

North American Flyball Association Inc.
Detroit, Michigan
July 30, 2005
Abridged Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present were: Executive Director - Sam Ford

Board of Directors - Lee Heighton,
Jeff Kinsley,
Dale Smith,
Glenn Hamilton,
Brian Fay,
Todd Morningstar,
Kris Pickering,
Scott Stein
Ken Eldridge

Called to order at 8:26 AM Eastern Time by Chairman Lee Heighton.

The board went to Executive Session to review Disciplinary item 2005-2 at 8:30AM.

Executive Session was left at 9:16 AM.

Disciplinary Charge 2005-2 was found to be warranted and a letter of discipline will be sent to the club requesting that no further incidents be repeated. There is no change to the club's or owner's "Good Standing with NAFA" and no disciplinary action is in effect

The meeting for adjourned at 9:20AM for the chairman to contact the club owners.

The meeting resumed at 9:30AM.

Chairman's Comments

Lee made note that of the success of the proposal to the Ontario government to amend the Breed Specific Legislation as reported this past week. Lee made special recognition of the efforts of Rob Sparling, Kris Pickering and Glenn Hamilton in preparing the draft amendments and presentations to the government. NAFA will continue to fight Breed Specific legislation throughout North America as possible.

Signature Gear acceptance testing appears to be progressing well.

Executive Director's Comments

Sam reported that a group of Texas flyball enthusiasts was able to reverse a committee decision to implement BSL in Texas. Sam emphasized how important it is that the flyball community be involved early in the process, presenting anti-BSL presentation to legislators before laws become enacted.

Ruth and Chris Van Wert were welcomed by the board as attendees to the board meeting.

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Sam continued with the thought that BSL will be an on-going fight throughout North America and that we should not become complacent. Press releases sensationalizing dog bites remain the main challenge.

Sam reported that headway was being made with lights which would be discussed later in the technology committee's presentation. During testing, the SG systems have been trafficked independently from the existing EJS's but these new systems will need to be amalgamated with the existing systems to streamline shipping costs.

Communication has been enhanced with the Regional Directors discussion group. Cross pollination of regional discussion is helping to ensure that NAFA flyball remains consistent across North America. Mentoring of RD's has been successful.

Finance Committee

The committee met and reviewed the transfer of physical documents for prior years from Dale to Scott by August 15.

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws committee met to review the bylaws for suitability for NAFA purposes. In most cases, they are very good for the needs of the organization. The following recommendations were proposed or reported:

- The definition of the Finance Committee is complete and fully operational.
- To clarify the role of treasurer, it was suggested that the requirements of the position be outlined more clearly within the bylaws. Requirements for multiple signatories, reporting requirements, and accounting method need to be reviewed and proposed.
- The requirement of an "audit" needs to be changed to "review" given the financial cost of an audit.
- The reference to "auditor" should be changed to "accountant" to review the requirements for an audit.
- Suggest that the transfer of signatories should occur at the AGM.

The meeting was adjourned for a small break at 10:18 AM to allow printing of some documents.

The meeting was resumed at 10:48AM. Kris was absent while printing documents for review.

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Standing Rules and Regulatory Committee

The committee met and recommends or reports on the following items:

- Form C3 amendments have been discussed and approved but the form has not yet been updated. Amendments proposed at past meetings include the addition of reserved weekend
- Form C6 needs to have the fee structure changed.

Disciplinary Committee

The committee recommended the removal of the aggression write-up for the dog Sugar, (CRN 000842) owned by Kristi Mulrooney. The dog has participated in twenty-one weekends of racing and has earned over 13,000 NAFA points. Todd moved that the board accept the recommendation. Jeff seconded. There was no opposition to the motion.

The committee recommended the removal of the aggression write-up for the dog Absolut, (CRN 990299) owned by Aida Peterson as proposed by Christine E. VanWert. The dog has participated in thirty weekends of racing and has earned over 11,000 NAFA points. Todd moved that the board accept the recommendation. Jeff seconded. There was no opposition to the motion.

The committee reported that there are no outstanding issues at this time.

Judges Committee

The Judge's list on the NAFA database has been updated to present the judges by their judging status. This simplifies the selection of judges by tournament hosts and apprentices when seeking supervising judges.

Kris returned to the meeting at 11:02AM with reports for review.

