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# The Whistle

## NAHRA's Midwest Region Newsletter

June 2006



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*The North American Hunting Retriever Association, Inc., (NAHRA), is a not for profit corporation existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Vermont with its principal office, P.O. Box 5159, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22403. NAHRA was created in 1983 to preserve the hunting instincts of our retriever breeds. For years, small groups throughout the country conducted gun dog stakes and tested dogs, one against another, to find the top dog. NAHRA revolutionized the retriever world by testing dogs against a written hunting standard. Today, NAHRA has clubs throughout North America and continues to test and reward the hunting retriever and to maintain computerized records of those dogs and their working accomplishments. The principal purpose of the corporation is to educate the public in the use of purebred hunting retrievers as conservation animals and to promote the field testing of retrievers in simulated hunting situations.*

### ***New Midwest Regional Director***

Congratulations to Keith Stroyan who was recently elected the new Midwest Regional Director in a close vote over Troy Tillerias. Please welcome Keith as he begins to catch up on a few of the recent NAHRA Board conference call minutes and some immediate region items. Many of you will see Keith either behind a Judge's clipboard or in the running ranks - do not hesitate to introduce yourself when the opportunity presents itself. Keith may be contacted via email at: [keith-stroyan@uiowa.edu](mailto:keith-stroyan@uiowa.edu).

### ***NAHRA Board of Directors Update***

The Board of Directors has been busy with a number of items since the last issue of The Whistle:

- › 2005 tax returns have been filed; diligent watch on financial spending for 2006 continues.
- › Director and Officer Insurance has been purchased for 2006. Annual expense is to be borne by the Regions.
- › Regional Director election expense will also be to be expensed to the respective regions, when applicable.
- › Field Test Scheduling and Updates should be sent to Rosemary at the Home Office - [NAHRA@starband.net](mailto:NAHRA@starband.net)
- › Deadline submission of articles by June 16, 2006 for the "Summer" e-NAHRA News.
- › Update of future website - Forums will be open by June 15; Website Advertising Sale begins on June 10.
- › 2006 Regional Elections complete - new Board members take seats effective June 1.
- › SW Regional Director still being sought.
- › 501c(3) has been submitted; the IRS has requested additional information and work continues on it.
- › Reviewed Judge's Presenter's "end product"; 1-year trial in the field, with feedback collection and review in 2007.
- › Obtain and review future procedures documents.
- › Determine frequency of conference calls and inclusion of Executive BOD and/or Full BOD - under review, as these calls are expensive. No RD face-to-face meeting will be held in 2006 (as of this time).
- › Discussion and future policy on gun raffles in NAHRA's name - pending; discussion will be held with Kevin McLaren, NAHRA's Treasurer.
- › Awaiting 2006 Invitational recap from the Invitational Committee. 2007 Invitational information is being gathered and an announcement is due out in the next issue of the News.

### ***2006 NAHRA Field Test Calendar***

Please visit the "new" NAHRA website ([www.NAHRANews.org](http://www.NAHRANews.org)) for a complete Field Test Calendar. The calendar contains "**PROPOSED** and **APPROVED** events" by ALL NAHRA affiliated clubs. Each entry on the calendar contains basic information and the contacts for additional info, premium links (if available), testing levels and quantity, etc.

## Judging Round Table - an Excellent Success

A "special thank you" to Keith Stroyan, Travis Lund, Steve Kuyper, members of the Judges Panel and unnamed others who pulled together the "Judging Round Table" held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Cabela's in Owatonna. It was an excellent presentation and informative day, complete with handouts, judging discussions, 'actual' field test video clips, good food and region camaraderie. Kudos to all!

## Midwest Regional Update - August 19, 2006

Four Points Retriever Club will host the 2006 Midwest Regional on August 19, 2006 at Benton Retriever Grounds in Benton County, MN.

***The qualification period for the 2006 Regional has been modified to: July 8, 2005 through July 9, 2006***

All individuals who have completed a new title on their dog or have collected the necessary number of qualifications during the qualification period stated above have qualified to run their dog at this event. More information will be sent to qualified dogs as event planning continues. In addition to the Regional, there will be two regular Licensed Field Tests hosted by Four Points RC - premium is being worked on at this time.

## Midwest Region Fund

A number of members have requested an accounting of the Region Funds - how they are collected, from where and how they are utilized. There is a long-standing MW Region Fund agreement (with recent modifications) that has been in place for nearly 15 years detailing the fund and its' use. Last fall, this agreement was sent to each of the NAHRA Club Representatives, in the event they did not have one in their possession. (Please contact your Club Rep to review the document.) Below you will find the income and expense items of the Fund since May of 2005:

**BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 05/01/05:**

**\$2,743.90**

### INCOME:

- ✓ Midwest Regional Raffle (concluded as of June 18, 2005) \$1,110.00
- ✓ Contribution to Region Fund from Four Points RC (\$1 per entry) \$ 163.00  
(No other region clubs contributed the \$1/entry fee in '05 or thus far in '06)
  - Income in past 12 months (May '05 - May '06) \$1,273.00

### EXPENSES:

- ✓ Reimbursement of Roger McCay, RD Meeting in Las Vegas, March '05 \$888.22  
(No face-to-face RD meeting will be held in 2006)
- ✓ Skunk River HRA Regional Entry subsidy (10 dogs @ \$30/ea) \$300.00
- ✓ Reimbursement of "RED" Regional Bands \$105.46
- ✓ Loan to MRC in July '05 for Sep '05 event \$500.00
- ✓ NAHRA Invitational Donation from MW Region Challenge \$500.00
- ✓ Midwest Region Website (Jun '05 through Jun '06) \$155.35
- ✓ Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance (MW Region share) \$100.00
- ✓ NAHRA Midwest Regional Election Expense Reimbursement \$ 50.00
  - Expenses in past 12 months (May '05 - May '06) \$2,599.03

**CURRENT BALANCE OF 05/31/06:**

**\$1,417.87**

It is important to note, in 2004 and 2005 the majority of monies contributed to the Region Fund were from Regional Raffle profits and not from the "usual" \$1 per entry fee from Region Clubs. Even though the raffle held in 2005 was hastily constructed, wonderful prizes were collected from many region clubs and region members, with a sizeable profit of \$1,110 dollars in less than 30 days of selling tickets. If anyone has any questions regarding any or all of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at: [zipgizz@yahoo.com](mailto:zipgizz@yahoo.com). Thank you - Sandy.

## **Contact Information**

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Midwest Region ([www.mwregion.org](http://www.mwregion.org))

## **Midwest NAHRA Clubs and Internet Links**

NAHRA (National) ([www.nahranews.org](http://www.nahranews.org))

Central Flyway Hunting Retriever Association ([www.geocities.com/centralflywayhra/centralflywayhra.html](http://www.geocities.com/centralflywayhra/centralflywayhra.html))

Eastern Iowa Hunting Retriever Association ([www.eihra.net](http://www.eihra.net))

Four Points Retriever Club ([www.geocities.com/fourpointsrc](http://www.geocities.com/fourpointsrc))

New Midwest Retriever Club, Bob Riggs (515-961-4794)

Okoboji Retriever Club, Doug Dodge (712-853-6378)

Skunk River Hunting Retriever Association ([www.skunkdogs.org](http://www.skunkdogs.org))

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