

Rocky Mountain Chapter - North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2022

1. Call to Order – at 6:00pm on January 8, 2022 with a total of 35 members present. Meeting held virtually.
2. Approval of 2021 Meeting Minutes – 2021 minutes approved.
3. 2021 Board Reports
  - a. President-Jake Heesacker
  - b. Vice President-Tim Griffin
  - c. Treasurer-Sheryl Dierenfield (Report to be given by Jake Heesacker)
  - d. Secretary-Candice Cooper
  - e. Director of Testing-Allen Kidd
  - f. Director of Training-Sara Heesacker
  - g. Director of Promotions-Theo Stein
4. Thank you's to: Theo, Brian and Dale for their service to the Board.
5. Elections of 2022 Rocky Mountain NAVHDA Board – 4 positions vacated by Jake (President), Theo (Promotions), Brian (Judging), and Dale (Member at Large).

**The following board positions were voted on, unanimously and unopposed:**

President – Tim Griffin

Vice President – John Harris

Treasurer - Sheryl Dierenfield

Secretary – Candice Cooper

**The following director positions were elected, unanimously and unopposed:**

Director of Training - Sara Heesacker

Director of Testing - Allen Kidd

Director of Judging – Jake Heesacker

Director of Promotions – Hunter Townsend

Member at Large – Megan Townsend

6. Selection of Appointed Positions

**The following appointed positions were renewed, unanimously and unopposed:**

- a. Bird Steward – Jake Heesacker

- b. CPW Liaison – Theo Stein

- c. Webmaster – Candice Cooper

7. Old Business

- a. No ongoing discussion carried over from last year.

8. New Business

- a. Chapter Annual Dues Membership Vote

- i. Currently \$40 for Family Chapter Membership (Board proposes it stays the same for 2023) – request to review by-laws for membership due voting. By-law's state "for upcoming year." Since meeting is always held in January, this statement is assumed to be for the following year.

**Board unanimously approved to keep dues at \$40 for 2023.**

- b. Set 2022 Chapter Test Dates
  - i. May 13, 14, and 15
  - ii. August 19, 20, and 21
  - iii. CPW has changed to granting permits the week prior. Question for Theo on how the grounds will be guaranteed for us.

**Board unanimously approves testing dates**

- c. 2022 Training Day Schedule
  - i. Small game or fishing license is required by everyone coming to the Cobb Lake training days as per new CPW regulation released in 2020.
  - ii. Calendar of all training days/nights to be posted on website
    - 1. 5 training days at Cobb Lake SWA
    - 2. Continue training nights at Surefire Kennel
    - 3. Continue 2 training days at Jackson Creek Kennel
  - iii. Any youth handlers with a dog MUST have a legal guardian with them at all times.
  - iv. Change to bird pick up – all birds must be picked up first thing in the morning on the training day.
  - v. Hold a NAVHDA AIMS Clinic for UT/INVT trainers. July 9, 10 (get permit for 8-11). NAVHDA international restricts this to 20 handlers.

**Board unanimously approves the outlined training plan.**

- d. NAVHDA International Meeting
  - i. Virtual meeting to be held on January 29, 2022
  - ii. Chapter Delegates – President, Tim Griffin, and Sara Heesacker
  - iii. Discuss International motions – (increase 2 ratings to 4's for invitational dogs) RMC-NAVHDA recommends "NO" on both motions.
- e. Motion presented by Sara Heesacker:
  - i. Transition Member at Large position to Director of Youth Development beginning 2023 (motion by Sara Heesacker). Remove Member at Large and replace with Director of Youth Development.
  - ii. Bylaws currently read:

Article 1V: Board of Directors (Officers and Directors) – Section 1: The board of directors shall consist of 5 elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an elected Member at Large) and 4 elected directors (Director of Training, Director of Judging, Director of Testing, and Director of Promotions and Fundraising). In the event that a directorship is shared between two people there will be only one board vote for that directorship.
  - iii. Proposed change:

The Board of Directors shall consist of 4 elected officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), and 5 elected directors (Director of Training, Director of Judging, Director of Testing, Director of Promotions and Fundraising, and Director of Youth Development). In the event that a

directorship is shared between two people there will be only one board vote for that directorship.

iv. Article IV: board of Directors (Officers and Directors)

Section 15: The position of Member at Large is hereby created as an officer. A: provides support, recommendations and guidance to the Board

v. Proposed change:

Section 15: Director of Youth Development

1. Coordinate youth participation and adult volunteers for youth activities at chapter events
2. Create engaging activities and events specifically for chapter youth members
3. Assist the youth board members with their assigned roles
4. Support fundraising efforts designed to further the goals of the youth program
5. Promote the chapter's commitment to engaging youth in outdoor skills and versatile hunting dogs

**Board unanimously approves to replacing member at large with director of youth development.**

9. Additional new business:

a. Budget Committee volunteers are to be solicited by John Harris. – Need volunteers.

i. Purpose: to assess financial threats to RMC-NAVHDA

b. Training outreach for Western Slope and other geographical areas. – Need volunteers.

10. Floor opened for questions from the membership present.

a. Members did not have any questions.

11. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by Tim Griffin.

Minutes submitted by:

Candice Cooper, RMC-NAVHDA Secretary