

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1

The name of this organization is the NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.

(NAVHDA- SO. CAL. CHAPTER)

SECTION 2

The purpose of the organization shall be:

- a) To affiliate with the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association, and abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and rules of the above organization.
- b) To conduct Field Tests under the rules of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association.
- c) To improve the versatile hunting dog breeds by selective breeding based on field test performance and excellence in the breed standard conformation.
- d) To do all in its power to protect and advance interests of the versatile dog breeds.
- e) To encourage and actively promote sportsmanlike conduct in the field, at the tests, and require observance of game laws and regulations.

SECTION 3

The Organization is a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II ACTIVATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1** The Organization shall become active upon the payment of the annual dues of ten (10) or more persons.
- SECTION 2** a) The Board of Directors shall set annual dues, payable on Jan.1st of each year. There shall be a \$ 10.00 late fee charge for all dues paid after March 1st. Any member not paying dues by April 1st will be considered lapsed.
b) Dues apply to a calendar year and are not prorated.
c) New members, who enter the club after November 1st of any year, entitle them to membership for the entire following year.
- SECTION 3** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form provided by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by this Constitution and bylaws. Applicant may be elected by the approval of the Board of Directors, or a majority of the general membership at the general meeting, and become a member upon payment of the dues for the current year.
- SECTION 4** Expulsion of a member may be made by the Board of Directors for violation of the club rules, or misconduct.

ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- SECTION 1** The board Of Directors shall be comprised of: 1) the President, 2) Vice President, 3) Secretary, 4) Treasurer, 5) the Director of Publications , 6) the Training Day Coordinator and 7) Director of Promotion. Positions 3), 4), 5) and 7) can be held by one or more persons.

SECTION 4 **APPRENTICE JUDGES**

Attendees of a judging clinic have priority in the selection of apprentice judges. Individuals must submit a written request for selection to the Director of the Test, or the chapter Secretary. Such request must be submitted by the closing date of entries for said test. There will be a maximum of two (2) apprentice judges in the field at any test.

SECTION 5 **JUDGES EXPENSES**

The chapter will pay all expenses for all judges at sanctioned events. Local judge will receive a maximum of two (2) nights' motel expenses during a two-day test.

SECTION 6 **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Any member in good standing for two membership years may be nominated to any office of the Board of Directors. The nominator must submit written permission of the nominee with the nomination. A nominator may be any member in good standing, irrespective of their length of membership.

SECTION 7 **SEVEN STEPS PROGRAM VERIFICATION**

Signators of verification of completion of the Steps will be appointed by the chapter President. Those eligible for appointment are:

- a) Qualified Utility dog handlers.
- b) Qualified judges.
- c) Members selected by the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS

SECTION 1 **RULES OF THE NATIONAL NAVHDA**

No activity shall be undertaken in opposition to the National Association's article of incorporation or bylaws.

SECTION 2 **DELEGATES TO NATIONAL MEETINGS**

- a) **Delegates to the National Meeting may be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may accept volunteers to the positions.**
- b) **All expenses in association with the positions shall be the responsibility of the delegate.**

Note: **A delegate needs not to be present at a National Meeting in order for chapter views to be aired. Those views must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to delegate meeting, in writing, by mail. They will be considered at the delegate meeting.**

SECTION 3 **CONDUCT AT TESTS**

- a) **At all tests, all dogs must be kept on a lead, stake out, or in a kennel at all times, except the dog being tested.**
- b) **At all tests, the gunners' statement must be read and signed by the gunners.**

They shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and they shall serve until their successors are elected. All officers shall be in good standing, and should be experienced in areas pertaining to the versatile dog breeds.

SECTION 2 **The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, and the Board of Directors, and shall have the powers and duties normally appurtenant to the office of the president, in addition to those particularly specified in this Constitution. The President shall appoint acting officers to fill vacancies occurring between elections, and appoint committee chairmen as may be required, with the approval of the Board members.**

SECTION 3 **The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's absence or incapacity.**

SECTION 4 **The Secretary will have a list of all officers, Board members and general membership to use to notify all members of meetings and club activities. The Secretary conducts correspondence as directed, and reads important correspondence, or the gist of it, at meetings or club activities.**

SECTION 5 **The Treasurer will receive and bank all money due to the organization, including dues payments, and keep a record of same. Send bills when due. Pay whenever possible by check countersigned by the Secretary, President and himself. Report on status of paid-up memberships at regular intervals. Pay bills from officers and committee members only when clearly authorized, and when receipts for expenditures are attached. Give a statement of finances as often as required. Give a complete financial report at the end of fiscal year. Maintain all financial records.**

SECTION 6 **The Director of Publications shall be responsible**

for the club newsletter and all publications as directed by the Board members.

SECTION 7

The Training Day Coordinator shall be responsible to organize the club Training days. He/She should be very familiar with NAVHDA Aims Programs Test Rules. He/She should organize the Training day according the need of various dogs. During the Training days, he/she may divide dogs of different age and appoint experienced members to help in different levels of training.

SECTION 8

The Director of Promotions shall be responsible to advertizing the Southern California Chapter of NAVHDA. He/She should be responsible in promoting camaraderie through the members by the way of group hunting, banquets, picnics, Christmas luncheon and to obtain Sponsor for the Chapter.

SECTION 9

All officers shall serve without pay.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB YEAR AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1

The club year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of the calendar year.

SECTION 2

The election of Officers shall take place every two (2) years by correspondence in the month of August. The Secretary shall notify all paid-up members fifteen (15) days ahead of the annual club meeting in the election year. The election of nominees shall be by the simple majority of the paid-up members.

ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of no less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members. In the event of the club's dissolution, none of the property of the

club shall be distributed to any member of the club, but after payment of all debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given to an organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1

At the meeting of the club, the order of business shall be as follows:

- 1) *Roll Call.*
- 2) *Reading of minutes of last meeting.*
- 3) *Report of the President.*
- 4) *Report of the Treasurer.*
- 5) *Report of committees.*
- 6) *Unfinished business.*
- 7) *Adjournment.*

SECTION 2

At the meetings of the Board, the order of business shall be as follows, unless otherwise directed by the majority of those present:

- 1) *Reading of minutes of last meeting.*
- 2) *Report of the Treasurer.*
- 3) *Report of committees.*
- 4) *Unfinished business.*
- 5) *New business.*
- 6) *Adjournment.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



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