

## MVNAVHDA Q1 2014 MEETING MINUTES

At the home of David & Carol Trahan

101 Coffeetown Rd; Deerfield, NH

3:00; March 23, 2014

### Call to Order: 3:07PM

#### In attendance:

Carol Trahan – CT

Suzi Moore – SM

Casey Matthews – CM

Moishe Ragieme - MR

Joanna Korte - JK

David Trahan – DT

Gus Gouzoules - GG

Chris Doherty – CD

Terry Long - TL

Paul Bruk – PB

#### Old Business:

1. The BOD voted unanimously to waive reading of the Annual Meeting Minutes and accept them as written.
2. To date, 89 people have renewed their membership but we expect more people to sign up as we get closer to the Spring test. There were no other comments regarding Membership, Website & the Newsletter;
3. Merchandise: Jerry Roy is our new Chapter Merchandise person. Pella has stopped making their shirts so we have chosen Boyt as our new shirt vendor. So we will have to review the price we charge Members for their shirts. To see what shirts Boyt has available please go on line to [www.Boytharness.com](http://www.Boytharness.com). Our embroiderer has set a minimum order of 12 shirts for embroidery. After some discussion the Board voted to purchase 16 Boyt shirts and hats of various sizes and colors to replenish inventory, with a Spring delivery. DT- later sent an email to the Board dated 3/25 and the Board agreed to increase the # of the shirt order to 36, both long and short sleeve, men's and women's "High Prairie" Tan/Orange shirts of various sizes.  
We have plenty of Chapter Pins (\$5 ea) & Stickers (\$3 ea or 2 for \$5);
4. The Board discussed and assigned people to acquire the following new Chapter Equipment:
  - a. MR-will get some supplies and put together the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bird Dispatch Kit (for separate field and water sites);
  - b. CM-will acquire another 12 ga. Single-Shotgun
  - c. DT-will acquire:
  - d. Blank Pistol (takes shotgun primers);
  - e. Additional Duck Crate;
  - f. A Large Winger and Extra Elastics;
  - g. CD-will acquire an orange, plastic box and MR-will fill with items as our dog first aid kit.
5. Bird Trailer: CM- Stated that we will need to replace our bird trailer within the next year and suggested that we decide on a model and purchase the trailer frame this Summer/Fall. Then people can build it at their leisure over the Winter. CM/DT will locate the right size and model for us to purchase this Summer/Fall and notify the Board via email of the trailer specifics and price so the Board may vote on the purchase.
6. Apprentice Judges: Currently: Chris Doherty & Bob Fee; The Chapter needs more Apprentices. Interested persons please call DT. Apprentice Judges need to attend a Handlers Clinic. Yankee and Southern New England Chapters are holding handlers clinics this Spring.
7. Meals Coordinator: Still Searching. Contact CD & SM if interested in this very important duty. There was no other Old Business.

#### New Business:

8. Fundraising:
  - a. Gun Raffle: MV-Yankee Joint Shotgun Raffle; Fausti 12ga, O/U 2013 DU Commemorative Shotgun donated by Terry Wilson; 400 Total tickets (200 tickets each, to MV and Yankee); Winner

to be drawn when all tickets are sold; Hopefully at our MV Spring Test; DT-We are hoping to earn \$1,900 from this raffle.

