

North American Flyball Association, Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Omaha, Nebraska

Abridged Minutes

December 1, 2007

Present were: Executive Director Sam Ford
Board of Directors Brian Fay,
Lee Heighton,
Dana Nichols,
Lisa Peckham,
Kris Pickering,
Dale Smith,
Scott Stein

Executive Director Sam Ford called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM CST. Todd Morningstar was absent due to a previously scheduled judging commitment and gave his proxy to Lisa Peckham. Mike Smith was absent due to work commitments and gave his proxy to Brian Fay.

There were many guests in attendance from the flyball community. Sam introduced the Board members who were present: Lee Heighton, Kris Pickering, Dana Nichols, Brian Fay, Lisa Peckham, Scott Stein, and Dale Smith

Sam addressed the group and made a last call for ballots at 7:55 pm. The Election Committee retired to tabulate results.

I. Executive Director's comments

The ED wants NAFA to be a fun place to play and continue to be a fun place to play.

During the 2007 racing year, NAFA had 342 tournies hosted by 137 host Clubs and entered by 8360 teams from 358 Clubs. During the 2006 racing year, NAFA had 325 tournies hosted by 134 host Clubs and entered by 8231 teams from 347 Clubs.

In 2007, 5697 different dogs participated in NAFA flyball events representing 146 breeds and earning a total of 14,096,020 points toward NAFA titles.

3321 dogs earned 6079 titles during the racing year.

NAFA Flyball was played in 37 different states and provinces including the first tournaments in Wyoming.

16 Clubs hosted their first NAFA flyball tournament during the 2007 racing year

Veterans was successful once again in its 2nd year during 2007 with 731 dogs running on 415 teams in 146 different events. There were 58 events the year before, almost tripled.

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NAFA is a strong organization; it continues to grow. It is under the same pressure that each of us as individuals is under: gas prices continue to rise and work commitments remain.

In 2007 we opened two new regions – 20 and 21. Thank you to Joe Acker for being Regional Director in the new Region 21. And thank you to Natalie Cole as Regional Director in Region 20, the eastern part of Ontario and Quebec.

There was another tournament in Alaska this year. The second year in a row we've had one and we're working on another.

II. Election Results

There were 918 total ballots returned, for 56.8%. The results were announced:

Regional MVPs:

Region 1 - **Divit**
Region 2 - **Lyric**
Region 3 - **Bainbridge Savannah**
Region 5 - **Heidi**
Region 6 - **Boomtown Jazz Ma Tazz**
Region 7 - **Dima**
Region 8 - **Jane**
Region 9 - **Joy**
Region 10 - **Jackpot**
Region 11 - **Harli**
Region 12 - **Remy**
Region 13 - **Beau and Hunter (tie)**
Region 14 - **Bandit**
Region 15 - **Riley**
Region 16 - **Hannah**
Region 18 - **Tula**
Region 19 - **Shelby**

Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame:

Lyric

Regional Champions:

Region	State/Prov	Regular	Multibreed
1	MI OH	Spring Loaded	Spring Loaded
2	ON	Burnin' Rubber	Burnin' Rubber
3	MN ND SD IA NE	Animal Inn	Omaha Speedracers
4	IL IN KY WI KS MO	Bordering on Insanity- Midwest	NONE
5	AR LA OK TX	Top Dog Racers	Dogz Rule!
6	AZ NV UT	Heat Wave	Flying Colors

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Region	State/Prov	Regular	Multibreed
7	BC OR WA	The Flying Squad	NONE
8	MB SK	Flyball N~R~G	KAOS
9	NC SC VA WV	Fur Fun	Fur Fun
10	NB NS PE	Fast 'n FURious	NONE
11	FL	Ketch This	Florida Air Xpress
12	AB ID MT	Redline Dogsports	NONE
13	CT MA ME NH NY RI VT QC	New England Trail Blazers	Ruff Enuff
14	AL GA MS TN	The Gamblers	Music City Road Dogs
15	DE MD NJ PA	Philadelphia Barking Authority	Flyball Dogs Anonymous
16	CA	Bark in the Park	INXS
18	AK	NONE	NONE
19	CO NM WY	D.E.O. Speedwaggin'	D.E.O. Speedwaggin'

National Champions:

NAFA	Champion	Spring Loaded	Spring Loaded

Board of Directors - top 3 vote getters:

Dale Smith – 768 (83.66%)

Scott Stein – 591 (64.38%)

Alisa Romaine – 417 (45.42%)

Executive Director:

Sam Ford

This is a proud organization that has made great strides. Lee Heighton has done an outstanding job as Chair and shown great leadership. Outgoing Board member Todd Morningstar needs to be recognized. Has worked for years for the board. This is absolutely the first meeting he has ever missed. He works daily on having lights shipped around. He is a very valuable person to our organization. He will be missed for years to come. We recognize his great contribution.

Sam opened the floor for questions:

- Sharon Atkinson – heard lowering jump heights again.
Sam indicated that the Board acted to present to the delegates a deduction to 5 from 4 inches for jump height. Will be posted on the website. The minimum and maximum jump heights would remain the same.
- Mary Bolton – whether NAFA would consider giving clubs hosting for the first time, a break on fees to offer an incentive to clubs who think they may not be able to host.
Sam indicated that this proposal could be presented to the Board directly by writing to the BOD at flyball@flyball.org Many of the changes in NAFA come from such suggestions. If goes to a delegate vote, there would be a 90 day comment period, then the proposal goes out for a vote.

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- Question about height cards – heard rumors about pulling all height cards or pulling height cards of certain dogs.
Sam indicated there has been no BOD discussion of pulling all height cards. There is a height card challenge system in effect.

Sam expressed his thanks to Jamie Smith and Omaha 4-Play for hosting the tournament and AGM.

Sam recessed the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Sam reconvened the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Sam moved we enter Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

The following officers were elected:

Chair – Lee Heighton
Vice Chair – Kris Pickering
Secretary – Dana Nichols
Treasurer – Scott Stein

Kris requested clarification from individual board members regarding how they believed racing with Performance Teams should operate in 3/5 racing to help the Rule Committee formulate language for a possible rule change.

Dana – not sure. Can see pluses each way.

Lisa – defer to the Rules Committee.

Kris – A no finish should not mean two different things in two different contexts. In essence, a performance team would not influence the outcome of a heat or race. It would be as if the other team is running against an empty lane, but that the false start rule applies to both lanes. Impact would be in 3/5, the non-performance team could try to get 3 finishes.

Scott – don't have strong feelings. Concern is that whatever we set now, if doesn't sunset, will proceed into the future. The more different rules we make, the more confusing it is. A no finish can't be two different things in two different places.

Lee – agree with Kris. Treat it as an empty lane or bye race except for false starts. But his vision of it would be that the judge says the performance team wins if won.

Brian – would have judge say win for the regular team and same as empty lane.

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Dale – like judged as if regular race – number of heats would be the same as if was regular team. Table would convert all performance team heats to losses, all completed non-performance team heats would be converted to wins. Brian pointed out this proposal would require an exemption to the meaningless heat rule.

Sam – indicated that his concern is that it would set up scoring situation where if got a per heat win, then they could get points for wins for 5 heats. Off all suggestions, Sam likes the idea of handling it like a breakout best. Basically you are a performance team, the win is over here. Team knows ahead of time that they are racing a performance team. When performance v performance, need to have exception to meaningless heat rule. Also, when perf v. perf with 3/5, maximum number of heats is 3. 4/7 max is 4, 2/3 max is 2.

Todd (by proxy) moved to adjourn. Mike (by proxy) seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM CST on December 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Nichols
Secretary