

NA-JGV 2026 Annual Meeting Notes

Called to Order 4:19 pm, CDT, June 6 2026 at Oak Creek Shooting Club, Brainard, Nebraska

Moment of Silence for passed Members

Motion to Accept Agenda

- D.L. Motions, M.K. Seconds, all Ayes, Motion Passes.

Motion to accept Minutes from previous (2025) Annual Meeting in Iowa

- Motion is made and Seconded. All Ayes. Motion Passes.

Executive Committee Reports

Judge Development – Lori Tyler

- Chairman Jill Manring read Lori Tyler's report
- Currently have 9 Judges, all in Good Standing
- 4 Apprentices
 - 2 started and expected to complete this year
 - Mike Kimbrell also expects to complete this Fall if he can complete VGP dogs.
 - JD Whittington has been held up with a move from Utah to Wyoming, he will need to get started soon as his apprenticeship runs thru 2028.
- 3 Future Apprentices
 - 2 approved by the Board, awaiting application packet submissions
 - 1 is Interested and working on the prerequisites.
- 2 CE programs coming up July 12th and August 9th, available for the judges that are suspended and requiring CE to be reinstated.

Director of Testing - Jeff Henke

Associate Director of Testing - Desiree Loxley reporting
2025

- VJP -42 dogs Tested - 42 Passed - Average score - 64
- BTR - 8 dogs Tested - 2 Passed
- HZP - 28 dogs Entered - 26 Tested - 18 Passed - Average score - 165
- VGP - 7 Dogs Entered - 7 Tested - 3 Passed - Ave Score - 173, includes 4 dogs failing.
 - Ave. of Passing dogs - 279
 - 2 Prize 2 dogs, 288 & 275
 - 1 Prize 3 dog, 276

2026

- VJP - 31 dogs Tested - 31 Passed - Average score - 67
- BTR - 5 dogs Tested - 4 Passed

Upcoming Tests

- 4 HZP's - Wapello, Iowa - Ashland, Illinois - Tilden, Texas - and Ainsworth, Nebraska
- 3 VGP's - Wapello, Iowa - Ashland, Illinois- and Ainsworth, Nebraska
- BTR in Ainsworth, Nebraska

Secretary Report - Lona Kluck

- Karen McNeese reporting for Lona: for Membership 117 current members, down slightly from 2025.
- May pick up some additional memberships with Fall testing

Treasurers Report - Karen McNeese

- See hand out
- Approximately \$20,000 in the bank.
- Cost of Testing for 2025 was \$2016
- Dues paid to Germany - 123 Members - Based on Active Members as of January 1st.
- Judge travel costs and cost of Birds are increasing

Old Business

- By Law Changes - All Bylaw changes and Amendments Passed
- Discussion of Creating an NA-JGV unique annual VGP, similar to Oberlander HZP
 - What will be the Entry Criteria? VG in all Natural Ability Elements in both VJP and HZP?
 - Breed Show? VG for both Form and Coat?
 - Dog Should be marked Loud?
 - Discussion about whether we should include Breed Show requirement since we will be open to multiple breeds, also we are a testing club, maybe not needed?
 - Overnight Tracks Only, should only TvB and TvW be allowed?
 - Special Awards for 4's in certain subjects
 - Test open to all Member Club Breeds, however they must join NA-JGV to run in the test
 - Motion to form a committee to define the criteria and report to the board January 2027, for first test to be run in Fall 2027.
 - Committee includes, Jeff Henke, Russell Bardenhagen, Desireé Loxley, John Richards, Larry Longenette, Steve Myer, Steve Boren
- Discussion of Awards for VGP
 - Change to Plates, Ink Injection vs Engraving
 - Blood Tracking Collar with custom leather work for each recipient?
 - Special Awards possible with a Golden Plate, customizable to include anything desired, even a photo on the plate for the special VGP.
- Sponsorships at tests to raise money to help offset the increasing costs of Tests (bird costs specifically)
 - Relator type signs for Sponsors. With Camera Ready art signs can be printed at Office Depot or Office Max
 - How to provide Value to the Sponsors. Maybe a handout to the Handlers with their test score sheets.
 - Target some of the businesses that we patronize at Tests; Bars, Restaurants, Motels, etc.
 - Pricing, HRC gets \$175 for set up of signs and then \$50 per Test afterwards.
 - 5 Test Locations with Ads possible at all Tests, approach a Dog Food Co. with a National request

