

American Helmet Association

Helmet Happenings

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Agenda / Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, NPA Grand National, Lancaster, PA

The meeting was called to order January 10, 2009, 9:10 AM by outgoing President Dennis Bray and turned over to incoming President Bob Bollinger.

Members in attendance:

Charles Dwight	District 6	Bob Bollinger	District 7
Galen Goshorn	District 7	Steve Petito	District 5
Dennis Bray	District 2	Dennis Manning	District 2
Hank Ebbelaar	District 2	Vic Eshpeter	District 2
Mike Crawford	District 7	Harold Strawniak	District 7
Giulio Marcoccia	District 10	Danny Revolinski	District 3

- Reading of Last Year's Minutes, Motion to accept by Dennis Bray second by Vic Eshpeter.
- Treasurer's Report, Motion to approve by Dennis Manning second by Dennis Bray

Officer's Reports

- Districts 1 & 6 were sort of stagnant but folks are trying to have meets and events.
- Dist 6 is going to try to have a meet at Detroit.
- District 5 tried to have their 1st show, things were slow but they are still trying.
- District 7 has had a number of point shows. A new member Ray Kolinski has stepped up to take on Dist Director and coordinated 2 point shows at Uniontown.
- We are seeing more excitement than in previous years. Looking forward to next season.

Old Business

- New numbers of bands – Last year we lost some money on our band sales. We decided to order less for this year and it looks like we will sell out. Our number appears correct!
- Staging the show area by breeder – Dennis Manning suggested that it was a pain in the butt to find birds when stewarding birds. It is more convenient to coop in and out, but it was harder to steward. It slowed the show down. Dennis Manning makes motion to go back to organizing by color. Second by Mike Crawford. Approved.
- Review proposed standard update with new colors – We have draft copies of the standard showing the modifications with Spread Ash. The members can review these and we need to remind them to vote.
- Review proposed master breeder updated with new points for muffed– We have draft copies of the master breeder program showing the modifications with Spread Ash. The members can review these and we need to remind them to vote.
- How we deal with new rule on MFMs, are MFPM and MFPM grouped separate or different? - We agreed to interpret the proposal up for vote to mean; that we will judge them as classes and then do a final line up all together and list top to bottom for points.
- National Champion Pins – We got 100 pins and they cost us ~2\$ each. Vic Eshpeter found them for 3\$ less each, than the original estimate.

New Business

- Need money approved for club web sites – Motion to approve club payment of approximately the same amount of money for the AHA and My Family web sites, By Bob Bollinger, Second by Dennis Manning, Approved.
- Breeder of the Year rules – 2 consecutive year concern – When the Breeder of the Year rules were changed, the intent was to make the award strictly dependant on master breeder points. There is a concern that the rule saying the award could not be won on two consecutive years is still in place. We need to change and clarify that the 2 consecutive year rule is no longer in place. A constitution change is required and will be submitted before the National is over.
- Email bulletins –everyone remind Chuck if you wish to receive via email – This will reduce Paul's work and the club's copying / postage costs.
- Review upcoming slate of officers and term durations – Will be posted on web site and bulletin, 2 Year Terms.
- We need to sell a bunch more of the 50th anniversary apparel – We still have a number of shirts, caps, and pins available for members to buy. The club has a good amount of money invested in the stuff so we need to sell as much as possible. We paid \$648 for the apparel and we have sold ~\$350 so far. Everyone to remind others to buy.
- Recognition of Myron for his work on the 50th Year Book – Myron Burger spent a huge amount of time on the year book and we need to thank him for all his efforts. We will try to get him a thank you card.
- Cost of 50th Year Book – Myron has invested a significant amount of his personal money in the year book. We need to take donations and possibly augment the money with club funds to limit his exposure. Myron stepped up to do a great job for the club. He should not be out of his own money as a result of it! Motion by Dennis Manning to reimburse Myron for his money out of pocket, Second by Dennis Bray, Approved.

