shirts available and will bring them to the annual meeting.

Membership Renewals

Dues will remain at \$30 individual and \$35 individual + spouse. Discussed fees required by neighboring chapters.

Motion: 2011 dues will be \$30 individual and \$35 individual + spouse. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Brian White, motion passed.

Financial Balance

Corey provided a year-to-date summary of WRC's cash flow for 2010. New training equipment and bird purchases were the major expenses.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian White, seconded by Paul Juckem; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50PM

Minutes submitted by Donna Cochenet

2011 WRC Calendar

WRC OBEDIENCE CLASSES 1:00 – 2:30 PM		
DATE	THEME	LOCATION
January 8	Basic Obedience	UW Stock Pavilion
January 15	Basic Obedience	UW Stock Pavilion
January 22	Basic Obedience	UW Stock Pavilion
January 29	Basic Obedience	UW Stock Pavilion
February 5	Basic Obedience	UW Stock Pavilion
March 5	To be determined	UW Stock Pavilion
March 19	To be determined	UW Stock Pavilion

FIELD TRAINING SCHEDULE MAZO GROUNDS 8:00 A.M.		
DATE	TOPIC/PRESENTER	LUNCH COORDINATOR
Saturday, March 26	<i>Alternate training days with a presenter on some days and</i>	<i>Suggest pairing up and sharing the duty</i>
Sunday, April 17	<i>keeping some days open for camaraderie</i>	
Saturday, May 7		
Saturday, June 18		
Sunday, July 17		
Saturday, August 20		

WRC TESTING SCHEDULE 7:00 A.M.		
DATE	TEST TYPE	LOCATION
May 21, 22	NA, UPT, UT	Mazo
June 25, 26	NA, UPT, UT	Mazo
September 10, 11	NA, UPT, UT	To be determined

Test entry fees: NA = \$100, UPT/UT = \$140