

# North American Flyball Association, Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Denver, Colorado

Abridged Minutes

January 18, 2014

Present were: Executive Director Lee Heighton  
Board of Directors Kim Davis,  
Sam Ford,  
Leerie Jenkins,  
Karen Oleson,  
Curtis Smith,  
Dale Smith.

## I. Executive Director's comments

Executive Director Lee Heighton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM MST. There were many guests in attendance.

Lee welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Lee expressed thanks to RUFF for being such gracious hosts and for the wonderful dinner.

He then introduced the Board of Directors in attendance: Kim Davis, Sam Ford, Leerie Jenkins, Karen Oleson, Curtis Smith, and Dale Smith. Nancy Garcia, Ally Stern and Dave Walt were unable to attend due to previous commitments.

Lee discussed positive reception of the new Multibreed titles.

Lee turned over the meeting to Sam Ford, who publicly thanked outgoing board members, Curtis Smith and Ally Stern for their years of service to NAFA.

Curtis and Ally have both been dedicated members of the Board and instrumental in the progression of NAFA. As they are rotating off, we should recognize their accomplishments and contributions.

Ally Stern, from Montreal, brought to the board a new voice for a new area that we had not reached before. She was a very strong competitor that moved into a region with no flyball and now they have a strong program in Quebec. And Ally is a big part of it, putting on tournaments and shepherding it in the right direction.

While on the board, she served on the marketing, history, finance committees and served as secretary. She has been a leader in an area that we really need growth potential and will be missed.

Curtis Smith, from Alaska, has made an amazing contribution. He has contributed to the board in amazing ways: chairing the rules committee, vice-chairing the board, chairing the finance committee and serving on the judges and history committees. We are all going to miss his friendship and contributions.

We want to thank both of these people who have served not just their region, but the entire population of the North American Flyball Association.

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## II. Statistics

Lee reviewed some statistics from the 2013 racing year:

There were 357 events hosted in 40 states and provinces hosted by 140 different clubs.

9,155 teams raced in these events from 371 different clubs, with 4,202 total club entries.

4,734 teams raced in Regular

780 raced in Multibreed

344 raced in Vets

3,285 raced in Open

The remainder were in miscellaneous classes.

7,767 new titles plus 178 Iron Dogs were earned during the racing year for a total of 7,945.

3,582 dogs earned titles were earned during the 2013 racing year.

15,598,160 points were earned during the racing year by 5,604 dogs from 155 different breeds (one breed being mix).

944 new dogs registered.

Lee presented a trivia question:

At the first Region 19 tournament, what was the total number of points earned? 83,340

Trivia winner – Danny Fitts

## III. Election Results

Lee announced the newly elected board members John Hendriks and Dirk Elber, and re-elected board member Dave Walt. Lee also announced his re-election as Executive Director.

Dave Walt was elected as Judge of the Year.

Clyde Moore Hall of Fame Inductees: Shadow and Xandr

Lee also announced all the Regional MVPs:

### **Regional MVP, Region 2**

Rythm - Whippet - Barbara Stopay - Some Ruff Competition

### **Regional MVP, Region 4**

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Jersey - Italian Greyhound - Michelle Lind - Canine Dirt Diggers

## **Regional MVP, Region 5**

LJ - Golden Retriever - RJ MCCLELLAN - Texas Twisters

## **Regional MVP, Region 7**

Zhen - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier - Rebecca Rutschman - Muddy Paws-A-Flyin'

## **Regional MVP, Region 8**

Bonus - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier - Riekie Evans - Ruff Riders

## **Regional MVP, Region 9**

Rhys - Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) - Victoria Gise - Blue Ridge Blast

## **Regional MVP, Region 10**

Gypsy - American Cocker Spaniel - Peggy Arsenault - Fast 'n FURious

## **Regional MVP, Region 11**

Ranger - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier - Denise Neuner - Ketch This