- Review the data that is posted on the web site – We reviewed the data that is currently posted on the web site. We also discussed the incentives for people to be members of the club with free access to data on the site.
- Consider removing club rule regarding awards to AHA members only – We discussed the fact that our club constitution states that only club member are eligible for club awards. When we have meets at all breeds shows and accept rebates, we are required to provide awards. If someone who is not a members enters at the all breeds show, and we have taken the host club's money we need to give them something. Members agreed that if awards are purchased with rebate moneys, they are an event award not an AHA award so it is ok to give it out.
- Officers Tasks lists – Bob is creating a little cheat sheet for all of our club officers to help everyone (especially the new people) remember what all they need to do as an office. More to come on this in the bulletin.
- Get shows defined and listed early – Everyone agreed that we should work to get our shows and meets identified early and then communicated to the bulletin and web sites so everyone can plan on attending the shows.
- Suggestions to promote junior members – There was a discussion on ways to promote Juniors and members in general. Ray will be doing breeder profiles in the bulletin. It was suggested that all district directors do that.
- Update of paper addresses and email addresses club documents – There is an effort going on to update people email and paper addresses on club documents. If you see any anything that is not correct, let Chuck know.
- Review district layouts and rational – There was a lengthy discussion on the early rational for our district layouts. We also discussed the pros and cons of living near district borders.

General Discussion

Bob discussed some of his visions for the club as president. We looked at some historical trends of helmet entries at major shows. We have a great nucleus of people showing helmets. To move forward we need more communication and outreach to members. Also working to make stock available is important.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Manning, second by Dennis Bray, Meeting Adjourned at 10:40AM

50th ANNIVERSARY PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	
ITEM	COST (each)
Button	\$ 1.50
Embroidered Ball Cap	\$ 12.00
T-Shirt	\$ 10.00
SHIPPING	
ITEM	COST
Button	\$ 2.00
Ball Cap	\$ 4.00
T-Shirt	\$ 4.00
Ball Cap and T-Shirt	\$ 7.00

Your Dues are Due

<u>Member</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>District</u>
John DeCarlo Jr.	1	William Martindale	8
Ray Sanchez	3	Pavel Lutsenko	9
David Henshaw	6	Francois Renaud	10
S&S Lofts	6	Danny Garling	14

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Secretary's Report

By Charles Dwight

I received my 50th Anniversary Yearbook after I had sent my material for the last bulletin to Paul so I didn't get any comments in on it. All I can say is that Myron did an outstanding job. Almost everyone I have talked to think it is great. Some of the newer members have said there is too much about the past. My answer to them is that is what the yearbook is about. Some other comments came from some of our Eastern members. They complained that there is not much in the yearbook about the East. To them I say; did you send anything to Myron to print? Their answers are no. Thanks Myron for an outstanding job.

Show season is over and it is time to start thinking about the breeding pens again.

A lot of our districts reported poor shows. The National was a great show again in spite of the poor economy and high airline costs. Some of our Western members left their birds at home or sent them in the mail because of the airline cost so they could not bring all of them.

Voting is over for the spread ash and muffed helmet master breeder points. Both passed unanimously.

In this bulletin you will find another constitutional change proposal that will be voted on after it has been in the bulletin twice. The proposal is to remove the rule that breeder of the year cannot be won two years in a row. This has already been passed by the Board of Directors.

You can now get your bulletin by email. This will save a lot of costs for the AHA. Details can be seen elsewhere in this bulletin.

Treasurer's Report

2008 Financial Report

By Charles Dwight

Income

Dues	907.00
Bands	885.75
Band Postage	70.10
Non AHA Band Registration	5.00
Patches	30.00
Old Pins & Yearbook	29.00
AHA Handbook	60.00
National Helmet Auction	790.00
National Show Rebate	206.00
50 th Anniversary Caps, Buttons, T-Shirts	347
Total	\$3329.85

Expenses

Postage	61.69
Supplies	120.84
2007-2008 Web Sites	290.00
National Helmet Auction	711.00
2007 National Awards	317.00
Bulletin Printing	339.90
Bulletin Postage	245.62
2009 Bands	900.00
50 th Anniversary Caps, Buttons, T-Shirts	648.35
Stamps	174.20
NPA ¼ Page Ad	50.00
NPA Dues	20.00
50 th Anniversary Yearbook Postage	183.18
Total	\$4,061.78

Totals

2008 Starting Balance	\$ 3313.74
Income	\$ 3329.85
	Balance \$ 6643.59
Expenses	\$ 4061.78
Dec 2008 Ending Balance	\$ 2581.81

Get Your Bulletin by Email

If you want to get your AHA bulletin by email send your correct email address to Secretary Charles Dwight. You will get your bulletin much faster and at a lot less cost to the AHA. The US Postal Service will be raising rates in May 2009 so the cost for mailing the bulleting will rise. Help us save some money and have your bulletin emailed. To receive the bulletin electronically, email your email address to Charles Dwight at mrsd@wcnnet.org. Be sure to put AHA in the subject line.

