

Big Sky NAVHDA Chapter

Annual Business Mtg.

Feb 4, 2019 7:00:00 PM - Phone Call

Greeting and introductions

Present: Jason Rice, Dan Fultz, Jim Lechleitner, Trevor Ferguson, Anne Roberts, Rae Brown, Gary Whitman, Lisa Troyer, Phil Matteson, Joey Staszczuk

OLD BUSINESS

Corrections or additions to minutes of last year's meeting - NONE

Treasurer's Report: See attached

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Board and Officers-

A. **Board of Directors Elections:** We are supposed to have 6 Board Members. They are typically elected to 2 year terms that stagger by one year. The current Board Members that are at the end of a 2 year term are: Jason Rice, Gary Whitman, Lisa Troyer (elected last year to replace Todd Wheeler)

Interested parties: Jason Rice, Gary Whitman, Dan Fultz, Lonnie Meyer

Gary and Jason were re-elected and Dan Fultz was elected to replace Lisa

Last year, we elected Jim Lechleitner, Phil Matteson, and Jeff Kershner for 2 year terms. Unless they resign, they are still Board Members for one more year.

B. Officers

President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer, Elected: Jason Rice, Jim Lechleitner, Gary Whitman respectively

C. Other possible position not in By Laws: Director of training, Test Secretary, Meals Chairperson – No Action

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

- a. Annual Membership \$40 - same
- b. Lifetime Membership \$250- same
- c. Training Day fee \$10 – New Fees: \$10 for one dog and then \$5 per each additional dog. Additionally, substantial contributions will get training day fees waived. Examples: Bird

Pick up, use of personal training equipment, gunning or planting more than the average handler helper (hope this does not happen often, we all need to chip in!)

- 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 \$160 - Same
- f. Test Non-Member NA \$195 – Raised to \$200

3. Training days-

Locations (Muddy Dog, Gold Creek, Ovando, Missoula, others?) – Plan to start up in later March/April every 2 weeks. Will be possibly holding at multiple locations on same day to keep groups smaller and closer to home. Dependent on the helpers who have done the training before availability. More detail to come.

Continue with Training day fee? - Yes

New member training orientation? Discuss “yard training” – Nothing discussed

Frequency – Roughly every 2 weeks

Get feedback from attendees regarding schedule - Done

Volunteers to work training days – not discussed

Birds for training days (50 Chukar reserved from Millers for training) – efforts in place to get some. Phil confirmed that Randy will be able to supply Big Sky with pigeons in Helena post meeting and Jason has confirmed Randy and Robynn in Helena will be catching pigeons

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

FWP bird permit for training at training day /test sights? (Phil has applied for Muddy Dog and Gary will apply for the test permit at Muddy Dog pending legislation. Remember that any Big Sky official trainings will need to get info to Gary about address, property owner name, legal description for insurance certificate)

4. Test(s)

Test Secretary - Lisa for Spring test

Meals at tests – Lisa agreed to coordinate. Will look for volunteers

Number of tests – 1 for sure, and will follow up about a later test.

location(s) Muddy Dog

Date(s) – Memorial Day Weekend

Judges for test(s) – We have one judge out of Lewistown and Lisa will first ask the two judges from last year and then we will discuss judge recruitment after we hear back.

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. Pheasants ordered already for Spring test.

TBD – 150 Chukar for tests – Birds reserved from Orofino area, will need to get delivery coordinated.

Tony Fowler (Conrad) – 45 Roosters. - confirmed

NAVHDA International has a 75% rebate for youth testing –

Popper shells for tests- Should have enough still

5. Fund Raising- NOT DISCUSSED
T-Shirts and swag re-order

Canine first aid class again?

Sponsors? Cabelas – put on calendar!

Ideas?

Snake Break clinic again? Porcupine?

6. Collaboration with Sharptail? Some discussion but they need to get a Board in place and then continued discussions will occur.
7. Website and Correspondence – Would like to get an accurate email distribution list. Consider Constant Contact or some service like that? Dan Fultz agreed to help clean this up
8. Credit Card Payments – NOT Discussed
9. Membership renewals and new? – NOT discussed