

North American Flyball Association Inc.

Teleconference

June 20, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Minutes of NAFA Board of Directors – Telephonic Meeting – June 20, 2007

Present were: Board of Directors
Brian Fay,
Glenn Hamilton,
Lee Heighton,
Todd Morningstar
Lisa Peckham
Kris Pickering
Dale Smith

Chair Lee Heighton called the meeting to order at 8:27 PM CDT. Scott Stein and Mike Smith were absent due to family medical emergencies. Scott gave his proxy to Dale Smith. Sam Ford was absent because of a pre-existing work commitment. Kris Pickering served as Acting Secretary, at Glenn Hamilton's request.

Outstanding Business

1. Status of the Hobbes Pins

Lee reported that Sam has received the Hobbes pins and they are being delivered to the dog/handler teams who earned them. The pins are of jewelry quality, and Dale is having them photographed. Sam plans to locate an alternative production source to meet anticipated future demand and avoid production delays.

2. Approval of C20 and C21 Forms – Height Card Challenge Forms

Following the last telephone conference, the agreed changes to the draft C20 and C21 Forms were made. However, the revised forms were not circulated before tonight's conference call. They will be circulated to the Board and either voted on by written consent or reviewed via telephone conference shortly.

3. Status of Pick up Team Rule Review

A list of the issues identified at the last meeting concerning pick-up teams was circulated. The Rules Committee reported its plans to present a proposed set of draft rules at the Board's scheduled in person meeting in August. The Committee prefers not to add more appendices to the NAFA Rule Book. At least initially, however, the proposed pick up team rules will be presented in appendix format, because 1) they implicate so many different sections of the NAFA Rules of Racing and Policies and Procedures (90 day Rule, Regional Championship rules, mandatory class rules, limited tournament rules, record rules, Cynosports rules, etc.); 2) they will be reviewed and debated as a set; and 3) they will have a one year trial period with additional review/revisions as they sunset. The Rules Committee plans several telephone meetings to have a draft set ready to circulate before the August meeting and invites comment and input from other Board members, the ED and his staff, and the flyball community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of Judges

The Judges' Committee recommends that the Board promote the following three individuals from apprentice to provisional judging status: Jason Crawford, Jenny Graziano, and Stuart Vandeventer. Kris moved to accept the Judges' Committee recommendation; Glenn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jason Crawford, Jenny Graziano, and Stuart Vandeventer are promoted to Provisional Judges.

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The Judges' Committee also presented its recommendation that Kim Kendall be promoted from provisional to approved judge status. Dale Smith moved to accept this recommendation; Todd seconded the motion; it passed unanimously. Kim Kendall is promoted to Approved Judge

2. Request to Add Rarities Registration

The Board discussed the note received from Laura Greene asking that NAFA recognize as a breed registry Rarities Inc., www.raritiesinc.ca/default.htm. After discussion, the Board referred the suggestion to the Rules Committee to research and report on.

3. Request to Change Jump Height Rules for Specific Types or Breeds

The Board reviewed a letter received proposing to amend the jump height rules to state different rules for particular types or breeds of dogs. There was no request for further work-up of the proposal. Lee will thank and respond to the author of the proposal.

4. Nominating Committee

Lee reported that he has appointed as this year's Nominating Committee Melinda Vernon Fitts (Chair) and Danny Fitts and that both accepted the appointment.

5. Election Committee

Lee next reported that he has appointed Lisa Peckham as Chair of the Election Committee; Lisa accepted the appointment. The remaining members of the Election Committee will be chosen when this year's AGM site is confirmed, likely St. Louis.

Glenn Hamilton asked to enter Executive Session; Brian seconded the request. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. CDT.

The Board left Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 9:25 p.m. CDT.

6. Resignation of Glenn Hamilton

Lee reported that the Board voted to publish in its entirety the matters addressed in Executive Session which are as follows:

Glenn announced that, after a lot of thought and with mixed emotions and true regret, he has decided to resign from the Board, effective immediately. He gave his reasons for this decision, which the letter of resignation he then read sets out, as follows:

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Dear Lee,

It is with regret that I need to announce my resignation from the NAFA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Recently, my career has taken a change for the better. We will be relocating over the next year and the majority of my spare time is consumed getting our home ready for resale and searching for new property. I have found that I am unable to commit the necessary time away from this new job to be active board member. It is my belief that a replacement board member with a full-time interest would be a better solution for NAFA, rather than remaining with my part-time involvement or my taking a leave of absence from the Board.

I would ask that steps be taken to update the various agencies and web sites by removing my participation as a NAFA officer and replacing them with your new appointments.

Over the past 3 ½ years, we have accomplished much by delivering accurate financial statements with full transparency for the user community and governmental agencies, engrained that requirement into the bylaws, introduced Veterans as a class, produced a state of the art web site for our corporation, and brought accountability to all of our actions. Sam has leveraged a strong RD and support contingent into delivering decisions, awards and user support much more quickly and accurately than ever in the past. These are great things for a volunteer board to accomplish.

We have adopted Rules toward a Measuring certification process, but the forms remain unfinished. I urge the Board to complete that task quickly. I also urge a Measuring Judge program similar to that in place in agility venues.

But these points of unfinished business should not detract from the appreciation I have for the collegiality, camaraderie and hard work over the past terms and wish you every success in the future.

Cheers!

Glenn Hamilton

Glenn asked that his name be removed from the website and the Board's corporate filings.

Lee spoke and acknowledged the enormous service Glenn has provided the Board and the flyball community over the last 3 years. Lee asked if it was acceptable to Glenn that his letter, although presented in Executive Session, be published. Glenn stated that this was acceptable and that his reason for presenting his resignation and the letter in Executive Session was to give the Board a choice as to how to deal with this

Dale expressed his appreciation for Glenn's years of service and the difficult decision Glenn had made. Kris spoke and thanked Glenn for his years of service -- as keeper of the minutes, the corporate books, the Rule Books and in countless other ways -- but most of all for his collegiality and friendship and the civility he brought to all the different business and debates the Board has engaged in over the years.

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7. Dana Nichols Appointed to Fill Glenn Hamilton's Remaining Term

Lee appointed Dana Nichols to fill the vacancy created by Glenn's resignation, to serve the unexpired remainder of Glenn's term.

Kris moved to ratify the appointment of Dana Nichols to the board; Dale seconded the motion. There followed brief discussion in which Lee confirmed that he had spoken to Dana and that she would accept this position. The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Hamilton left the meeting at 9:31 p.m. CDT.

8. Election of Dana Nichols as NAFA Secretary

Lee asked that the Board approve Dana Nichols as Secretary and called for nominations for the position, vacated by Glenn. Kris nominated Dana as Secretary. No other nominations were proposed. Dale moved to close the nominations; Kris seconded. Dana was unanimously approved as NAFA Secretary.

Todd moved to adjourn the meeting; Dale seconded. There was no opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Pickering, Acting Secretary