

## **Highlights from January 15, 2010 Board meeting and January 16, 2010 AGM**

- NAFA® News yahoo group – new announcement list for subscribers to receive announcements from NAFA®. Subscribers won't be able to post, but can receive messages with updates. To subscribe, go to: [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/NAFANews](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/NAFANews)
- Electronic submission of results – when results are submitted electronically, clubs are no longer required to submit hard copies of timesheets, but must retain the documents for at least one year in case of any discrepancies. NAFA® will no longer authorize use of its UPS account for shipping of results.
- Judge of Year Award – new award created for approved & supervising judges, nominations due July 31, Board will narrow the list to no more than 5 finalists for delegate vote.
- Judge advancements
  - Dave Walt of Caledonia, ON – supervising judge
  - Laura Sheldon of Englewood, CO – approved judge
  - Amy Brubaker of Durham, NC – provisional judge
  - Tammy Wilson-Teeter of Phoenix, AZ – provisional judge
- Sponsorship DVD – the Marketing Committee is actively seeking sponsors for CanAm. Executive Director Lee Heighton has had a sponsorship DVD produced to assist in this. If you have suggestions for potential sponsors, please contact Nancy Garcia.
- NAFA® storefront – the Marketing Committee is developing a store front with NAFA® items available for pre-order purchase. Items will be rotated on a quarterly basis.
- Amendment to Performance Team rules – amended to clarify that dogs may not be double listed on a performance team in limited tournaments where double running would not be permitted.
- Recording heights on time sheets -- Failure to record a height on a C.2 timesheet alone does not trigger the penalty specified in Section 7.6 and does not require forfeiting of the heats. But a team who does not record a height on a C.2 form and fails a height challenge will be presumed to have been jumping the incorrect height in all preceding heats.
- Stopping racing in inclement weather – clarified that under Chapter 2(e), judges have the authority to stop racing for anything that affects the safety and wellbeing of the dogs and exhibitors, including inclement weather.
- Alternate materials for 1 and 2 inch slats – denied request for use of Azek® as a comparable material for use in 1 and 2 inch slats.
- Election Results – results of the election for Board of Directors, Hall of Fame, and Regional MVPs have been posted to the web page
- Regional and National Champions – regional and national champions for the 2009 racing year have been posted to the web page
- Scheduled Board Meetings
  - May 8, 2010 – Indianapolis, Indiana
  - August 7, 2010 – Las Vegas, Nevada