

Big Sky NAVHDA Chapter
2020 Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday March 7, 2020 approx 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Copper Queen Bar in Helmville, MT

28 total people in attendance.

Old Business?- Skipped

Treasurer's Report: - Gary Whitman went over treasurer's report. Test fees to National \$8 per dog. ENDING BALANCE IS \$7,587.43. Dave Sissy's estate donated \$500 and gave us a NAVHDA buckle that will be raffled/auctioned off this year.

Gary is stepping down as secretary/treasurer after 40 years. Gary has done many things for this club from the beginning and everyone owes him a thank you. We will miss your knowledge Gary but we wish you the best in what is probably your 3 or 4th retirement! Now go kill some qual while the rest of us are working!

New Business

1. Election of Board and Officers

A. Board of Directors: Current Board: Jason Rice, Gary Whitman & Dan Fultz. Up for election- Jim Lechleitner, Phil Matteson & Jeff Kershner.

Nominations: Jeff Kershner - removed nomination

Jim Lechleitner-removed nomination

Phil Matteson- 1 year commitment. Takes Gary's Spot.

George Montgomery- removed nomination- he likes to be boots on the ground!

Chasyte Sanchez

William Bastian

Lonnie Meyers

Kyle motions all nominations, Dave Duffin seconds nominations- vote taken-All nominated members are now board members.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Rice - through 2020

Phil Matteson - through 2020

Dan Fultz - through 2020

Chasyte Sanchez- through 2021

William Bastian - through 2021

Lonnie Meyers - through 2021

B. Officers

Current Officers- President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer, Jason Rice, Jim Lechleitner, Gary Whitman respectively.

Kyle Gillespie nominated and motioned. Dave Duffin second motioned.

Jason nominated as President

Dan Fultz nominated as Secretary/Treasurer

Lonnie Meyers as Vice President

Voted and passed as motioned.

Jason Rice- President

Lonnie Meyers - Vice President

Dan Fultz - Secretary/Treasurer

C. Other positions not in Bylaws: Director of training, Test Secretary for Summer Test? Meals Chairperson? - **Group decided to use the idea of Committees instead of positions.**

Group talked about the idea of having committees and leading or being apart of these committees doesn't necessarily mean that you would do everything but you are responsible for making things happen and coordinating these areas of the club. This gives members that aren't board members the responsibilities they want and a more active role. Below is a list of committees that were created. The idea is to have training days in different areas on the same or staggering weekends to make sure everywhere is covered. Group encouraged anyone testing a dog to try to attend a training day at the testing ground at least once.

HANDLERS CLINIC COMMITTEE - now called Aims and Rules Clinic according to William

Dan Fultz - Leader

George Montgomery - Support

Jim Lechleitner - Support

JEFF WANTS A SURVEY TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A WANT AND A NEED FOR EACH TRAINING LOCATIONS. Dan will send this out in the next few weeks.

TRAINING DAYS

Missoula -

Jason Rice- leader

Need supporters

Bozeman -

Jeff Kershner- Leader

Lonnie Meyers- Support

Logan Meyers- Support

Great Falls

Phil Matteson - Leader

Kyle Gillespie- Support

Helmville - to be determined after Spring 2020 test and we transition away from NA training.

COMMUNICATIONS and NEW MEMBERS

Dan Fultz will continue to lead communications.

Chasyte Sanchez - will lead up new members

-Jeff Kershner will continue to run the website for the time being.

SUMMER TEST IN HELMVILLE - Need Leader

Duffins on Committee

Chasyte on Committee

Dan Fultz on Committee

Jim Lechleitner on Committee

SPRING TEST

Lisa Troyer - Test Secretary and Food

Chasty -Birds

Kyles - Volunteers

SNAKE BREAK - TBD.

2. Fee Schedule?

a. Annual Membership? \$40 - **Leave it.**

b. Lifetime Membership? \$250- **Leave it.**

c. Training Day Fee? \$10 for one dog and \$5 per each additional dog. Substantial contributions will get training day fees waived. Example: Bird pick up, use of personal training equipment, gunning and/or planting more than average handler helper. Organizing training day. - **Same leave it.**

d. Training Birds- Pigeons? Others? Leads on Ducks? - **Same.**

e. Testing Fees

1. Spring Test ? - \$160 member \$200 or - **\$160 for chapter members and \$200 for non-members.**

2. Summer Test? - Summer Test Fees. - **Jason provided a budget. There was a lot of discussion on this item and we noticed that quite a few items were missing on the budget. The group overall liked the idea of charging more for people who don't substantially volunteer, regardless if they are a member or not. The group voted to charge an extra \$50 for anyone who is not a substantial volunteer during the testing events/leading up to the test/ or cleaning up after the test. Lunches of \$10 value are covered for runners of dogs, judges, and volunteers.**

Fees for Summer 2020 test was as follows

UT - \$250 non volunteer - \$300

NA is \$225 non volunteer - \$275.

To be reevaluated after this year's test and voted on by board prior to advertising test.

Board meeting was on March 12,2020 at 7:45 pm. Board had a discussion and refined the budget and it was agreed upon that we are going to keep the test fees the same as last year and will keep good track of finances to see if this is appropriate for next year. Fees for the Summer 2020 Test are as follows

UT- \$235 for active volunteering member - \$285 for non volunteering non member

UPT - Same as UT

NA - \$180 for active volunteering member - \$230 for non volunteering non member

3. Training Days- **BY COMMITTEE ONLY**

- a. Locations? Multiple locations?
- b. Frequency and proposed dates?
- c. Birds for training days? Who has them and how much?
- d. FWP Bird Permits?

4. Handlers Clinic - Dan to go over some details and ask for volunteers.

Taken care of- COMMITTEE ONLY. Dan to provide update in next few weeks.

5. Tests - **COMMITTEE ONLY**

- a. Spring Tests?
 1. Committees for planning?
 2. Clean Up Responsible Party? - **Spring Committee will handle this.**

b. Summer Test? - **Committee Only. STILL LOOKING FOR A LEADER**

1. Club needs? How many days? How many Dogs?
2. Go Over survey results?
UT - 19 with Mark Westerlund Unknown still
NA - 8
3. Committees for Planning Test?

5. Fundraising-

- a. We need some more swag gear?
- b. Canine First Aid
- c. Sponsors?
- d. Snake Break Clinic?

6. Website and Correspondence - Gary wanted to know when to remove people from the membership list. - **DAN AND JEFF TO WORK ON THIS.**

7. Credit Card Payments - Do we want this? Who is the best to complete the task? How do we make sure this can be accessed by multiple people? - **not discussed.**

8. Items not on the agenda? -

SURVEY MONKEY FOR POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER TEST - SUB COMMITTEE.

TRAINING DAYS LOCATION NEEDS TO BE SENT IN FOR INSURANCE.

Meeting Adjourned approximately at 1:30 pm.

Note Taker - Dan Fultz