Supervising judges have requested that a supervising-only role at a tournament count as a judging assignment. The judges committee recommends that the database track Apprentice judges rather than the Supervising judge in the reporting of Apprentice assignment because the Supervising judge should not earn a judging credit for these assignments. Dale recommended the acceptance of the recommendation. Todd seconded. There was no opposition to the motion.

Applications for Supervising Judge Status typically lack needed information about measuring assignments. The committee recommends that the database record those assignments for subsequent retrieval and review. The CRN should be added to Form C9 Jump Height Sheet, so that the dog's measuring events could be tracked.

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Curtis Smith of Alaska requested that NAFA confirm its commitment to providing a Supervising Judge to a multi day, week long event planned for June 2006. He would like to ensure that the Supervising Judge be tasked with training judges rather than racing. The committee asked that NAFA confirm that it will provide the airfare and six nights of lodging to facilitate training and development.

The committee recommends that Dana Nichols from Colorado be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Dale moved acceptance and Todd seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee recommends that Dave Walt be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Dale moved acceptance and Todd seconded. Glenn abstained. There was no other opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee recommends that Jason Stewart not be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Jason requires further measuring work. The committee will write a letter to Jason outlining its additional requirements.

The committee recommends that Mike Devine not be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Mike requires further measuring and ring work. The committee will write a letter to Mike outlining its additional requirements

The committee recommends that Peter Wesdyk not be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Peter requires further measuring work. The committee will write a letter to Peter outlining its additional requirements.

The committee recommends that Bob Weidlin not be moved from Apprentice to Provisional judge status. Bob requires further measuring work. The committee will write a letter to Bob outlining its additional requirements.

The committee recommends that Phil Getty not be moved from Provisional to Approved Head judge status. Phil requires further measuring assignments. The committee will write a letter to Phil outlining its additional requirements.

The committee recommends that Sandra (Sam) Fisher not be moved from Provisional to Approved Head judge status. Sandra requires further measuring assignments. The committee will write a letter to Sandra outlining its additional requirements.

The committee recommends that Monica Johnny not be moved from approved Head Judge status to Supervising Judge status. The committee felt that Monica did not meet the standards required of a Supervising judge at this time. The committee will write a letter to Monica to inform her of the committee's decision.

Scott explained how earlier in the year, the committee had been charged with creating a new judges training program to improve NAFA judging standards. The second part of the program is to develop a review and certification program for existing judges.

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The committee has solicited and received bids for the development of judge's training videos. A bid was received from Dan Phillips and a second bid was solicited from an outside video development firm, Studio 31 of Ann Arbor, Michigan. With the quotations being virtually the same, the committee recommends acceptance of Dan Phillips' bid due to his extensive knowledge of flyball and inventory of stock footage of the sport. The committee recommends that the board authorize an expense of up to \$2,000 for five videos of several minutes each that will be stored and presented via the internet rather than on VHS format. Jeff moved acceptance of these two recommendations. Scott seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee presented a judge's training program developed within the committee and with input of other judges. Lengthy discussion occurred reviewing the merits of the program and its inclusion in the NAFA rule structure.

At 12:17PM the board recessed for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:03PM.

It was felt that the Judges Training program would be a stand alone document that would be included in the overall NAFA rulebook as a separate appendix. References to the existing training program in the rulebook will be modified to reflect the replacement. The intent of the committee is to have the program operational by October 1, 2005. Following the completion of this program, the committee will begin development of a Continuing Education and Evaluation program for existing judges.

Rules Committee

The committee met and submits the following recommendations:

Corporate Policies and Procedures - Section 8.2

(d) NAFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog Champion – Silver (FDCH – S) to any dog receiving 1,000 points.

(e) NAFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog Champion – Gold (FDCH – G) to any dog receiving 2,500 points.

Re-letter the sub-parts that follow in section 8.2.

(k) NAFA will award a commemorative pin and plaque for any dog receiving 40,000 points.

(l) NAFA will award a commemorative pin and plate for the 40K plaque at each 10,000 increment from 50,000 through 90,000 points.

(m) NAFA will award a commemorative pin, plaque and the titled "Hobbes Award" named after its first recipient, for any dog receiving 100,000 points.

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Scott recommended that we accept the committee's recommendation. Dale seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee made a recommendation that the Regional Championship have several amendments. As part of the amendment, we need to amend the Glossary to include the following new terms. The following changes are recommended:

Rules of Racing - Glossary, p. 14:

NAFA Racing year - The NAFA Racing year runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year and is the NAFA fiscal year. See NAFA Bylaws Article VIII Section 2.

