

Spoon River NAVHDA

March Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2006

Members Present:

Doug Gustafson, Pat McKinley, Barry Pearson, Denise Postin, Bill VanderLaan, Howard Zimmerman

Fun Shoot

Pat McKinley gave an overview of the April Fun Shoot/Training Day. Cost will be \$35 with a 40-man limit. Deadline will be sometime in mid-April. Sign-up through Pat. Payment will be the day of the hunt.

There will 2 aspects to the scoring:

15 minute time in the field with 3 quail to shoot and 6 shells

15 clay birds

There could possibly be a second round available if the hunt is not full.

There will be a shoot off on clays if there is a tie for the top score.

NAVHDA members are to bring the prizes: at least one hunting/dog/dog training item used or new.

Top scores will pick first and then on down the line.

Bill VanderLaan will be working on the food-barbecue, chips, and soda. Lunch is included in the price.

Mike McKinley will be working on a liability waiver.

Terry Postin is responsible for the live and clay birds.

Terry and Howard Zimmerman will work on the throwers.

May Meeting Date:

The May meeting will fall on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend (May 27th). Discussion was held about changing to a different date. It was decided to leave the date the same as people would already have it marked on their calendars.

Meeting Locations:

There was discussion about meeting at different locations on occasion for training days. Bill VanderLaan is looking into a location around Lincoln. Barry Pearson will look into meeting at the Clinton Lake Recreation area.

Handlers Clinic:

The chapter will be having a handlers clinic June 24th and 25th. Leading the clinic will be Phil Swain from Oregon. Howard will be his assistant (2 are now teaching at handlers clinics). The cost to the chapter will be \$400 (to NAVHDA, which includes transportation and materials,) plus lodging and meals for the leaders and birds at an estimated cost of around \$700 total. The fee was decided as \$85 per person for the 2-day workshop. There was discussion of holding it at Gobblers Knob or possibly at Howard's place. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the NAVHDA judging system and is a requirement to become an apprentice judge. Two to three volunteers will also be needed each day of the clinic.

Test Secretary Guidelines:

Denise Postin had asked for some guidelines to be established for the test secretary. Discussion was held and the following will be established. The fees for the fall test will be set at \$85 for NA, \$105 for UPT and \$115 for UT. It was decided to charge an additional \$20 to non-international NAVHDA members. The test will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. Total refunds will be given 60 days prior to the test. 50% will be refunded from 30-60 days prior. There will be no refunds within 30 days of the test, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If the test is filled, a waiting list will be started and people added to it when the application and the fee are received.

Officer Positions:

Bobbi Benson has agreed to become the chapter secretary. Doug Gustafson will take over the treasurer duties. Much thanks to them!