

Highlights of the August 7, 2010 NAFA® Board Meeting

Budget:

- The Board passed an operating budget for FY 2011 showing a projected positive income. The CanAm event numbers are budgeted separately.
- Nancy presented the proposed budget for CanAm, which shows a break even position. The Board accepted the proposed budget.

Region 6/16 realignment:

- Lee presented a proposed regional realignment for regions 6 and 16. The plan would divide the regions along north/south lines, with northern California and northern Nevada and Utah comprising region 16 and the southern parts of these states and Arizona comprising region 6. A map will be circulated on regional lists and comments gathered.

New judge advancements:

Provisional to Approved:

- Dave Dery, Cambridge ON
- Ed Roth, Cedar Rapids IA
- Hugh Morrow, Etobicoke ON
- Tammy Wilson-Teeter, Phoenix AZ

Apprentice to Provisional:

- Beth Hudson, Pensacola FL
- Mike Miller, Myakka City FL
- Steve Heine, Placentia CA
- Steve Corona, Georgetown TX
- Lorraine Messier, Attetboro MA

Rule changes effective October 1, 2010:

- *Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:* Significant modifications were approved.
- *Tournament fees:* Tournament fees for tournaments over one day in length will be increased from \$20/\$25 to \$30/\$35 to align them with the fees associated with single day tournaments, which are currently \$20/\$25 for the first day and \$10/\$15 for subsequent days. As a result, the fees to host one two day tournaments will be the same as to host two one day tournaments.
- *Manual Racing:* Added language to Section 8.7(2), rules for manual racing (no EJS) to clarify, "Timing of the heat begins with the whistle."

- *Expense money:* Modified rule regarding expense money for tournaments as follows:
Section 6.1 – Requirements
(l) Prize money for any one team may not exceed \$500.00 USD or \$600.00 CDN per event per day. ~~In addition, a host or sponsor may offer expense money provided the same is distributed fairly among all participating teams, based on actual expenses.~~
- *Judges:* Amended section 6.1(o) [page 30 of current rulebook] to clarify which judges may judge tournaments: "Any tournament sanctioned by NAFA® must use a NAFA® approved Head Judge at the provisional level or higher."
- *Retrieving ball:* Amended Section 8.3 - The Heat to clarify that the dog must be the one to release the ball from the box.
(a) The Run. Dogs may start from a stationary or running start. Each dog is to hurdle the four jumps in succession, trigger the box, releasing the ball, retrieve the ball, and return over all four jumps and the start/finish line with the ball in its mouth."
- *Runback and matting:* Added two definitions to the glossary to clarify runback and matting:
Racing lane – The racing lane extends from the backstop behind the box, through the course, through the start finish line, to the point where the racing surface (grass, matting, etc.) no longer extends at least 4.5 feet on either side of the racing lane center line. See also the diagram in Section 2.4 – Ring Layout.
Runback – That area of the racing lane leading up to the start finish line, before the course, which consists of the racing surface (grass, matting, etc.) a minimum of 4.5 feet on either side of the racing lane center line. This distance is required on the sanctioning form to sanction an event.
- *Redrawing limited tournaments:* Added two subsections to Section 6.1(k) regarding draws for limited classes to clarify that when an error is made in a draw, the draw for the entire event must be repeated:
(iv) If any limited class in an event requires a draw, then all limited classes in that event must be drawn.
(v) If the Executive Director determines that the draw was completed incorrectly, then the draw for the entire event will be repeated.
- *Handicapped dogs:* Added language to several rules to clarify modifications permitted for deaf dogs: For deaf dogs, boxloaders should be permitted to use a subtle hand signal as long as it does not interfere with other competitors.
- *Holding back dogs/breakout rule:* Modification of Section 5.1 – Code of Ethics
(g) Regional Directors should warn teams and file unsportsmanlike conduct charges if teams are obviously and repeatedly holding back their dogs in tournaments to gain an unfair advantage.
The Board also voted to modify the rule on break outs to indicate that teams will still receive NAFA dog points even in heats where the teams breaks out. A team that breaks out three times will still not place in the tournament, but the dogs will continue to earn points even in those heats where the team runs faster than the breakout time. These rule changes were put in place to address situations where teams may hold due to a change in dog or other circumstances. Under the new rules, teams breaking out would not be permitted to place, but could still earn points, therefore the incentive to hold should be largely eliminated. A team with large passes, but not winning heats would not be seen to be gaining an unfair advantage.

- *Equipment in the ring*: Added rule: “No equipment or other items may be between the racing lanes from the backstop to the start/finish line except those needed for utilizing the electronic judging system.”

