

**Wisconsin River Chapter – NAVHDA  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chapter President, Brian White.

**Members present:** Brian White, Paul Juckem, Donna Cochenet, Laurie Vierthaler, Paul Grover, Karla Nephew and Joe Stewart

**Members Absent:** Corey Lawson, Connie Roewer

**Election of VP & Secretary**

Several candidates worthy of nomination were discussed. Brian, Paul Juckem and Donna, as the nominating committee, will follow up with these individuals to find out their interests. Laurie will send a broadcast e-mail to the general membership asking for anyone who would be interested in running for either of these officer positions. Responses from these candidates (agree or decline) should be sent to Donna by October 11<sup>th</sup> so that the ballots can be prepared.

A short introductory paragraph about each candidate will be included with the ballots. Ballots will be mailed around October 15<sup>th</sup>. Donna and Laurie will serve as the tellers committee with Karla as the alternate. Ballots will be returned to Donna and counted by the tellers committee.

Motion: Proceed with the election of officers for 2011-2013 term with a nominating committee of Brian White, Paul Juckem and Donna Cochenet and a tellers committee of Laurie Vierthaler, Donna Cochenet and Karla Nephew (alternate). Motion was made by Paul Juckem, seconded by Paul Grover; motion passed.

**Test Dates**

The format of the tests and the dates were discussed at length. Some of the topics covered were: single day tests (Saturday only) or full weekends, single test type (NA only) or all test types (NA/UPT/UT), three test dates (spring, summer, fall) or two dates (spring, fall), out-of-region judge required every third test, locations (Mazo, hunt clubs). Test dates were selected for 2011: May 21-22, June 25-26 and September 10-11. The May or June test dates may end up being a one day NA only format. Karla will contact Howard Zimmerman to see if he will grant us some latitude about which test date to fly in an out-of-region judge.

It was decided that the entry fees would remain the same at NA \$100 & UPT/UT \$140. WRC's refund policy was discussed. A firm refund policy was agreed upon which would be a 75% refund for withdrawals up to 7 days before the test date, no refund within 7 days of the test unless the dog or handler has a qualified medical condition.

Suggestions for locations and judges were discussed. It was also decided to reserve birds again for the spring test & training dates. Paul Grover and/or Brian would reserve and pay a deposit for at least 200 chukars from Nobles, reserve and pay a deposit for ducks from Corey Bauer and reserve pheasants from Poynette game farm.

Motion: Accept the test dates, test entry fees & refund policy and authorize paying a deposit to reserve birds for the spring tests and training dates. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Laurie Vierthaler, motion passed.

**2011 Activities**

It was decided to provide an obedience training session during the winter months at the UW stock pavilion. Laurie will ask Chuck to reserve the stock pavilion for 3-4 hrs on Saturday afternoons in January-March. Plans for other clinics and events in 2011 will be discussed at a later date.

Motion: Pursue reserving the UW stock pavilion for a winter obedience clinic. Motion made by Paul Juckem, seconded by Paul Grover, motion passed.

### **2011 Chapter Annual Meeting**

Possible sites for WRC's annual business meeting were suggested: Rush Creek, Wipps, Oasis. It was decided that WRC would not organize a fun hunt. Instead, the annual meeting would be held at a hunt club and start at 9:00 am to allow interested members to book hunts in the afternoon or the next day. Saturday, January 15 was selected as the date for the meeting. Brian will contact the hunt clubs and reserve the date.

Motion: Reserve a meeting site at a hunt club for Saturday, January 15, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, followed by individual or group hunts to be arranged by the members themselves. Motion made by Paul Juckem, seconded by Paul Grover, motion passed.

### **International Annual Meeting**

The International Annual Meeting will be held in Ottawa Ontario on January 21-23, 2011. It was suggested to send Karla Nephew as the chapter delegate to the meeting.

Motion: Send Karla Nephew as WRC's delegate to the 2011 International Annual Meeting. Motion made by Donna Cochenet, seconded by Paul Grover, motion passed.

### **Awards**

Suggestions were offered for volunteer of the year award. EC members in attendance unanimously agreed upon a pair of deserving recipients.

Brian and Laurie proposed awarding lifetime membership to WRC's founding members, Jim Moe and John & Jean Reece. All were in agreement.

Motion: Accept the nomination and vote for volunteer of the year. Award lifetime membership to Jim Moe and John & Jean Reece. Motion made by Laurie Vierthaler, seconded by Karla Nephew, motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian White, seconded by Paul Grover; motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00PM

Minutes submitted by Donna Cochenet