

**Prairie Pointers NAVHDA Gun Dog Inc. Chapter
of the
North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association Inc.
Bylaws**

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be known as “Prairie Pointers NAVHDA Gun Dog Inc. (“The Chapter”)

Section 2: Purpose

To educate all interested persons in the techniques of training, breeding and caring for versatile hunting dogs, to conduct testing of versatile hunting dogs, and to promote selective breeding and population control of versatile hunting dogs breeds. This shall be conducted in compliance with the aims and rules of the parent organization, The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association Inc.

In addition to the foregoing, no part of the net earnings of The Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them below:

“AGM” means the Annual General Meeting;

“Bylaws” means this bylaw and all other bylaws of The Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force;

“Director” means an individual occupying the position of director of The Corporation;

“Member” means a member of The Corporation;

“Members” means the collective membership of The Corporation;

“NAVHDA” refers to the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association;

“Officer” means an Officer of The Corporation;

“Executive Officer” means an individual elected to be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations and urgent decision making of The Corporation;

“The Board” means the board of directors of The Corporation;

“The Chapter” means the Prairie Pointers NAVHDA Gun Dog Inc.;

“The Corporation” means The Corporation that has passed these Bylaws;

“Youth” means any individual aged 12 – 18 years.



ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Activation

The Chapter shall become active upon payment of annual dues by 10 persons

Section 2: Membership

- (a) Membership in The Corporation shall be open to any person regardless of race, religion, sex, age, or place of origin.
- (b) Regular Memberships consist of any person who is training or handling one or more dogs at any Chapter event is required to have a Regular Membership. The Board at its discretion can deny membership to any applicant who is not in good standing with NAVHDA International or another NAVHDA Chapter.
- (c) All members must have a valid Saskatchewan wildlife federation membership.
- (d) All members shall be encouraged to join and support NAVHDA International
- (e) Family Memberships consist of two parents and up to four children (under the age of 18).
- (f) Any person who is not training or handling a dog and attends Chapter events must complete the Release and Express Assumption of Risk Agreement.
- (g) Member voting rights are equal among all Chapter members regardless of their membership status except as shown under Section 3: Dues.
- (h) A youth member has no voting right.

Section 3: Dues

Annual Chapter Dues shall be due and payable on April 1st of each year and shall apply for one calendar year. Amount of said dues shall be set by a majority vote by The Board. Members whose dues are not paid 60 days after the due date are considered terminated. New members who pay dues after October 1st shall be deemed paid through to the end of the subsequent calendar year.

Section 4: Expulsion

The Board may expel a member for misconduct, or any action determined by The Board to be harmful to The Chapter, or any action contrary to the conduct of a sports person who respects and conserves the natural environment, for good cause shown. No refund of dues shall be issued. A member thus expelled may petition The Board for reinstatement after a period of one year. The Board will vote on the petition at the following meeting.

Section 5: Disputes

In the event of a dispute or grievance which is of such a serious nature as to damage The Chapter, The President may appoint a committee consisting of three members of The Chapter one of which shall be a member of The Board and shall act as chairperson. The purpose of this committee shall be to gather facts and mediate the dispute. If no settlement can be reached by the efforts of the committee, they shall present the matter to The Board for final arbitration.

Section 6: Lifetime Membership

The Board may elect to a lifetime membership without payment of dues any persons who make an outstanding contribution to the purpose of The Chapter.



ARTICLE IV– THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

Section 1: The Board

The property and business of The Corporation shall be managed The Board. The Board is not to exceed 11 in numbers who need not be members of The Corporation. They shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected or appointed. They shall hold the control and management of the business of The Corporation and in addition to the powers and authorities by these Bylaws expressly conferred upon them may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by The Corporation, but subject nevertheless, to the provisions of the statutes and of these Bylaws. The individual members shall act only as a board, and the individual members shall have no power as such. The Board shall have the power to constitute such standing of temporary committees, as it shall from time to time be deemed necessary. They shall present at each AGM, and when called from the members, and at any special meeting of the Corporation, a full and clear statement of the business and conditions of The Chapter.

Section 2 Executive Officers

To facilitate operation of The Chapter, Executive Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the AGM, to carry out specific tasks and duties. The Executive Officers of The Board are: Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3: Meeting of The Board:

A quorum will consist of 50% +one member of The Board. If a quorum is not present The Board shall adjourn for a time until a quorum can be present, but not for more than 90 days. All business of The Board will be decided by a majority vote of the members present. Meetings of The Board may be held at any time and at any place as called for by the President on one days' notice to each Director. Such notice may be oral or in writing including by electronic means. All regular Board meetings shall be open to the membership at which members shall be allowed to speak, with permission of The President, but shall not have voting privileges. The Board shall meet a minimum of four times per calendar year.