Review Panel (dogs excused for aggression)

- Kaycee 090572 – 6/12/10 excusal
- Lady 081061 – 6/4/10 excusal, affirmed on appeal 7/6/10
- Lizzy 080423 – 4/24/10 excusal
- Logan 080284 – 6/13/10 excusal
- Vader 100764 – 6/6/10 excusal, affirmed on appeal 7/30/10
- Bling 090563 – 7/11/10 excusal, appeal pending
- Seven 050888 – 8/1/10 excusal, appeal pending

Annual General Meeting:

- The AGM will be held January 29, 2011 in conjunction with Texas Twisters tournament in Huntsville, Texas.

Nominees:

Executive Director:

- Lee Heighton

Board of Directors (3 positions):

- Eric Foster
- Alisa Romaine
- Curtis Smith
- Ally Stern
- Christine VanWert
- Dave Walt

Hall of Fame finalists:

- Bainbridge Savannah, 981124, Australian Shepherd, Sharon Atkinson of Omaha Speedracers
- Rocket, 970422, Jack/Parson Russell Terrier, Kathy Austin of Fly Ball Insanity
- Shayla, 970726, Mix, Kelly Robbins of Rocket Relay
- Smack, 020411, Mix, Craig Knowles of Slammers
- Snap, 000470, Mix, Tooie Crooks of Flying Colors

Judge of the Year finalists:

- Scott Chamberlain, Mount Wolf, PA
- Lawrence Cox, Richmond, TX
- Brian Fay, Hanna City, IL
- Phil Getty, Kokomo, IN
- Dave Walt, Caledonia, ON

Regional MVP:

- Region 1
 - Risky – Whippet, Rachel Kennedy, Paws-a-tive Attitude
 - Thug – Mix, Russ Helganz, RPM Dog Sports
- Region 2
 - Rooter – Jack/Parson Russell Terrier, Linda Breton, Rezidue Dogs
 - Tandie – Dachshund, Miniature Long Hair, Debbie Woods, TAMSU
- Region 4
 - Pepper Jack – Border Collie, Carl Gavin, Paw Position
 - Scout – Mix, Christina Tresch, BC Boomerangs
 - Scully – Mini Australian/N American Shepherd, Scott & Tija Mohr, High Fives
 - Siobhan – Golden Retriever, Linda Strub, Rapid Intens-A-Flyrs
- Region 5
 - Ginger – Border Collie, Chris & Teresa Turner, K-9 Kommotion
- Region 6
 - Phantom – Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Alisa & Chris Romaine, Heat Wave
- Region 7
 - Riot – Mix, Cheryl Wood, Dogwood Pacesetters
- Region 8
 - Hudson – German Shorthaired Pointer, Christine Poley-MacTavish, Furry Flash Dogsports
 - Ryker – Jack/Parson Russell terrier, Lisamarie Schultz, KAOS
 - Sweep – Border Collie, Carly Rosinski, KAOS
- Region 9
 - Scandal – Shetland Sheepdog, Julie Jenkins, Fur Fun
 - Sweep – Border Collie, Amanda Brown, DogGoneFast
 - Taz – Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Joy Gochman, DogGoneFast
- Region 10
 - Lewis – Border Collie, Shane & Darlene MacDougall, Fast ‘n FURious
 - Niska – American Eskimo, Lynette Brown, F.A.M.E.
 - Raine – Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Holly Kirkpatrick, Prepare for Takeoff
 - Willow – American Cocker Spaniel, Bonnie Theakston, Maple Leaps

- Region 11
 - Phantom – Border Collie, Brenda Carroll & Sean Mathias, Too Hot to Handle
 - Sweep – Mix, Mike Pape, Ketch This
- Region 13
 - Bailey – Golden Retriever, David & Peggy Hoyt, Infurno
 - Jet – Labrador Retriever, Hollis McGuire, White Mountain Mayhem
- Region 14
 - Shea – Golden Retriever, Jane Kline, Music City Road Dogs
- Region 15
 - Darby – Mix, Gabrielle Woodward, Release the Hounds
 - Foster – Australian Cattle Dog, Kim Shepherd, FBI
- Region 18
 - Bree – Border Collie, Brian Sheridan, Northern LightSpeed of Alaska
 - Zorro – Jack/Parson Russell Terrier, Sasha Andreis, Alaska Dogs Gone Wild
- Region 19
 - Daisy Mae – Miniature Schnauzer, Laura Dolph, RUFF
 - Puzzle – Border Collie, Dana Nichols, LAUNCH
 - Willow – Jack/Parson Russell Terrier, Jackie McCourtie, Denver Speed Demons
- Region 20
 - Liam – American Pit Bull Terrier, Louis Bédard, DogZworth