District 12 Report

By Raul Delgado

Snow, snow and more snow. That seems to be the story here in the East. It's february and the bitter cold just won't let up. We've all had a challenge keeping the water from freezing, even with heaters and light bulbs. It's become a full time job.

The talk around the Lancaster National was to hold the Eastern sectional in district 12 in conjunction with the Rochester Pigeon Club in New York. I am in the process of getting a possible show date. The date is crucial, being that it has clashed with the Canadian National Show. Our Canadian friednds have supported us in the past and we always appreciate the level of competition. Gary, Randy, John, Paul and Giulio, Thank You!

Congratulations to Mr Crawford on his MFC National win. Mr Phy on his MFP National win and Mr Patti on his SFC National win.

Where is Bob Dunlap?? ☹

District 10 Report

By Paul McRae

It's the end of February now and the bitter winter weather seems to be breaking. Finally! I was planning on putting my birds together just after the new year since I was so late last year. Past experience told me not to. With winters this cold I'm lucky to get 4 or six young by the end of Feb. It's just not worth the effort. I also causes the hens to have to lay many more eggs than they normally would, thus tiring them unnecessarily. I'm planning on putting them together the first week of March. By the time any young are hatched it will have warmed up somewhat.

Giulio has had a very good start. Two good rounds so far with minimal losses. Ah the wonder of heat! Gary Parsons and John Hoekstra put their birds together at the start and end of February respectively. Gary has several pairs of shortface and a few pairs of plainheads in addition his normal crested pairs.

Note that my new email address is pigeon-man@sympatico.ca Do not use my old address please. It will get bounced back.

Proposal to Amend AHA Constitution

The current rule is that a member cannot win breeder of the year two years in a row.

Proposal is to amend Section C-2 of the constitution regarding breeder of the year rules to allow a member to receive the award in consecutive years.

Proposed by Dennis Manning, Vic Eshpeter and Hank Ebbelaar of District 2.
Passed Unanimously by the Board of Directors.

AHA SHOW REPORT Medium Face Crested

Show / Club: Canadian Helmet Club Young Bird Show
Location: Sarnia, Ontario
Date: November 15, 2009
Judge: Mike Gulliford

District Director: Paul McRae
District: 10 **Event:** District
Number Shown: 62 **Total in Event:** 86
Number Exhibitors: 5 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	171	Red	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	29.00
2	21	Blue	YM	Gary Parsons	21.75
3	99	Dun	YM	Giulio Marcoccia	17.40
4	120	AORC	YM	Giulio Marcoccia	14.50
5	207	Yellow	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	11.60
6	43	Black	YM	Non Member	8.70
7	177	Silver	YM	Giulio Marcoccia	7.25
8	46	Blue Check	YH	Non Member	5.80
9	136	Ash Red	YM	Giulio Marcoccia	4.35
10	95	Silver Check	YM	Non Member	2.90

Note: All placings of the medium face plainheads were non AHA members so were not reported.

AHA Show Report

Medium Face Crested

Show / Club: Lancaster National
Location: Lancaster, PA
Date: January 9, 2009
Judge: Don Phy
District Director: Bob Bollinger
District: 7
Number Shown: 135
Number Exhibitors: 14

Total in Event: 200
Number Districts: 6

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1125	Black	OC	Mike Crawford	76.75
2	91	Red	OH	Giulio Marcoccia	57.56
3	2724	Black	OH	Raul Delgado	46.05
4	153-07	Dun	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	38.38
5	624	Yellow	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	30.70
6	728	Red	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	23.03
7	117	Black	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	19.19
8	130	Dun	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	15.35
9	203	Red	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	11.51
10	183	Black	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	7.68
11	2794	Red	YH	Raul Delgado	3.84
12	113	Blue	OH	Giulio Marcoccia	3.07
13	133	Yellow	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
14	177	Silver	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
15	259	Yellow	OH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
16	118	AORC - Spread Ash	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
17	155	Blue	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
18	153-08	Blue	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
19	136	AORC - Spread Ash	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
20	145	Blue	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
21	209	AORC - Spread Ash	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
22	1438	Silver	OC	Bob Bollinger	2.30
23	50	Silver	OH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
24	715	Dun	OH	Giulio Marcoccia	2.30
25	2888	Yellow	YC	Tony Patti	2.30
26	519	Ash Red	YH	Ray Kolinski	2.30
	2752	Black	OC	Raul Delgado	2.30

