

North American Flyball Association, Inc. ®

Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference

Abridged Minutes

October 20, 2009

Present via telephone were:	Executive Director	Lee Heighton
	Board of Directors	Nancy Garcia, Leerie Jenkins, Dana Nichols, Alisa Romaine, Karen Oleson, Dale Smith, Scott Stein, Greg Stopay.

Chairman Scott Stein called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM EDT. Kris Pickering was unavailable due to travel obligations and gave her proxy to Alisa Romaine.

Chairman’s Comments

Scott announced that this meeting was called primarily to consider pending judge applications.

Scott reported that he heard lots of great comments about how well the CanAm Classic event went. He expressed his thanks to everyone who was involved in the event. Nancy indicated that she has sent out surveys to the team captains to get feedback for next year.

Judges Committee

Dana reported on four pending judge applications:

Stacey Waites, Alabaster, AL – apprentice to provisional. The Judges Committee recommends advancement. Dana moved to approve the advancement. Leerie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Roth, Cedar Rapids, IA – apprentice to provisional. The Judges Committee recommends advancement. Dana moved to approve the advancement. Dale seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Karl Ruetz, Jarrell, TX – apprentice to provisional. The Judges Committee recommends advancement. Dana moved to approve the advancement. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Fry, Dallas, OR – provisional to approved. The Judges Committee recommends advancement. Dana moved to approve the advancement. Alisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana indicated that she has now received judge pins from Scott. There have been inquiries from some judges about receiving replacement pins. She asked if there was any charge for replacement pins. Dale stated that the cost assessed is usually the actual cost of the replacement pin and is generally \$5.00 each.

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Dana reported that new multi-part excusal forms have been distributed to judges to comply with the modifications to the Aggression Excusal rule.

AGM

Scott announced that the Annual General Meeting will be held with the Orange Crush tournament in Irvine, California the weekend of January 16-17, 2010. Alisa has helped coordinate with Orange Crush. She will convey questions to Scott to firm up details.

Scott indicated that historically the Board meeting has been held during the day on the Friday before the tournament and the actual AGM is held Saturday evening after racing. Last year, a short Board meeting was held Saturday morning so that Board members would not have to travel on Thursday because it was Thanksgiving weekend. There was discussion regarding when the meeting would be held this year. Dale suggested a Friday meeting to allow Board members to be present for the tournament on Saturday. There was a suggestion to start at noon on Friday to facilitate travel, especially by those on the East Coast with the Annual General Meeting on Saturday evening. There was general support for that schedule. Scott indicated that the meeting would begin at noon on Friday and the AGM would be held Saturday night. Scott stated that he may not be available to attend that weekend, but all other Board members were available so he was setting the meeting nonetheless.

Lee will have Kim post information about the AGM on the web page.

Signature Gear Lights

Lee brought up an issue regarding the Signature Gear lights. A software update is coming out imminently. Lee inquired as to whether the start cadence could be adjusted to 1 second intervals instead of 1.2 second intervals with this software upgrade. This change has been discussed for quite some time. He expressed concern that some venues had been made obsolete because of the length of runback needed as dogs' speeds have increased over the years. Dale said that our current sets already have that option. Lee asked that we start transitioning the systems when the software upgrades are implemented and mark the sets clearly so exhibitors will know to which start cadence the EJS is set. There was discussion about various ways to mark the EJS. Dale will come up with a system.

Dale discussed some of the features that will be available with this software update: a countdown timer for warm ups, a false start setting for the veterans class, and computer output to scoring programs. Dale will help develop a training sheet on these functions after he receives the software.

There was discussion that the software changes would be made as EJS sets come back in for maintenance and/or shipping. We would begin to transition EJS beginning January 1, 2010 with all systems migrated by the end of the racing year. Lee indicated that he will post a notice on the web page to make sure all competitors are aware of the changes. If there are multiple racing systems at a tournament, they will be set the same. Dale will run a one second cadence at his December tournament to see that it runs smoothly. He will make sure competitors are aware of the change before racing.

Additional Business

Lee requested we enter Executive Session. Scott moved we enter executive session.

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The Board entered Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

The following items were decided during Executive Session and approved for publishing in the minutes:

Due to success of the CanAm Classic, the Chair has appointed a special task force to investigate additional sponsorships for future CanAm events. Executive Director Lee Heighton will head this task force. Greg Stopay has resigned from the Marketing Committee to avoid any conflict of interest between his employment and any possible sponsors.

Leerie moved to adjourn the meeting. Alisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. CDT.