

## 2020 Annual Meeting Highlights

### **Executive Council Meeting Highlights:**

- It was voted and agreed upon that all membership fees for 2020 will be the same as 2019.
- The Invitational Directors position will no longer be a voting member of the Executive Council board. Dave Trahan has appointed Deb Stott as the Program Manager of the Invitational and Angie Coenen and Mark Whalen will stay on as co-chairs.
- The Executive Council will be working on updating the NAVHDA display at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.
- The Registry Committee will no longer accept kennel names from any other registry.
- The 2021 Invitational will be held in New Mexico and hosted by the Zia chapter, September 23-26, 2021.
- The next election for EC officers will be done electronically in 2022.
- In 2019 the VHD featured 70 full articles from 52 different authors. More articles will be translated into French for our Canadian members.
- Social Media engagement in 2019 was up almost 700% over 2018
- Membership has grown 8.5% in 2019.
- The training Seminar Assistant Program has been launched . As of January three applications have been submitted.
- The 2021 Annual meeting will be held on January 22-24, 2021 and will be hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter in Pomono, California.
- Bids are going out to Mid-West Chapters in 2020 to host the 2022 Annual Meeting.
- “Handlers Clinics” will now be named “Aims and Rules Clinics”.
- President David Trahan went to Germany last year to meet with the JGHV organization to discuss NAVHDA and what we are about and how we operate. David’s trip was not funded by NAVHDA.
- The testing committee is working on receiving bids to produce the UT instructional video. The hope is to have a video footage shot this summer.
- Nancy Anisfield and Terry Wilson proposed the Track2Wing project to the Executive Council. The concept is to provide NAVHDA members with mobility issues the ability to hunt and train their dogs with the use of a Track Chair. The EC voted to support the project. The project information will be delivered to the membership in the March and April VHD.

## **Newly appointed Judges, Senior Judges, and Aims and Rules Clinic Leaders**

### **Newly appointed NAVHDA Judges**

- Ryan Bales
- Donnie Ebersole
- David Hahn
- Chris Haire
- Chris Trina
- Jacob Zeuske

### **Newly appointed Senior Judges**

- Herb Christian
- Bob England
- Tim Lewis
- Gerald Gertiser

### **Newly appointed Clinic Leaders**

- Larry Stone
- Mark Bull

### **Motions Submitted by Chapters:**

A motion was made by Ken Gates from the Alaskan Yukon Chapter to increase the number of Invitational judges from three to four in the field portion of the test. The motion was seconded by Carol Trahan:

- Discussion among the chapter delegates present.
- Vote 4 in favor 32 opposed. Delegates did not pass.
- EC did not pass the motion.

A Motion made by Phil Swain from the Willamette Valley Chapter that a Judge evaluation system to be established and be filled out by the test secretary and submitted to The Director of Judge Development and Director of Testing. Motion was seconded by Patti Carter.

- Discussion among chapter delegates present.
- Vote 3 in favor 33 opposed. Delegates did not pass the motion.
- EC did not pass the motion.

A Discussion topic was brought up by the Yankee Chapter on the "Health and safety concerns regarding judges putting their hands in each dog's mouth to check the teeth and bite"- Discussion was read by Yankee Chapter member Pattie Carter.

- In the end the delegates felt this is a non-issue.