

Big Sky NAVHDA Chapter

Annual Business Mtg.

JANUARY 19, 2018 – Noon

Bert and Ernie's downtown in old town 361 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601

Greeting and introductions

*OLD BUSINESS*

Corrections or additions to minutes of last year's meeting

Gary Whitman is out of country and can't be at this mtg.

Treasurer's Report: As per Gary – After paying national insurance and \$1250 down on Chukars and \$393.57 on Pheasants, we have \$ 3,475.43 in bank. Note that we were at \$3,000 last year and \$2,000 the prior year. Note that we do still owe \$1250 for Chukars. See attached contract.

We still owe Gary \$1,345 for Chukars from a few years ago. He is in no hurry to get paid back, but has offered to discount it to \$1,000 in exchange for a lifetime membership.

*Resolution: After discussion the club agreed to pay back Gary \$1000 and waive the rest of the money for a lifetime membership*

*NEW BUSINESS*

1. Election of Board and Officers-

A. Board

Existing – Jason Rice, Todd Wheeler, and Gary Whitman.

Todd is resigning since he is relocating back to Oregon.

New – we need to replace Todd and fill 3 other spots. The following members have indicated that they would consider being a Board Member: Jeff Kershner; Phil Matteson; Marc Troyer; and Jim Lechleitner. Are there any other nominations? *No other nominations*

*Reolution: Board members elected for two year terms: Phil Matteson, Lisa Troyer (replace Todd), Jim Lechleitner, Jeff Kershner*

*No other nominations were received*

B. Officers

President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer,

*President. - Jason Rice*

Vice Pres. - Jim Lechleitner

Treasurer – Gary Whitman

C. Other possible position not in By Laws: Director of training, Test Secretary, Meals Chairperson

a. No others needed at this time

2. Continue with fee schedule from last year? Revise?

a. Annual Membership \$40

b. Lifetime Membership \$250

c. Training Day fee \$10

d. Training Birds – Pigeons \$5 or cost whichever is higher and all other birds at cost rounded up to nearest dollar.

e. Test Member NA \$150

i. New fees for 2018 - \$160

f. Test Non-Member NA \$175

i. New fees for 2018 - \$195

A comparison of fees with the Sharptail Chapter

Natural Ability: \$180

Utility Preparatory Test: \$235

Utility Test: \$235

Youth Handlers (17 and under) 50% deduction (Click this link for more info- [Youth Incentive Program](#))

3. Training days-

Locations (Muddy Dog, Gold Creek, others?)

Resolution: April 7 and we will train every other week. Start in Missoula. 2 weeks later Muddy Dog. We will try to focus April to May 1 in Missoula/Muddy Dog. From May on we focus on Muddy Dog for N/A Permits are needed for training for Muddy Dog and Rooster Ridge. Phil Matteson will complete paperwork for Muddy Dog and Jason Rice will complete paperwork for Rooster Ridge

Continue with Training day fee?

Resolution: Training day fees will remain at \$10/dog

New member training orientation? Discuss “yard training”

Resolution: We may add this to a future annual meeting, we work on other training issues as demand increases

Frequency

Resolution: We will continue to train every other weekend until the proposed test dates on Memorial Day weekend

Get feedback from attendees regarding schedule

Resolution: Ask attendees at the first meeting

Birds for training days (50 Chukar reserved from Millers for training)

: Pigeon supplier from last year is good for this year. Confirmed by JR 1/15/2017

Issue: Last year there were a number of trainers that didn't get the birds they requested or they did not use the birds they requested

Resolution: We will ask trainers to bring containers to hold their birds during the session and pay for those birds at the beginning of the training session

Ammo/22 blanks for training days-and the case of 12 ga shells donated last year still lots left.

FWP bird permit for training at training day /test sites needed

Resolution: See above

#### 4. Test(s)

Test Secretary

Resolution: Lisa Troyer will continue as test secretary

Meals at tests – Lisa Troyer and Bob Miller?

Resolution: We will ask Bob Miller to help Lisa with meals

Number of tests for 2018: One

Location: Muddy Dog Ranch

Date(s) May 26-28, or June 1,2, 3

Discussion on things we have learned- location issues

Consider different test date for single test?

NA and UT? or just NA test? (location/date are factors)

Number of days of test? 3 Days

We need someone to contact NAVHDA and get it on their calendar asap.

Resolution: Lisa will contact National about test dates

Email announcing meeting asked folks to respond if wanting to test.

Resolution: Several members have expressed interest. We will reach out to club members and ask

Judges for test(s)

Resolution: We will reach out to Mike Bowman, Bridget Nielsen who are local

Gary Whitman will not be able to be a judge this year. Bridget Nielsen may be accepted this year. Michael Bowman is another possibility.

Birds for the test needed

Birds for test (5 chukar and 1.5 Pheasant per dog running-need to order in time for test to have flight ready birds. 16 weeks on chukar. Birds ordered already for Spring test.

Millers – 150 Chukar for tests

Tony Fowler (Conrad) – 45 Roosters.

NAVHDA International has a 75% rebate for youth testing – is this still true?

Popper shells for tests- do we have enough or need to order? Volunteer to order? [Check this](#)

## 5. Fund Raising-

T-Shirts and swag re-order

Resolution: We will explore having someone design a new Logo to show to members. Once adopted we will explore ordering additional hats and shirts. Simms may be a possibility for hats

Canine first aid class again?

Resolution: No. Not at this time

Sponsors? Cabelas – put on calendar!

Resolution: We will reach out to Cabelas early and explore other options

Snake Break clinic again? Porcupine?

Resolution: Maybe Yes, mid summer. We will ask Marc Troyer if he is willing to help

We also explored other ideas including a handler clinic but no resolution at this time

6. Review answers to email and other suggestions?  
Collaboration with Sharptail? See email from John Arkins

Resolution: No formal change. Ok to be members of both clubs

7. Website and Correspondence – Would like to get an accurate email distribution list. Consider Constant Contact or some service like that?
  - a.
8. Credit Card Payments
  - a. Not yet
  - b. Look into this.....
9. Membership renewals and new members?
  - a. Resolution: We will keep the same system in place for another year.

Meeting adjourned