

**APHA Annual Meeting**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Reno, Nevada**

Attendees at EC and AGM

John Sharp  
Charles Williams  
Jason Roussos  
Ian Batchelor  
Gerard Pasanisi  
Joe Prather

Attendees at AGM

Eric Pasanisi  
Phillip Steyn  
Jody Newell  
Simon Burgess  
Luke Samaras  
Jean Pierre Bernon  
Brook Chilvers Lubin  
Rudy Lubin  
Michael Angelides  
Frederic Blochet  
Mauro Fabris  
Dirk DeBod  
Roger Hurt  
Mike Kibble  
Peter Kibble  
Bert Kleinberger  
Paul Prudler  
Tony Tomkinson  
Gamshad Gamdust  
John Boretsky-SCI Representative  
Peter Butland-PHASA  
Almut Kronsbein-NAPHA

Regrets:

Robin Hurt  
Valery Giscard d'Estaing  
Douglas Scandrol

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Prather, the new Executive Officer, replacing Adam Hill who resigned at last year's meeting. He asked that the current EC members be re-elected to help maintain continuity during his transition into the EO position. The EC was unanimously re-elected by the AGM.

Joe reported that the APHA and the African PHA Foundation will be represented at booth #4 at SCI. Tickets for the Annual Dinner and the Fundraiser in New York can be purchased at the booth.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Charles Williams reported that the APHA funds have been consolidated in one bank in Colorado. The accounts in Austria and Switzerland have been closed. There is \$15,000 in the APHA bank account and \$8,000 in the African PHA Foundation bank account. The Foundation showed a very modest profit of \$147 for the calendar year ending December 31, 2008. The Foundation was founded by APHA in July of 2008 to be the charitable arm of APHA, and to enable U.S. taxpayers to deduct their contributions to the full extent of the law.

### **Membership**

Membership rules and fees were discussed. It was the consensus recollection of those present that APHA Life Membership fee for an elected PH is a one-time \$600 payment, and that Honorary Members, who are to be sponsored by Life Members, for a one-time \$1,000 payment for the first Honorary Member proposed by a Life Member, and \$500 for subsequent Honorary Members sponsored by the same Life Member. Joe will have Life Member applications at the booth. They are also on the APHA website.

The APHA foundation, a newly formed, non-profit, organization, is the charitable arm of the APHA. Membership in the African PHA Foundation is open to anyone who supports our goals. Life Membership is a one-time contribution of \$1,000 and Annual Membership is \$100 per year. Members may join the Foundation and pay on our web site. To date 5 Life and 2 Annual Members have signed up and paid.

APHA will consider making existing Honorary Members new Life Members of the African PHA Foundation. One purpose would be give a higher profile to the professional hunters who are the Life Members of APHA, while providing separate recognition and tax favored donation possibilities to Foundation members.

## **Ethics**

The Association's Code of Ethics was revised last year. It was formally moved, seconded, and approved by the AGM this year. Brooke Chilvers Lubin said that she would report on APHA's Code of Ethics in the *African Sporting Gazette*.

## **Exhibitors at Shows**

The problem of unscrupulous hunters exhibiting at SCI was raised and discussed. John Sharp reported that he was at the SCI Guides & Outfitters meeting yesterday and the problem was discussed. John Boretsky, SCI representative to APHA, said he favored an SCI requirement that all exhibitors be required to be a member of a recognized professional hunting association. There are very strong feelings on this subject and SCI needs to be helped to develop a rational policy. Dallas Safari Club has a policy that allows them to deny booth space to any exhibitor who is not a member in good standing of a recognized professional hunting association. A letter is circulating that supports adoption of this new policy by SCI. John Boretsky has been pushing this for 3 years. APHA will try to help John to get this initiative passed. This was the most important matter raised at the SCI G&O meeting. Peter Butland, PHASA representative to APHA, felt this has been a problem for a long time, and is also an issue with North America, South America, and outfitters from other areas. He would like to see it pushed at the May SCI Board Meeting in Washington.

## **Additional Issues**

Brooke Chilvers Lubin reported that there is a problem with some PHs doing only 1 or 2 hunts in a country who leave the country with taxes and other financial obligations unpaid. They are not members of the country's PH association. Brooke raised the question of how we can see that these PHs meet the same financial obligations that the resident PHs must meet. She proposed that APHA should include in our Code of Ethics the necessity of a member's meeting the financial obligations of any country in which they hunt. Joe Prather asked that Brooke send him an email outlining the issue and details and he will follow up with a draft proposal to the EC for further discussion.

### **New Members**

The issue of bringing in new, younger members was raised. Peter Butland said that some are scared away because they think APHA is such an esteemed organization. Joe Prather will draft a letter with a clear statement of why someone would want to join APHA, the benefits of being a member, and what the membership requirements are. A draft will be sent to the EC for comment.

### **Membership Participation**

The problem of meeting attendance was raised. The consensus of the meeting was that we needed to do something to greatly improve attendance at the AGM. Charles Williams felt the newly created APHA web site might help capture some thoughts from those who cannot, or have not, attended the meetings. Brooke suggested that a proxy system be set up on the web site for those who cannot attend.

### **New York Fundraiser**

Joe reported that the event on the evening of January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Racquet & Tennis Club was established to promote interest and financial support for APHA. An auction will be held and already some great donations have been received. Members are encouraged to invite clients and friends to this event. This will be the first. It is anticipated that this event in New York City will grow each year as a regular stop for members on their way home after SCI. The event will cover a different market, attracting clients from Boston to Philadelphia to New York City.

### **Executive Committee**

Charles Williams, in consultation with Gerard Pasanisi, advised that the Constitution states that the Executive Committee members are to be elected to four year terms. Therefore, the re-election of the EC earlier in the AGM will stand for the next four years. If any current EC members wish to resign before their term is up they may do so by submitting their resignation to the EO. The EC will then elect a replacement to serve until the next AGM.

### **Letter from President Giscard d'Estaing**

Joe Prather read the letter from the President who regretted being unable to attend the meeting and affirming that he seriously supports the ethics and professionalism of the APHA and big game hunting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10am

Respectfully submitted,

Ev Prather