New Business

Election of Executive Board- John Richards

- New Executive Board
 - Jill Manring - Chairman
 - Russell Bardenhagen - V. Chairman
 - Jeff Henke - Director of Testing
 - Kris Longenette - Secretary
 - Karen McNeese - Treasurer
- Discussion of Staggering Executive Board Elections
 - Off set elections of Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - V. Chairman and Treasurer will be elected in 2028
 - Chairman, Director of Testing and Secretary will be elected in 2030
 - Terms are 4 years, so future elections will follow this pattern.
 - Intent is to provide continuity and skill at all positions and avoid a complete turn over of the Board
 - If a Current Board member runs for a new position and is elected, the Board will appoint a backfill for the remainder of the term.
 - Motion to Approve the Stagger and a new Election in 2028, Seconded, all Ayes, Motion is Approved.
- 2026 - 2028 Budget
 - Karen reviewed the provided actuals and projections.
 - Testing entries are down this year, number of Litters are down last year and this year for DD's.
- Awards
 - Recognition Awards
 - ✦ Lona Kluck - Certificate of Appreciation
 - ✦ Lori Tyler - Certificate of Appreciation
 - ✦ Chuck Davis - Certificate of Appreciation
 - ✦ Bobbi Benson - Certificate of Appreciation
 - High Score Awards
 - ✦ VJP - Tristan Spiegel with Buckeye vom Treten O Bauernhofe - 75
 - ✦ HZP - Zach Peppers with Allie vom Peppers - 184
 - ✦ VGP - Bob Wasylyk - Gypsi II vom Entenmoor - 288 Prize 2
 - VGP Plates
 - ✦ Bob Wasylyk and Gypsi II vom Entenmoor, Prize 288 Prize 2
 - ✦ Larry Longenette and Odin II vom Eisbärteich, 275 Prize 2
 - ✦ Scott Furstenau and Hammer II vom Entenmoor, 276 Prize 3
 - Special Appreciation Awards
 - ✦ Karen McNeese - Special Appreciation Award
 - ✦ Jeff Henke - Dedication to Training and Testing (>35 years)
 - ✦ Jill Manring - Appreciation for Testing, Training and Supporting our dogs (42 years)
 - Donation for Oberlander
 - ✦ Discussion of what could be donated. Suggestion of an entry into a VGP.
 - ✦ Discussion of a quality training item that could be branded with the NA-JGV logo.
 - ✦ Jill will reach out to Oberlander group and determine what would be acceptable, so we don't step on any toes.
 - ✦ Motion made to commit to make a donation to the Oberlander. Motion seconded, all Ayes, Motion passes.
 - Blood Tracking
 - ✦ Tough test to put on.

- ✧ Few Qualified Judges, Jeff Henke, Leonard Chase, Ron Fry, Curt Caldwell
 - ✧ Current testing window is April 1 through December.
 - ✧ Hosting tests will encourage more Blood Tracking Judges
 - ✧ 15 listed Blood Tracking Judges with 8 Active.
 - ✧ Requires large spaces, tracks are 1000m long with 120m between tracks.
- Supplement Test Fees
 - ✧ Other Clubs are having Handlers pay for VGP plates
 - ✧ Chairman does not want Handlers to have to buy their own plates, they are putting in the time and effort to train their dogs. It was called out how much is invested into the dogs and that the plate is an incentive and if you have to buy your own plate, that can be hard to accept.
 - ✧ Reducing the number of Birds per test to reduce testing costs may offset the plate costs.
 - ✧ Ducks may be able to be reduced but game birds may be difficult to reduce and ensure that all dogs have proper opportunities to be tested.
 - ✧ Sale of left over birds was discussed.
 - ✧ Bird Sponsorship was discussed. Discussion of Breeders sponsoring Birds for their Litters test. Also discussion of going back to the relator signs for Sponsorship.
- Schedule Date and Location of 2027 Annual meeting
 - ✧ VDD-GNA's annual meeting was the same weekend as our Annual Meeting this year.
 - ✧ Concern for hot weather when having the meeting later in the year.
 - ✧ Motion was made to have the 2027 meeting at this same location, the Oak Creek Shooting Club in Brainerd, Nebraska, June 5 and 6th, 2027. Motion was seconded, all voted Aye, Motion passes.
- 6:30pm Motion to Close the Meeting was made, Motion was seconded, all Ayes, Motion Passed, Meeting Adjourned.