Tournament week - A tournament week runs from Wednesday through Tuesday of the following week.

Corporate Policies and Procedures - 8.3, p. 30, as follows:

- (a) At the end of each racing year, NAFA will name Regional Champions in the Regular and Multi-Breed Classes for each region and commemorate this achievement by awarding a plaque. Regional Champions are determined by points earned by a Club during the racing year and, in appropriate cases, by the tie-break formula set out below.
- (b) A Club that is not in A good standing® at any time during the racing year is not eligible to be named Regional Champion.
- (c) All points and tie-break times for Regional Championships must be earned in the Club-s home region, i.e., an "in-region" team. A Club-s home region, absent a written request for change, is the place of residence of the Club owner shown on NAFA Form C.11. A Club may change regional affiliation by written request to NAFA. Requests to change regional affiliation must be received before the start of the racing year to take effect that year.
- (d) Points towards Regional Championships accrue to a Club. Only one team from each Club will qualify for Regional Championship points in the same Class at a tournament (i.e., clubs fielding more than one team in a Class may not count points accumulated from both teams in that Class towards the Regional Championship). A Club fielding teams in both the Regular and Multi-Breed Classes of competition may, however, accumulate points in each separate Class.
- (e) A Club must compete in a minimum of four tournaments in separate tournament weeks within its home region in the Class for which the Regional Championship is awarded. Classes must meet the following criteria to qualify for points and/or tie-breaking times to count toward Regional Championships:
 - (i) Classes must have a minimum of four teams competing;
 - (ii) Regular Classes limited below 20 teams that fill will not count towards Regional Championship points or tie-break times;
 - (iii) Multi-breed Classes limited below 12 teams that fill will not count towards Regional Championship points or tie-break times; and

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(iv) In a limited entry Class of competition, if any entering Club is excluded during a lottery draw, the Class of competition will not count towards Regional Championship points or tie-break times.

- f. Points towards Regional Championships are awarded based on overall placements of in-region teams in an event based on the following point structure, to maximum of 30 points:

<u>Top Finishing Regional Team</u>	<u>3 points</u>
<u>2nd Place Regional Team</u>	<u>2 points</u>
<u>3rd Place Regional Team</u>	<u>1 point</u>

As noted in paragraph 8.3(d) above, points are awarded to a Club and not its teams. Thus, if a Club finishes first and second in an event run in its home region, regional points are awarded as 3 points to the first place team and 1 point to the third place team from the different Club.

For regions that host 7 or fewer tournament weeks, regional points are to be accumulated from up to 80 percent of the tournaments regardless of the number of tournaments held per week. For example, if a region has a total of 10 tournaments in the racing year held on 5 tournament weeks, 80 percent of that would equal 8 tournaments. Points towards Regional Championships would count from the best 8 finishes for any given Club against in-region team competition.

When a region hosts events in more than 7 tournament weeks, a Club will earn regional points from up to 80 percent of the tournament weeks in that region based on the Club-s best finish from any event to a maximum of 10 tournaments held in separate tournament weeks. In the case where multiple events exist in a tournament week, regional points are still awarded based on in-region placement within each tournament. When regional points are not awarded due to a Club-s prior win in the week, the points will not be awarded to teams finishing lower in the tournament. For example, if a Club finishes first on each day, then the fastest time will be used for that Club's regional points but no first place points will be awarded on the second day as the winner has blocked out the win from other Clubs.

- g. In the case of a point tie, the best times from each Club's four (4) best in-region tournament placements will be averaged. For example, if a Club places second in a tournament, but has four other in-region tournament wins, the times from the tournament wins will be used in the average, regardless of how fast a time was run to achieve the second place result. The Club with the lowest average time will be named the Regional Champion. If a tie still exists after the tiebreaker is exhausted, Co-Champions will be named.
- h. If a Club disbands before the end of a racing year, it is not eligible to win a Regional Championship.

Dale moved that we accept the recommendation of the committee for the Glossary and the Regional Championship rule and accept the amendments. Scott seconded. There was no opposition to the amendment

The committee recommended that Form C6 should be changed to reflect the recording fee change. Scott moved to accept the amendment. Dale seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee recommended that Form C13 should have the following changes made.