9. Permits, Licenses & Insurance:
  - a. NH F&G/Heldca Permit, Revised Heldca Schedule & Insurance Certificate: Renewals have mostly been received; SM-suggested that we have the permits available during all tests and clinics and at both the field and water locations in case there is an issue/question with people paddling the waterways or riding their bikes through an event and they question our right to be there.
  - b. CD-still needs to get the training permit from NH.
10. Review of Heldca Schedule: Because of the persistent snow condition, there are SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE EVENT CALENDAR, as follows:
  - a. Both the April 5 (and alternate day of April 12<sup>th</sup>) Heldca Cleanup Days have been rescheduled for April 26 and 27, respectively.
  - b. The April 19 Training Day **MAY** need to be rescheduled (Please stay tuned).
  - c. We are trying to add another Training on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
11. MV Annual Meeting Venue: We held our 2014 MV Chapter Annual Meeting at St. John's Masonic Lodge in Portsmouth. The Board agreed that this is a comfortable venue, with everything we need to hold our Annual Meeting, and sincerely thanks the Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities but as many of our Chapter members travel from all over, we need to find a more centralized location and venue (Manchester-Concord area) for future Annual Meetings. Unfortunately, the Bass Pro Shops in Hooksett does not have meeting rooms.
12. Spring Test: We have reserved 3 days (May 23-25) for our Spring Test. However, because of the persistent snow conditions, Spring Training is getting off to a late start and we may not need all 3 days. Update: We currently have 8 NA and 2 UT dogs signed up for our Spring Test.
13. PayPal: After some discussion and as a matter of convenience for our Members, the Board decided to keep the Chapter's PayPal account and when set up on the Chapter's website (soon!) Members will have the added option of making payments both on-line and via credit card at our events! Membership Dues, Test and Clinic Fees, Bird Orders, Meals, etc., may all be paid electronically. Since PayPal charges a 3% fee for their service, the Board unanimously agreed to charge a nominal, 3% additional charge for this PayPal service. The Board also decided to acquire an additional card reader.
14. Carol Trahan proudly announced that by hosting NAVHDA's 2014 Annual Meeting, we have made \$18,000 for the Chapter!!! This is a direct result of the dedication, hard work and generosity of MANY Chapter members, volunteers, donors, sponsors and many others...without whom this astounding result would not have been possible. So we thank everyone for your efforts! Our Chapter has received numerous compliments on the way we have put together and hosted the Annual Meeting and our effort has set the bar pretty high for all those who will follow.
15. The Chapter is looking for a few members, preferably with some experience in the financial-services field to serve with our Treasurer, Gus Gouzoules on an "Investment Committee," if you will, to oversee the investment and use of our new funds. Please contact Gus Gouzoules if interested.

The Board sincerely thanks all of our members who have worked so hard on the Annual Meeting Committees and also those who have donated items for NAVHDA's Annual Meeting. It is because of your hard work and commitment to the Chapter that the Meeting was such a huge success.

Committee Discussion: Hosting NAVHDA International's 2014 Annual Meeting:

Committees & Members:

<u>Greeting:</u>	<u>Food and Hospitality:</u>	<u>Advertising:</u>	<u>Prize &amp; Auction:</u>	<u>Education:</u>
Joanna Korte (Chair)	Chris Doherty (Chair)	Jessica Barker (Chair)	Carol Trahan (Chair)	Carol Trahan (Chair)
Beth & Dave Mello	Bob Fee	Mike Trull;	Dave Trahan	John Korte
Casey Matthews	Jerry Roy		Casey Matthews	Dennis Swett
Lou Gagnon	Geoff & Joanne Gutt		Paul Bruk	
Rosemary Stanley			Moishe Ragieme	
Gus Gouzoules			Bob and Elaine Baker	

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16. Chapter Motions/Discussion Items:
  - a. Chapter Motions:  
MV & Potomac Chapter Motions: BOTH were unanimously approved (16-0) in the Hall of Delegates; Note: Even though the Chapter Delegates unanimously approved the Chapter Motions the Executive Council decided to ignore the Delegates wishes and allow Chapter Motions to be presented via conference call rather than require them to be presented in-person, as was required in the Chapter Motions.
17. Use & Investment of Chapter Funds: We have made \$18,000 from the Annual Meeting and per GG- the operating account currently has roughly another \$8,000. The Board discussed possibly setting aside \$15,000 in a low-medium risk investment account and leaving the balance in the operating account. However, the Board agrees that we need to set up an investment committee to oversee the use and investment of these funds.
18. There were no other Comments/Questions.
19. Motion to Adjourn. Seconded and unanimously approved. Meeting Adjourned at 5:12PM.

**Important Dates for 2014:**

April 19: Training Day (**MAY NEED TO BE CHANGED**).  
April 26: Heldca Cleanup Day at Sharpe's Farm  
(Alternate Date of April 27)  
May 3: Pre-Test Clinic  
May 17: Invitational Training Day\*  
May 23-25: Spring Test (NA/UPT/UT)  
June 14: Training Clinic  
July 26: Water Clinic  
Aug. 16: Pre-Test Clinic  
Aug. 29-31: Fall Test (NA/UPT/UT)  
Nov. 29: Members' Day

\* Griffons training for the Korthals Cup may also participate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Bruk, SECRETARY  
Merrimack Valley NAVHDA  
March 31, 2014