

North American Flyball Association, Inc. ®

Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference

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July 12, 2011

Present via telephone were: Board of Directors

Nancy Garcia,
Leerie Jenkins,
Dana Nichols,
Karen Oleson,
Curtis Smith,
Ally Stern,
Dave Walt.

Chairman Leerie Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EDT. Due to a previous engagements Sam Ford, Kris Pickering and Lee Heighton could not attend the meeting.

Judge Advancements- Leerie Jenkins

Leerie reported that the judges committee recommends advancement of all three of the following judges.

- Lorraine Messier of Attetboro, MA - Provisional to Approved. . Dana moved that we promote the judge as recommended. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Spitznas of Purcellville, VA - Provisional to Approved. Dana moved to promote the judge as recommended. Curtis seconded. . The motion passed unanimously.
- Melissa Taliana of Inverary, ON - Provisional to Approved. Dave moved that we promote the judge as recommended. Karen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Election Committee- Dana Nichols

There was a discussion about the upcoming 2012 NAFA election and how it should be handled. In the past NAFA handled the election in-house. In 2011 NAFA used a third party voting service. The election committee recommended that we continue outsourcing the election to an impartial third party for our annual election. Also, in 2011 the vast majority of the votes were submitted online. Only approx one dozen of the 2011 ballots were returned by mail. The third party charged over \$1000 for the paper ballot service. Since it is very costly and very few people returned their ballots in the mail, the election committee recommended for 2012 we opt for an "all electronic" ballot.

The election committee reported that there have been discussions with the voting service company in regards to improved services offered for our 2012 election. The election committee received quotes from various voting service companies and the current company had the lower price.

Curtis moved for the 2012 election we use the same service as last year and that we go with an "all electronic" ballot. Dana seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding those

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delegates that did not opt in last year and voted by paper ballot as well as those delegates that need to update their email address. Before September 30, 2011 the delegates who qualify for votes in the 2012 election (RDs, approved or supervising judges, board members, and club owners) should ensure that NAFA has a current email address. With the help of the NAFA website, the NAFA News Yahoo group, the RDs, Karen Olsen, Dale Smith, Gord Mak, Lee Heighton, and perhaps a paper-mailing, the election committee is confident that we can notify the delegates.

There was no further discussion. Leerie called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Owners of clubs which qualify for delegate votes in 2012, RDs, judges and Board members should ensure that NAFA has their current email address (further instructions will be available soon).

There was a very brief discussion about standardizing election procedures. At the August Board meeting the election committee will present specific recommendations to the Board.

Old Business:

CanAm Venue- Leerie Jenkins

The Board talked about the location of CanAm in future years. Lee has looked at sites in Ontario but Nancy and Curtis were concerned that this would no longer make the tournament location somewhat centrally located-- no one disagreed with that. Discussion followed in regards to the availability of affordable, size appropriate facilities and the various pros and cons of various suggested locations. The Board felt that the current venue in Indianapolis, Indiana is the most the most centrally located to maximize participation for both American and Canadian participants. No motion was made to move the location of the CanAm tournament in the near future.

There was also a discussion about the tentative dates for the 2012 and 2013 CanAm tournaments. Concern regarding booking CanAm on holiday weekends was discussed and it was resolved that while every consideration will be given to avoid booking on such weekends there could possibly be no other choice due to availability of venue.

Dana moved to adjourn the meeting. Curtis seconded. No one opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM EST.