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C.13 NAFA World Record Form, first page

- Paragraph 2 add "in blue or black ink on this form" to the end of this sentence.
- Check list add in after 1.A: a box that states "The EJS is aligned correctly on the start/finish line."
- Second page, check list 1.A.2 "All measurements must meet NAFA measurement tolerances using a single, continuous tape."
- add the word "NAFA" to the title on the second page.

Scott moved to accept the amendment. Dale seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The committee recommended the addition of the word "World" to the text describing World Record measurements.

Corporate Policies and Procedures 7.2 (a)

(a) To verify a new NAFA® World record time the judge must verify the following using NAFA® form C.13: Race lane length, jump placement, box throw, jump heights, and height dog measurement.

Scott moved to accept the amendment. Dale seconded. For the motion, Glenn, Kris, Dale, Jeff, Scott & Todd. Against the motion, Brian & Ken. Motion carried.

At a prior board meeting, Brian made a motion to increase the fee to prefer charges from \$25.00 to \$100.00 was tabled. The committee reviewed the amendment and recommends the following change.

Corporate Policies and Procedures - Section 5.2 – Discipline

(a) Charges - Any one in good standing with NAFA® may prefer charges against another for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of Flyball. Written charges must be filed with the Board of Directors with a \$100.00 fee (US funds), which will be forfeited if the charges are not sustained.

Brian moved to accept the recommendation. Scott seconded. There was no opposition the motion. Motion carried.

Modifications to NAFA Form C3 were discussed to clarify new information that is required. Host clubs need to identify on the form that BSL considerations apply to the event being requested.

Modifications to NAFA Form C2 were discussed. The judges committee requested that a line be added to the C2 form for the judge's signature. Brian moved to accept the recommendation. Scott seconded. There was no opposition the motion. Motion carried.

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Modifications to NAFA Form C9 were discussed. The judges committee requested that a column be added to the C9 form for the dog's CRN to enable tracking. Glenn moved to accept the recommendation. Dale seconded. There was no opposition the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of the development of the Reserve Weekend Rule followed. The committee reviewed and amended the proposed amendment submitted by the Executive Director in January 2005. Several changes were noted based on amendments made to the sanctioning process.

Corporate Policies and Procedures - Section 6.1 – Requirements

- (a) NAFA® sanctioned tournaments may only be hosted by NAFA® or NAFA® registered clubs in good standing. The host club must follow current NAFA® Rules of Racing and Corporate Policies & Procedures. Any Club in good standing may be considered for sanctioning. The first Club to apply for sanctioning with a valid sanctioning request will receive sanctioning unless the weekend meets the criteria for a reserved weekend by another Club.
- (b) Reserved Weekends
 - (i) A Club establishes a reserved weekend by hosting a tournament on the same weekend number at the same venue for two consecutive years.
 - (ii) NAFA will assign weekend numbers with weekend number one starting with the first Friday in the month of October.
 - (iii) The maximum number of weekends a Club may have reserved is two per NAFA® Racing year.
 - (iv) A Club loses its reserved weekend status when the Club fails to hold a tournament on the same weekend number at the same venue for two consecutive years.
 - (v) Clubs with reserve weekends must apply for sanctioning a minimum of 25 weeks before the tournament weekend. After the 25 week deadline, any Club per paragraph (a), above, may receive sanctioning.
 - (vi) Reserved Weekends cannot be transferred to another Club. The first club listed as host flyball club on the valid sanctioning request will be considered the host flyball club for reserved weekend purposes.
- (c) NAFA® will only consider valid sanctioning requests two years in advance of the tournament date.
- (d) NAFA is committed to maintaining Flyball as a sport for all dogs. NAFA tournaments are open to all dogs without regard to whether the dog is a mixed breed, a pure bred or any particular breed. NAFA will not sanction a tournament at a site that excludes dogs on the basis of breed unless the exclusion is mandated by governmental law or ordinance and the host club has attempted and been unable to qualify for an exemption to governmental exclusions. A host club shall inform NAFA of any such laws or ordinances when sanctioning is requested. It is the host club's responsibility to keep the sanctioning request current on all legislation and ordinances that affect the tournament. The host club shall finalize all such event limitations 60 days prior to the event closing.
- (e) Applications for sanctioning of tournaments must be received by NAFA® at least sixty (60) days prior to the closing date.
- (f) NAFA® may sanction a tournament within 300 road miles of a previously sanctioned tournament, with written approval from the sanctioned tournament's club owner.