## **Regional MVP, Region 12**

Zebra - Mix - Diamond Ruman - Synergetic Surge

## **Regional MVP, Region 13**

Nova - Mix - Steven Taran - Buffalo Wings

## **Regional MVP, Region 14**

Rodeo - Australian Shepherd - Elaine Nichols - Music City Road Dogs

## **Regional MVP, Region 15**

Achilles - American Pit Bull Terrier - Debra Young - Revolution Flyball

## **Regional MVP, Region 16**

Bungee - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier - Margaret Lyons - SoCal Frequent Flyers

## **Regional MVP, Region 18**

Zoom - Siberian Husky - Maija Doggett - Alaska Dogs Gone Wild

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## Regional MVP, Region 19

Willow - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier - Jackie Dishmon - Denver Speed Demons

## Regional MVP, Region 20

Olive - Border Terrier - Sara & Bobby Ogilvie - Ready Set Go

## Regional MVP, Region 21

Gabby - Australian Shepherd - Lori Griffith - Disorderly Conduct

The Regional Champions were also announced.

Region	State/Province	Regional Regular Champions	Regional Multibreed Champions
1	MI OH	Mighty Mutts	Mighty Mutts
2	ON	Rocket Relay	Rocket Relay
3	MN ND SD	Animal Inn	Animal Inn
4	IL IN KY WI	Canine Dirt Diggers	N/A
5	AR LA OK TX	Top Dog Racers	Do Run Run
6	AZ NV UT	N/A	N/A
7	BC OR WA	The Flying Squad	N/A
8	MB SK	Holeshot Racers	N/A
9	NC SC VA WV	Fur Fun	Fur Fun
10	NB NS PE	Prepare for Takeoff	N/A
11	FL	Ketch This	All Revd Up
12	AB ID MT	Synergetic Surge	N/A
13	CT MA ME NH NY RI VT	Buffalo Wings	Buffalo Wings
14	AL GA MS TN	Dixie Flyers	Dixie Flyers
15	DE MD NJ PA	Dogtown	C.I.A.
16	CA	Marin Running Riot	Marin Running Riot
18	AK	Pawsitive Synergy	N/A
19	CO NM WY	Denver Speed Demons	N/A
20	ON QC	Paws on Fire	N/A
21	IA KS MO NE	Omaha Speedracers	Omaha Speedracers

NAFA Regular Champion	NAFA Multibreed Champion
Holeshot Racers	Buffalo Wings

## IV. Election Results

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Election results and regional return rates are attached.

## **V. Question and Answer Session**

Lee opened the meeting for questions.

Question: When is the Alaska tourney this summer? Curtis Smith addressed this question as his club hosts. The tourney is June 25 & 26, where there are lots of opportunities to race and lots of fun. This region (Region 19) has had very good representation from this region, Curtis mentions.

Question: Multibreed was a great addition to flyball. What's the "next big thing?"

Answer: Lee talked about how the multibreed titles were introduced and that they were instigated by members of the flyball community. One of our best assets is that we are willing to listen and would like to hear from the competitors. We try to give plenty of opportunities to suggest ideas to the board. So, please let us know of your ideas for "the next big thing."

Sam added that in the last couple of years NAFA has put focus on CanAm and now we have seven rings and that was unheard of in the past. We've also introduced the Honor Board to honor your past and present dogs, clubs and people where they are displayed on the CanAm jumps permanently.

Question: Will CanAm ever be in a different location?

Answer: We have researched but have not yet found a location that meets the criteria needed for the event to be held. With the growth and size (our current building is four acres), there aren't that many facilities that will support an event of this size. We are also building our vendor lists to help underwrite CanAm. And that base will help maintain as low a cost as possible. So timing and location all have to come together.

The following officers were elected during executive session on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Chair – Leerie Jenkins  
Vice Chair – Sam Ford  
Secretary – Kim Davis  
Treasurer – Nancy Garcia

Curtis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sam seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM MST.