

Agenda / Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, NPA Grand National, Lancaster, PA

The meeting was called to order; January 10, 2009, 9:10 AM by Outgoing President Dennis Bray and turned over to incoming President Bob Bollinger.

Members in attendance:

Charles Dwight	District 6
Bob Bollinger	District 7
Galen Goshorn	District 7
Steve Petito	District 5
Dennis Bray	District 2
Dennis Manning	District 2
Hank Ebbelaar	District 2
Vic Eshpeter	District 2
Mike Crawford	District 7
Harold Strawniak	District 7
Giulio Marcoccia	District 10
Danny Revolinski	District 3

- Reading of Last Year's Minutes, Motion to accept by Dennis Bray second by Vic Eshpeter.
- Treasurer's Report, Motion to approve by Dennis Manning second by Dennis Bray
- Officer's Reports
 - Districts 1 & 6 were sort of stagnant but folks are trying to have meets and events. Dist 6 is going to try to have a meet at Detroit. District 5 tried to have their 1st show, things were slow but they are still trying. District 7 has had a number of point shows. A new member Ray Kolinski has stepped up to take on Dist Dir and coordinated 2 point shows at Uniontown. We are seeing more excitement than in previous years. Looking forward to next season.
- Old Business
 - New numbers of bands – Last year we lost some money on our band sales. We decided to order less for this year and it looks like we will sell out. Our number appears correct!

- Staging the show area by breeder - Dennis Manning suggested that it was a pain in the butt to find birds when stewarding birds. It is more convenient to coop in and out, but it was harder to steward. It slowed the show down. Dennis Manning makes motion to go back to organizing by color. Second by Mike Crawford. Approved.
- Review proposed standard update with new colors – We have draft copies of the standard showing the modifications with Spread Ash. The members can review these and we need to remind them to vote.
- Review proposed master breeder updated with new points for muffed– We have draft copies of the master breeder program showing the modifications with Spread Ash. The members can review these and we need to remind them to vote.
- How we deal with new rule on MFMs, are MFCM and MFPM grouped separate or different? - We agreed to interpret the proposal up for vote to mean; that we will judge them as classes and then do a final line up all together and list top to bottom for points.
- National Champion Pins - We got 100 pins and they cost us ~2\$ each. Vic Eshpeter found them for 3\$ less each, than the original estimate.
- New Business
 - Need money approved for club web sites – Motion to approve club payment of approximately the same amount of money for the AHA and MyFamily web sites, By Bob Bollinger, Second by Dennis Manning, Approved.
 - Breeder of the Year rules – 2 consecutive year concern – When the Breeder of the Year rules were changed, the intent was to make the award strictly dependant on master breeder points. There is a concern that the rule saying the award could not be won on two consecutive years is still in place. We need to change and clarify that the 2 consecutive year rule is no longer in place. A constitution change is required and will be submitted before the National is over.
 - Email bulletins –everyone remind Chuck if you wish to receive via email - This will reduce Paul's work and the club's copying / postage costs.
 - Review upcoming slate of officers and term durations – Will be posted on web site and bulletin, 2 Year Terms.
 - We need to sell a bunch more of the 50th anniversary apparel – We still have a number of shirts, caps, and pins available for members to buy. The club has a good amount of money invested in the stuff so we need to sell as much as possible. We paid \$648 for the apparel and we have sold ~\$350 so far. Everyone to remind others to buy.
 - Recognition of Myron for his work on the 50th Year Book – Myron Burger spent a huge amount of time on the year book and we need to thank him for all his efforts. We will try to get him a thank you card.

- Cost of 50th Year Book – Myron has invested a significant amount of his personal money in the year book. We need to take donations and possibly augment the money with club funds to limit his exposure. Myron stepped up to do a great job for the club. He should not be out of his own money as a result of it! Motion by Dennis Manning to reimburse Myron for his money out of pocket, Second by Dennis Bray, Approved.
 - Review the data that is posted on the web site – We reviewed the data that is currently posted on the web site. We also discussed the incentives for people to be members of the club with free access to data on the site.
 - Consider removing club rule regarding awards to AHA members only – We discussed the fact that our club constitution states that only club member are eligible for club awards. When we have meets at all breeds shows and accept rebates, we are required to provide awards. If someone who is not a members enters at the all breeds show, and we have taken the host club's money we need to give them something. Members agreed that if awards are purchased with rebate moneys, they are an event award not an AHA award so it is ok to give it out.
 - Officers Tasks lists – Bob is creating a little cheat sheet for all of our club officers to help everyone (especially the new people) remember what all they need to do as an office. More to come on this in the bulletin.
 - Get shows defined and listed early – Everyone agreed that we should work to get our shows and meets identified early and then communicated to the bulletin and web sites so everyone can plan on attending the shows.
 - Suggestions to promote junior members – There was a discussion on ways to promote Juniors and members in general. Ray will be doing breeder profiles in the bulletin. It was suggested that all district directors do that.
 - Update of paper addresses and email addresses club documents – There is an effort going on to update people email and paper addresses on club documents. If you see any anything that is not correct, let Chuck know.
 - Review district layouts and rational – There was a lengthy discussion on the early rational for our district layouts. We also discussed the pro's and con's of living near district borders.
- General Discussion

Bob discussed some of his visions for the club as president. We looked at some historical trends of helmet entries at major shows. We have a great nucleus of people showing helmets. To move forward we need more communication and outreach to members. Also working to make stock available is important.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Manning, second by Dennis Bray, Meeting Adjourned at 10:40AM