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- (g) The host club must submit a complete application (NAFA Form C.3). The entry fee shall be stated on a per team basis. The host club must request and obtain written approval from NAFA for any special or unusual request.

Existing paragraphs (e) through (m) will be relabeled as (h) through (q) as necessary.

Sam explained Reserve weekends will begin on the first Friday of October each year. The maximum number of weekends that a club may reserve is 2 regardless of the number of the events hosted in the past. Concern was expressed about the definition of venue within the above rule amendment. The board concluded that the Executive Director had the authority to handle such special circumstances.

Scott made a motion that the amended Sanctioning Requirements / Reserve Weekend rule be accepted. Kris seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

An earlier proposal had been submitted by Jane Horsfield requesting that all measuring of any world record run be videotaped for presentation. After lengthy discussion, the board felt that the ability to obtain an accurate video of both the stand and the numbers on the measuring stand at the same time made this proposal too problematic to implement reliably. Accordingly, the committee denied the request. The Rules Committee will draft a letter to Jane explaining the decision and thanking her for input on this issue, which was thereafter discussed more generally.

Ongoing controversy surrounds the issue of height cards. The committee felt the best approach in determining how to solve the issue would be to solicit input from members via delegate vote. Delegates would be asked to decide if the current height card program should be terminated and, if not, what improvements, if any, should be made to the program.

Should the delegates vote against terminating the height card system in favour of keeping the current system, several options would be proposed, i.e., keeping the current system intact as is, beginning a program that involved a Certified Measuring Height Judge status whose sole role is to measure and document the dog (modeled on agility rules) or lastly, to eliminate the usage of current height cards when awarding Regional Championship points and World Records.

The board discussed the issue at length.

Dale made a motion to accept the recommendation of the rules committee and to ask them to prepare wording to solicit a delegate vote. Glenn seconded the motion. In favour of the motion were Jeff, Dale, Todd, Kris, Ken and Glenn. Brian and Scott abstained. The motion carried.

Marketing and Development Committee

The committee reported that the Gateway Flyball club will be hosting a flyball tournament in conjunction with the Kansas City Pet Expo in an effort to re-introduce Flyball into the Kansas City

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area. The event will be managed and coordinated by Jeff Kinsley and the Gateway club from St. Louis MO and will be run on May 6/7, 2006.

Technology Committee

Three events have now been completed with the Signature Gear EJS's in Denver, Santa Barbara and Houston. Single and double ring events, indoor and outdoor, have all been successful. General reaction from competitors has been very positive. The setup manual is in draft mode and underway. Two sets have now been invoiced by SG and three more will be delivered by mid August. One set will be in Michigan for shipping case sizing in early August. It was suggested that a captain's meeting be held in events using the Signature Gear EJS in the next ninety days as a means to familiarize competitors with the systems.

Jeff made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice for the first two sets of lights. The estimated invoice value per set is \$9,600. Brian seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 more sets at soon as possible. The estimated cost is \$15,000 when NAFA's initial deposit is applied to the purchase price. Glenn seconded the motion. In favour of the motion were Jeff, Dale, Todd, Brian, Kris, Scott, Ken and Glenn. Kris opposed the motion.

Hall of Fame / MVP

Six nominations have been submitted for the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame. The committee reviewed the submissions and voted on their selections for the ballot. The candidates for the 2005 election to the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame are in no particular order:

Toby – Soft Coated Wheaton – Kim O'Neill
Sampson – Irish Setter – Michele Ladrach
Indy Anna – Border Collie – Robin Marion
Bayly – Shetland Sheepdog – Page Heig

The board wishes success to all candidates.

Treasurer's Report

The banking resolutions and signatory cards have been completed for the four signers now included on the TD Canada Trust account. The BankNorth account for US banking is underway, a deposit cheque is ready to open the account and all new ComFed signing authorities have been completed. Dale committed to provide fill authority for all signatories to obtain all bank records. Dale will facilitate all record transfers to Scott to enable his development of the 2006 Treasurer function, i.e., forecasts and planning.

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Filed tax returns, cancelled cheques, working papers and filed paperwork will all be sent to Scott.

Dale received and distributed the Financial Statements for the years ending Sept. 30, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 as prepared by Seim, Johnson, Sestak & Quist, LLP.

