

**Minutes of the VDD-GNA  
Midwest North Chapter Annual Meeting  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
24 February 2013**

Chairman Kurt Haroldson called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. There were no changes proposed to the agenda. A motion passed to accept the 2012 meeting minutes. Kurt stressed that the newsletter is only published 4 times a year so having an email address on file with GNA is very important. Final nominations for chapter chairman and breed warden were called for; no additional nominations were made.

Reports

Chairman Kurt Haroldson said the chapter is in pretty good shape. We have a decent bank balance and are fairly organized.

Vice-Chair/Test Director Dave Swanson recapped the chapter testing season. 60 dogs tested in VJP, 19 dogs tested HZP. The most striking thing about testing in the chapter this year was how many dogs didn't test after VJP; we usually have about a 50% drop off in dogs testing, but this year was more 60%. 3 dogs tested in VGP; 2 passed. VGP seems to wax and wane with interest, some years need more tests than others. For 2013, two VGPs are already near capacity so there if there is interest, an additional test may be added.

Business Manager Faith Wood recapped expenditures for 2012. The current account balance is \$5600. Charging a minimal fee for training events has helped cover those costs; only one event did not break even. Depending on the tax situation, we may need to spend down a bit.

Breed Warden Chris Schmidt updated the chapter on breedings in GNA, as well as at the chapter level. One thing to note is that the GNA schwarzschiimmel rate has crept up again, 22% versus a desired 20% or less, and we need to keep that in mind when breeding.

Training Coordinator Jerry Schenck recapped the training days MWN hosted in 2012, as well as outlining what is scheduled for 2013. In order to encourage members to participate in training days, the chapter will send out an email and publish in the newsletter all the training days we have set up. Wendy Hack suggested printing a flyer to go along with pre-Armbruster/Hegewald information that handlers get after VJP, which lists all of the training days that are set up for the summer.

New Puppy Owner Contact Wendy Hack reported that she has been getting more new owner notifications, but she doesn't often hear back from owners.

MWN Chapter will host the GNA Annual Meeting in 2014. A committee was formed to plan the meeting.

In light of only one nominee per office a motion was made and passed to waive paper ballots. Jerry Schenck was elected Chairman and Terry Huebbe was elected Breed Warden.

Test Schedule

2013 Tests

<b>VJP</b>	<b>HZP</b>
6 ó 7 April, Nekoosa WI	7 ó 8 September, Janesville MN
20 ó 21 April, Janesville MN	TBD September, Nekoosa WI
4 ó 5 May, Amidon ND	7 ó 8 September, Marine on St. Croix MN
<b>VGP</b>	
27 ó 28 September, Eau Claire WI	
TBD September, Nekoosa WI	

## 2014 Tests

<b>VJP</b>	
12 ó 13 April, Nekoosa WI	
26 ó 27 April, Janesville MN	
TBD, Amidon ND	

The Janesville HZP and Kelley Farms HZP will happen the same weekend this year. Both HZPs have to have a minimum of 5 entries in order to hold them. Next year, the Kelley Farms HZP needs to happen on a different weekend than the first weekend after Labor Day. Terry Petro will talk with Ned to see if different grounds (Four Brooks WMA) could be used on a different weekend this year, and will follow up with Dave Swanson.

## 2013 Budget

The chapter voted to provide 10% of the account balance, up to \$500, to subsidize chapter apprentice judges going to Germany or for added expenses during the apprenticeship.

The chapter voted to give up to \$250 to the Heartland Chapter for the GNA Annual Meeting.

The chapter voted to give up to \$150 to the Southeast Hunter Chapter for the Armbruster.

The chapter discussed training days. VGP training weekend 4 - 5 May in Eau Claire. Sonny Piekarcz seminar 8 ó 9 June. Kelley Farms training weekend and pre-Armbruster/Hegewald evaluations 20 ó 21 July. 17 ó 18 August will be the Crex Meadows training weekend. The members discussed allocating dollars to subsidize training days this season; \$250 per training session

Randy Ott was appointed Training Coordinator.

## Other Business

GNA has Distinguished and Exemplary Service Awards; if anyone wishes to nominate a member, contact the chapter board.

A reminder that the chapter has 2 pages in each newsletter for chapter events, etc. If you have something to submit, let the chapter board know. Any motions that the chapter wishes to be sent to the GNA board must be published in the spring newsletter.

The 2014 MWN Annual Meeting will again be held in Eau Claire, Wis.; date to be determined based on availability of breed show venue (dates to be considered: February 1 ó March 31).

The DU National Convention is slated to be in Milwaukee in 2014. Faith Wood will investigate if this is a potential venue to have a VDD-GNA booth.

Pheasant Fest will be held in Milwaukee 14 ó 16 February at the Delta Center. Ken Kamrath and Faith Wood will coordinate volunteers, venue, etc.

MWN will be hosting the GNA Annual Meeting in 2014. Faith Wood will chair the planning committee of member volunteers (Terry Huebbe, Ken Kamrath, Mike Talbot, Priscilla Biermann, Linda Woldt).

Chapter elections will be held for chapter vice chairman and business manager. Submit nominations to Faith; nominations will close at the 2014 MWN Annual Meeting.

Linda Woldt will put together a questionnaire for the membership about what would bring more people to events (especially the annual meeting), what would the membership like to see happen in the chapter, etc. The idea of having a fun hunt with the dogs for use as a fundraiser was also mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.