

North American Flyball Association Inc.

Teleconference
September 27, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present were: Executive Director Sam Ford
Board of Directors Brian Fay,
Glenn Hamilton,
Lee Heighton,
Todd Morningstar,
Kris Pickering,
Dale Smith
Mike Smith,
Scott Stein

Called to order at 8:07 PM Central Time by Chairman Lee Heighton. Jeff Kinsley was absent due to business reasons. In his absence, Jeff gave his proxy to Kris Pickering.

Kris made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3 meeting. Mike seconded the motion. For the motion: Glenn, Kris, Jeff by proxy, Mike, Scott. Abstain: Dale, Brian, Todd. The motion was passed.

Final Wording for the "False Start" delegate ballot

The following proposals required the wording to reviewed and approved.

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Proposal Two: Proposal two would remove the false start option. A vote for this proposal would instruct the Board to change the rule to provide that an early start shall be treated as any other flagged infraction with the offending dog having to rerun.

Explanation:

As noted, there are two separate proposals. For a delegate proposal to pass, it must receive two-thirds of the votes. We are asking that the delegates assess and vote on each proposal independently. If both proposals fail, there will be no change to the existing rule. If one proposal passes and the other does not, that proposal will be adopted in place of the existing rule. If both proposals pass, we will resubmit the issue for another delegate vote or, alternatively, decide between the proposals based on the comments received and vote counts.

Kris made a motion to accept the proposal as written by Jeff. Mike seconded the motion. Brian made a motion to amend each proposal to indicate that "A No vote indicates the voter is not in favor of this proposal." Kris and Mike approved the amendment. Jeff via proxy with Kris proposed an amendment to the final sentence of the Explanation to read: "If both proposals pass, the board will decide between the proposals based on the input received." Mike

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approved the amendment to the motion. In favour: Brian, Glenn, Jeff by proxy, Todd, Kris, Dale, Mike, Scott. The motion to accept the wording proposal passed. The final ballot wording will be as follows:

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Time Requirements for Tentative Schedules to RD

Corporate Policies and Procedures

Chapter 6, Section 6.1 (i) (ii)- Page 26

Current Wording

The Regional Director shall receive seeding and tournament formats from the Tournament Director no later than 10 calendar days before the tournament

Proposed Change

The Regional Director shall receive seeding, tournament formats and a proposed schedule from the Tournament Director no later than 10 calendar days before the tournament. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in a penalty of \$50.00 (U.S. funds) to the host club, unless the Executive Director approves an extension due to extenuating circumstances.

The Board received a request for an amendment to section 6.1, above. Kris made a motion to accept the proposed new wording as written. Glenn seconded the motion. Dale noted that the proposed amendment addresses two subjects, early submission of schedules and penalties for tardy submission of formats and seeding, and that he was opposed to the early submission of the schedules. In addition, the board discussed

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how difficult late submission of proposed seeding, formats and schedules makes the job of the RDs, on whom NAFA greatly depends. The ED noted that this a major concern of the Regional Directors and merits consideration now, before the new rule book for 2007 takes effect. In favour: Brian, Glenn, Jeff by proxy, Kris, Mike, Scott. Against: Todd, Dale. The motion to accept the proposal was passed.

Time Requirements for Posting Approved Schedule

Corporate Policies and Procedures

Chapter 6, Section 6.3- Page 28

Current Wording

The tournament format & schedule shall be approved by the Regional Director. Each team participating in the tournament (and the Head Judge) shall be notified no less than 48 hours prior to the competition. The tournament format included:

(The remainder of this rule would stay the same)

Proposed Change

The Regional Director shall approve the tournament format and schedule. The approved format and schedule shall be available to the Head Judge and all teams entered in the tournament no less than 48 hours prior to the competition. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in a penalty of \$50.00 (U.S. funds) to the host club unless the Executive Director approves an extension due to extenuating circumstances.

Brian made a motion to accept the wording as written. Glenn seconded the motion. Dale noted that he was opposed to the penalty to the host club when the approval process is out of their control. Scott proposed the rule change be tabled to the rule committee. Todd seconded. General discussion followed that this amendment did not require urgent attention. In favour: Glenn, Jeff by proxy, Kris, Mike, Todd, Dale, Scott. Against: Brian. The motion to accept the tabling of the proposal was passed.

Dale was called to leave the meeting due to business travel and gave his proxy to Brian.

Pick-up Teams

Brian noted that Marketing Committee has made a suggestion that NAFA a pick-up team policy 18 months ago. At that time, the NAFA systems were unable to handle the data requirements but since the changes have been implemented for Veterans, it seemed timely to move forward on developing the proposal. Brian discussed several options that he and Dale had developed. Scott moved that the proposal be tabled to the Rules Committee. Kris seconded. In favour: Glenn, Jeff by proxy, Kris, Todd, Scott. Against: Brian, Mike. Abstain: Dale by proxy. The motion to table the proposal was passed.

Scanning and Preservation of Tournament Documents

Glenn made a motion that appropriate equipment and software be purchased to allow all tournament jump height sheets to be scanned into a pdf format and to be presented on the web site. Scott seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion passed.

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Publication of Nominations to the NAFA Web site

It was noted that the nominations should be presented in a press release following their approval by the board. The secretary will continue to write the press releases and the ED will approve their presentation to the web site.

Change in Wording to Regional MVP

The Board reviewed the wording of the regional MVP rule, which does not currently state a requirement that the dog nominated as "mvp" actually have "played" in the year in which it is nominated and whether this requirement is inherent in "Player" or not; also discussed was whether the rule should be amended to clarify the requirements. Glenn made a motion to table the discussion to Rules Committee. Brian seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Against: Brian, Glenn, Todd, Kris, Mike, Scott, Jeff by proxy. Abstain: Dale by proxy. The motion to table was defeated.

Scott made a motion to amend the Corporate Policies and Procedures 8.6 (a) as follows:

This award is given to the dog deemed to most valuable in its specific region for the current racing year. To be eligible, the dog must have earned NAFA points in that region during the current given racing year. Only one candidate will be given this award per year, per region.

In favour: Brian, Glenn, Jeff by proxy, Todd, Kris, Scott. Against: Mike. Abstain: Dale by proxy. The motion to accept the new wording of the rule was passed.

Scott made a motion that the Rules Committee develop a Regional Hall of Fame award. Kris seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion.

Kris moved that we adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded. There was unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14PM Central.