

MINUTES
SPOON RIVER CHAPTER – NAVHDA
2/3/2007

WELCOME-

Terry Postin called the meeting to order at the Goose Pit in Banner, IL at 11:10.
Thanks for attending our Feb 3, 2007 meeting on such a cold day.

DUES-

He reminded members to pay dues- both chapter and International.

CONTACT INFO-

If members need to reach Terry, they can do so by phone. The Postins no longer have a functioning computer.

TREASURER'S REPRORT-

Doug gave the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$1829.53. A check may be outstanding. Insurance has already been paid.

TRAINING DAYS-

Do we want to choose one skill to work on for each day, then break off into additional practice with field and/or water work?

A chapter donation to Gobbler's Knob was suggested. Don has been very accommodating and has not charged us in the past. Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area was paid \$140.00 last year for test time; no mowing was done or helps given prior. The motion was made by Jewel to pay Don \$150.00 to thank him for the use of Gobbler's Knob. Birds will be purchased from him during training days.

The 4th Saturday of each month seems to work well for training days. We will start at 8:00 AM. The first '07 training day will be February 24th. There will be a break at 11 or 12 for lunch and meeting.

Randy offered a location close to him (Polliwog's by Champaign) with good water facilities as an alternation location for some training days.

Jeff O. recommended devoting one whole training day to obedience. This is something that all members will benefit from. The goal is to try this on the February training day.

Doug stressed the importance of starting training days on time (8:00 AM). This is especially important in warm weather when early morning is more comfortable for us as well as easier on our dogs.

TESTING DATES-

Testing Dates were set for Oct 6th and 7th. There was some discussion of doing a Friday NA test as well. Randy has agreed to be Test Secretary.

FUN SHOOT-

Tentatively set for April 28th at 8:00 AM.

Open to all.

Field time of 3 birds/5 shells with a clay pigeon shoot.

Terry will ask Don to save 70 quail for the day. Doug said he could provide 75 quail.

WEBSITE-

Larry Dale updates our website and pays the fees to keep it current. Members agreed to give Larry a free membership again this year.

JUDGES-

Last year there were several unpaid judges. Terry will contact them and give them a free membership.

PROMOTION-

Terry talked with Larry Dale about the idea of a “contact card”- a business card with information to publicize our chapter (i.e. Web address, member contact phone #). Larry was willing to print some if the information was developed and the cards provided.

We also need someone to write up an article to submit to outdoor/sporting magazines (Randy has contacts with the Illinois Shooter). Other ideas for possible promotions were Radio (1470 “Red Nose Gang”) and TV interviews.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-

Thank you to Paula for taking the minutes of the meeting. Due to many other obligations, Bobbi is no longer able to perform the secretary duties. Is there someone willing to take this much needed job on? Please contact Terry.