

BOD Teleconference July 30, 2018

Present: Neil Flood, Steve Corona, John Hendriks, Kim Davis, Dana Hanson,
Dirk Elber, Leerie Jenkins, Emma Mak, Aaron Robbins

Judges Committee:

Joan Weesies – Gulfport FL - The judges committee recommends promoting Joan Weesies from Apprentice to Provisional status. Leerie moved to accept judges committee recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion passed.

FCI Committee Update, Measuring, Jump Heights:

Some coordination with FCI is seen as a benefit to NAFA. There is hope that getting teams interested in representing NAFA at FCI will increase interest in Regional Champs, NAFA Champs, and therefore encourage Regular class participation. While the current FCI measurements (around 50% of dogs measure higher than NAFA) may prevent some teams from participating currently, there is hope that NAFA moving to an ulna measurement may encourage FCI to adjust their system to align more with NAFA. Work is in progress by the NAFA FCI Committee to develop an application based system for determining future NAFA representatives for FCI. A weighting system that takes into consideration such factors as regional/nafa standings, world records, contributions to the sport, etc. of applicants, is being considered.

First draft of a summary of our plan for moving forward:

1. **Will existing US patent prevent us.** Determine whether current US patent will prevent us from changing to ulna measurement. Dana is going to contact NAFA's trademark and patent attorney to get advice.
2. **Gather data.** Organize getting anonymous data at CanAm (for comparison of withers to ulna measurements). Get the Communications Committee working on promoting the gathering of data. Announcement to be released once we know about the patent.
3. **Create conversion system.** Use data and research of other organizations' systems to determine a conversion formula that will give similar results to current withers' measurements. (e.g. Aaron will try to investigate UKFL system while there)

Steps 1 & 2 should be completed, and step 3 well underway before we completely rule out the possibility of lowering the jumps going on the ballot (although most of the board is currently against lowering).

4. **Communicate measuring device change.** CC can then help us to communicate the plan of moving to a new measuring system, but not lowering jumps by an inch, to help with PR.
5. **Move to mandatory height cards.** Once ulna measurement system is in place, determine a feasible future date for height cards to become mandatory.

Update from Kim on CanAm entries: We're about halfway to expected numbers a week before closing (closing earlier this year).