

BYLAWS for the SAN DIEGO CHAPTER of NAVHDA

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 The name of the organization is the San Diego Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA), also known as NAVHDA San Diego.

Section 2 This organization is an official chapter of the parent organization, NAVHDA. NAVHDA is a legally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to fostering, improving, promoting, and protecting the versatile hunting dog in North America. NAVHDA San Diego is dedicated to the aims stated by the parent organization, “to serve the interests of game conservation, the prevention of cruelty to animals, and good sportsmanship by encouraging hunters to use dogs that are well trained in work before and after the shot, on land and in the water”.

Section 3 The purpose of this organization is to foster, improve, promote, and protect the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America by such activities as:

Sponsoring field tests for the versatile hunting dog breeds according to the rules of the Field Test Standards of NAVHDA;

Sponsoring training clinics in which both handlers and dogs are helped to prepare for both hunting and tests;

Sponsoring meetings of general interest to the membership;

Acquainting sportsmen and hunters with the history and use of the versatile hunting dog breeds.

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1 Persons of good standing who adhere to the purpose and rules of NAVHDA and the organization’s Bylaws can apply for membership. Applicants shall become members of this organization upon payment of dues unless the Board of Directors determines, by majority vote, there are grounds for refusal of the applicant. Grounds for refusal of an applicant are the same as grounds for expulsion of members, as listed in these Bylaws. Active members are those who have paid their dues for the current calendar year to NAVHDA San Diego and to NAVHDA.

Section 2 Expulsion of a member may be made by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Grounds for expulsion are: a violation of this organization’s

rules; other misconduct, such as, but not limited to lying, stealing, or cheating; bringing disrepute to this or any other NAVHDA organization or to sporting dogs in general; unsportsmanlike conduct; failure to follow game conservation practices; breaking Department of Fish and Game laws; or unsafe use of firearms.

Section 3 The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, elect to lifetime honorary membership without payment of dues, any person who makes an outstanding contribution to the organization or its purpose.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Directors

Section 1 The Officers of the organization are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Test Chairman, and Newsletter Editor. Each will serve two calendar years, without pay. An officer may hold more than one office; however, one person shall not hold any two of the offices of President, Vice President, or Treasurer.

Section 2 The President shall ensure all organization business is properly conducted, call meetings, and appoint acting officers to fill vacancies occurring between elections, as required.

Section 3 The Secretary is the executive agent of the organization and is responsible for all of the organization's correspondence, conducts the business of the organization in accordance with its Bylaws and motions carried by the organization, and takes minutes of all meetings.

Section 4 The Treasurer maintains all financial records, receives income, pays bills, and publishes the annual financial report.

Section 5 The Vice President assists the President in executing the business of the organization, and serves as acting President in the absence of the President.

Section 6 The Test Chairman plans and coordinates training and testing functions conducted by the organization.

Section 7 The Newsletter Editor shall distribute a newsletter describing past and upcoming events to all members of the organization on a regular basis.

Section 8 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Test Chairman, and Newsletter Editor.

Section 9 The Test Chairman or his appointee, and at least one member of the Board of Directors, or an appointee by the President, must attend any field test sponsored by the organization.

ARTICLE IV: Elections

Section 1 Nomination for Officers will be made at the odd-year July business meeting and may be made by any active member. Elections will take place at the same meeting, with the person receiving the most votes of the active members present being elected.

ARTICLE V: Parliamentary Procedures

Section 1 The parliamentary business of the organization is conducted at the monthly meetings. If a separate business meeting is not announced, the monthly meetings will be held immediately after the monthly training clinics. To the extent practical, Robert's Rules of Order apply.

Section 2 The Secretary shall, by separate correspondence or in the Newsletter, notify all members of meetings. Motions can be presented by any active member at any meeting. A simple majority of votes cast by active members present at the meeting carries a motion, except for motions to revise or amend the Bylaws, which require a two-thirds majority of active members at the meeting.

Section 3 The Treasurer shall publish an annual financial statement of the organization. The report shall be published in the newsletter after being examined by two members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: Dues

Section 1 The annual dues are payable by January 31 for the ensuing year. For new members who enter the organization after September 1 of any year, their initial dues will also be applied to the following calendar year.

ARTICLE VII: Nondiscrimination

Section 1 The club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, religion or any legally proscribed classification, in its programs, activities, or employment practices.

ARTICLE VIII: Indemnification of Officers

Section 1 To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and Internal Revenue Service regulations from time to time in effect, the corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director,

officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the club as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise whether for profit or not, against expenses including attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonable incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonable believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the club or its members, and, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding if the person had not reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

ARTICLE IX: Dissolution

Section 1 The organization can only be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of active members present at a meeting called specifically to address dissolution. Notice of the meeting shall be sent by U.S mail to the last known address of all active members, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall include the reasons for dissolution and a description of anticipated disposition of assets. No member shall receive any part of the chapter assets.