Dale was unable to produce the 3rd quarter results but has committed to email a pdf of the results to the board members immediately following the meeting.

Secretary Reports

Glenn reviewed the process that was undertaken to fight Breed Specific Legislation in Ontario. The resulting legislation is not a cure for the BSL issue in Ontario but one that will allow NAFA Flyball to be played within the constraints of the legislation.

The August 29 implementation date of presents a problem for Ontario-resident dogs in training who are not yet ready to compete by August 29 but who wish to continue their participation in Flyball. The board proposed a number of ideas to fulfill the limitations set forth within the legislation and sent the concept to the rules committee for research. The committee will contact the Ontario Government to determine what might be established to fulfill the legislation's requirements while allowing these dogs to continue in flyball. A proposal will be presented to the board at a teleconference within 10 days.

NAFA will need to implement a documentation system for out of province competitors with American Pit Bull terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, or mixes of these breeds attending tournaments in Ontario. Technology will be able to create a "form" or email responder that will accept the required information and return an printed acknowledgement to the sender that can be used to meet the requirements of the new law.

Glenn reiterated the need for board members to provide presentation material or reports in electronic form to simplify the process of archiving information.

Outstanding Business

Approval of Regional Directors

In Region 16, Kris reported that Diana Foster had stepped to the line and was doing a very good job as the new Regional Director. Glenn made a motion to accept the appointment of Diana Foster as Regional Director for Region 16. Brian seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Behrens in Region 1 has been appointed to replace Dan Phillips as Regional director. Brian made a motion to accept the appointment of Cindy Behrens of Region 1 as Regional Director. Todd seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

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Sam's appointment for Region 7, Dan Wood, is "quietly getting the job done" in Region 7. Kris made a motion to accept the appointment of Dan Wood of Region 7 as Regional Director. Jeff seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

Sam reviewed the results of an inquiry made from Region 2 about a Regional Director's decision to adjust a racing schedule mid-tournament. The board applauded Sam decision to support the safety of the dogs and the RD's decision.

The board reviewed concerns expressed from Region 12 and they have been forwarded to the ED for further review.

Electronic Judging Systems

The Watchdog proposal for repairs to the Hughes systems was implemented but was not successful. Mr. Carrothers will continue to explore ideas for repairs.

Request from Len Silvester for use of NAFA logo

Glenn made a motion to license the usage of the NAFA logo on photos for a flat rate of \$25.00 per year. Jeff seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Ken, Scott, Dale, Todd, Kris, and Jeff. Abstain: Brian. Motion carried.

Web Site Update

The web site was permanently damaged in late May. No sensitive material was maintained on the site or was lost. Initial efforts to rebuild the site were cancelled when the developer cancelled the relationship. Dale and Ken will review the site requirements for a replacement corporate web site to be developed as soon as possible.

New Business

NAFA News Update

The board reviewed the status of the NAFA News and noted that the current operation needs to be improved. Jeff will begin work with Christine Girardi to immediately transition the editor function.

New Printer Request

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With the demand for new certificates in the Silver and Gold levels as well the usual certificates, the ED needs to acquire a new printer. Todd made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,200 to get the commercial model required. Glenn seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

Jump Height Proposal

Brian Fay has submitted a proposal to reduce the jump height limits from 8" and 16" to 7" and 14" respectively. Scott made a motion to send the proposal to the Rules committee for wording for a presentation on a delegate ballot. Brian seconded the motion. For the motion: Scott, Dale, Glenn, Brian, and Jeff. Opposed: Todd & Kris. Abstain: Ken. Motion carried.

Quebec Regional Request

Ally Stern has requested that Quebec be included as part of Region 2 from Region 13. Sam will follow up with Ally with options.

Veterans Class Request

The Rules committee will develop a proposal for the board.

Chris VanWert Proposal for Divisional Championship

Glenn made a motion to table the proposal. Brian seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion.

Removal of Training Props During Racing

Teams are reported to be using props as training aids within races. The rules do not allow for intentional training in the ring without the loss of a heat. The box configuration cannot change from the time it was measured.

Changes in Racing Format

The question arose when an approved tournament format was changed within the tournament. Section 6.3 – Format and Schedule must be approved 48 hours in advance of the event. Sam will work with the Regional Directors to ensure that schedules are changed only with the approval of the competitors affected by the change.

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Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd seconded. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

The meet was adjourned at 10:14PM.