Section 4: Resignation and Vacancy:

Any member of The Board may in writing addressed to The Board of Directors resign their office at any time. Such resignation shall be valid without any acceptance of the same by The Board. In case of any vacancy in any of the offices of The Corporation, caused by death, disability, disqualification, resignation, removal, or for any reason whatsoever, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by The President with the approval of The Board. The appointee shall serve until the next election year at which time the office shall be filled by a regular election at the AGM of The Corporation.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF BOARD

Section 1: President

The President shall be the chief executive officer and head of the Corporation shall have general and active management of its business and affairs, subject, however to the right of The Directors to delegate any specific powers to any other officer or officers. The President shall preside at all meetings of The Corporation, and/or The Board, and shall appoint and determine the time and place of all meetings thereof, unless otherwise ordered by The Board. They shall make annual reports showing the condition of the affairs of The Corporation, making such recommendations as they think proper and they shall from time to time bring before The Board such information as may be required, touching the business and property of The Chapter. The President is an elected position.



Section 2: Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume the office of The President in the event of a vacancy occurring therein and perform such other duties as determined by The Board. In case of the absence of both The President and The Vice President, a Resident pro tem may be elected. The Vice President is an elected position.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary of The Board shall attend all sessions of The Board and shall act as a clerk thereof and shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book kept for that purpose. They shall see that the proper notice is given of all special meetings of The Board of The Corporation and shall perform such other duties as may be required by The Board or by The President. The Secretary is an elected position.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for and shall maintain financial records of The Chapter. The Treasurer shall maintain all bank accounts, sign cheques, receive and disburse monies. The Treasurer shall maintain membership records of members of The Corporation. The Treasurer shall take the proper vouchers for disbursements of chapter funds and shall render to The President and The Executive Officers at the regular meetings of The Board or whenever they may require it, an account of all these transactions performed as The Treasurer and of the financial conditions of The Corporation. The Treasurer is an elected position.

Section 5: Field Marshal

The Field Marshal is responsible for the organization of all field tests given by The Chapter. Field Marshall is an elected position.

Section 6: Director of Promotions

The Director for this position shall be responsible for the publication of the Chapter newsletter and its distribution to its membership. The Director of Promotions is an elected position.

Section 7: Past President

Past President is a delegate at large and will sit on The Board. If they resign from positions, The Board will elect a person to fill position.

Section 8: Test Secretary

The Test Secretary will perform all duties pertaining to test events and National information. The Test Secretary is an elected position.

Section 9: Director of Training

The Director of Training will provide all information for clinics and testing programs. The Director of training is an elected position.

Section 10: Director of Gunning

The Director of Gunning will conduct training for all those personnel that wish to gun for test and events by The Chapter. The Director of Gunning is an elected position.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1: Periodic:

Elections shall be held in January of each year at the time of the AGM following the criteria prescribed in the table below;



Annual Election Schedule

Even Years	Odd Years
Vice President	President
Treasurer	Secretary
Test Secretary	Field Marshal
Director of Promotions	Director of Gunning
Director of Training	

Terms of an officer shall be two years and shall begin in the election year for that office on the day of AGM and shall expire on the subsequent election year for that office on the day of the AGM.

Section 2: Nominations

An active member of The Chapter may make prior to or during the election year nomination for office.

Section 3: Ballot

A completed ballot shall be presented to the general members at the AGM prior to voting. The ballot shall contain a list of each office to be filled and a list of nominees for each one. One person may be nominated for more than one office, however, that person may only serve in one office at a time. Each member of The Chapter with voting rights shall be entitled to one vote for each office. The order of the voting may be decided at the discretion of The Board.

Section 6: Counting of Ballots

Balloting may be accomplished by visible hand count, secret ballot, or by mail at the discretion of The Board. The results of such election, as determined by a popularity of the votes, shall be made known at the meeting and shall be reported to the general membership within sixty days.

Section 7: Disputes of Election:

The Board shall be the sole arbiter of disputes regarding the validity of the election.

Section 8: Procedure

The Board may make such rules and regulations regarding the elections as necessary consistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - FIELD TESTING

Section 1: Approval, Judges, Apprentice Judges, Rules, and Awards

All tests must be conducted in accordance with the requirements established by NAVHDA.

ARTICLE VIII - CHAPTER PROCEDURE

Section 1: Procedure

Except for the AGM, all chapter business may be conducted by use of the electronic communication, mail, or telephone.

Section 2: Bylaw Amendments

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be voted upon and shall require two-thirds majority of the membership



voting at the AGM to pass a Bylaw amendment.

Section 3: Financial Statement

The Treasurer shall publish a financial statement of The Corporation annually. Such financial report shall be examined by at least two members of The Board other than The Treasurer before the annual publication of such report.

Section 4: Voting

All ordinary business of The Chapter will be decided on by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 5: Committee Chairpersons

The President may appoint a nominating chairperson prior to the AGM or assign each officer the task of seeking nominations to fill his or her office. The nominating chairperson shall draw up a slate of officers for The Corporation to be voted on at the AGM. The Board shall appoint committee chairpersons at their discretion. Suggested committees might be: Clinics, Demonstrations, Membership, Financial, or any others as The Board may see fit.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

The Corporation is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings or assets of The Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. In the event of liquidation or dissolution of The Corporation, the balance of all money and other property received by The Corporation from any source, after payment of all debts and obligations of The Corporation, shall be used or distributed exclusively for purposes of the Saskatchewan Humane Society.