Brought back 2nd to champ

<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>
12	Victor Cline	14	James Ashton
7	Dennis Manning	2	Mike Crawford
7	Steve Combs	7	Bob Bollinger
7	Tony Patti	12	Galen Goshorn
7	Steve Petito	5	Victor Cardillo
2	Ray Kolinski	7	Dennis Bray
12	Giulio Marcoccia	10	Raul Delgado

AHA Show Report

Medium Face Plainhead

Show / Club: Lancaster National
Location: Lancaster, PA
Date: January 9, 2009
Judge: Mike Crawford
District Director: Bob Bollinger
District: 7
Number Shown: 38 **Total in Event:** 200
Number Exhibitors: 9 **Number Districts:** 7

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	332	Blue	OC	Don Phy	51.00
2	121	Red	YC	Victor Cardillo	38.25
3	1337	Blue	YH	Bob Bollinger	30.60
4	309	Red	OH	Victor Cardillo	25.50
5	1106	Yellow	YC	Dennis Bray	20.40
6	347	Silver	OH	Don Phy	15.30
7	1998	Blue	YC	Dennis Manning	12.75
8	2606	Black	OH	Tony Patti	10.20
9	1261	Yellow	OH	Bob Bollinger	7.65
10	1423	Blue	OH	Bob Bollinger	5.10
11	2826	Yellow	YH	Tony Patti	2.55
12	1852	Red	OC	Dennis Manning	2.04
13	126	Ash Red	YC	Victor Cardillo	1.53
14	82	Dun	OC	Giulio Marcoccia	1.53
15	311	Ash Red	OH	Chuck Dwight	1.53
16	3444	Yellow	OC	Victor Cardillo	1.53
17	2840	Black	YC	Tony Patti	1.53
18	31	Ash Red	OC	Victor Cardillo	1.53
19	132	Red	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	1.53
20	2740	Ash Yellow	OH	Chuck Dwight	1.53
21	710	Dun	OH	Tony Patti	1.53
22	60	Ash Yellow	OC	Chuck Dwight	1.53
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<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>
6	Dennis Manning	2	Chuck Dwight
7	Don Phy	4	Bob Bollinger
7	Danny Garling	14	Victor Cardillo
2	Giulio Marcoccia	10	Dennis Bray
12	Toni Patti		

AHA Show Report Short Face Crested

Show / Club: Lancaster National
Location: Lancaster, PA
Date: January 9, 2009
Judge: Victor Cardillo
District Director: Bob Bollinger
District: 7
Number Shown: 21 **Total in Event:** 200
Number Exhibitors: 6 **Number Districts:** 4

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	2502	Yellow	OH	Tony Patti	44.25
2	1139	Red	OC	Tom Rimmer	33.19
3	762	Dun	YH	Tom Rimmer	26.55
4	1735	Red	YH	Gerald Pace	22.13
5	1187	Red	YC	Dennis Bray	17.70
6	2245	Red	OH	Dennis Manning	13.28
7	2406	Black	OH	Tony Patti	11.06
8	2801	Yellow	YC	Tony Patti	8.85
9	2846	Yellow	YH	Tony Patti	6.64
10	2822	Black	YH	Tony Patti	4.43
2708	Yellow	OH		Tony Patti	Brought back 2nd to champion

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Districts:		Exhibitors:	Districts:		Exhibitors:
5		Gerald Pace	12		Tom Rimmer
12		Dennis Bray	2		Tony Patti
2		Don Phy	4		Dennis Manning

AHA Show Report Short Face Plainhead

Show / Club: Lancaster National
Location: Lancaster, PA
Date: January 9, 2009
Judge: Victor Cardillo
District Director: Bob Bollinger
District: 7
Number Shown: 1 **Total in Event:** 200
Number Exhibitors: 1 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1953	Black	YC	Dennis Manning	

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Districts: 2		Exhibitors: Dennis Manning			

AHA Show Report Medium Face Muffed

Show / Club: Lancaster National
Location: Lancaster, PA
Date: January 9, 2009
Judge: Victor Cardillo
District Director: Bob Bollinger
District: 7
Number Shown: 5 **Total in Event:** 200
Number Exhibitors: 1 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	851	Dun	OC	Tony Patti	
2	133	Red	OC	Tony Patti	
3	685	Red	YH	Tony Patti	
4	686	Dun	YC	Tony Patti	
5	688	Yellow	YH	Tony Patti	
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Districts: 12		Exhibitors: Toni Patti			

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