

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting Highlights, January 20, 2012- Raleigh, North Carolina

- The board ratified the decision of the Executive Director to suspend Carla Thomas based on her conviction for animal abandonment in Pinellas County, FL. The Board considers this suspension to be indefinite and at the discretion of the Executive Director.

- The 2012 Election Results were ratified- for the results see www.flyball.org

- 2012 Officer Elections:

Chairman- Leerie Jenkins

Vice-chair- Curtis Smith

Secretary- Dana Nichols

Treasurer- Nancy Garcia

- Billy Coleman agreed to be the Acting RD in Region 6
- Mike Pape was approved as the RD for Region 11

New Judge Advancements:

- Peter Guidolin, Schomberg ON – Apprentice to Provisional.
- Martin Watt, Australian Flyball Association Approved Judge. The Board approved his request to judge some races during this visit under the supervision of a Supervising judge and subject to the approval of the Tournament Director.

Amendment to Section 8.3 – The Heat (page 13 of the current rulebook) as follows:

(e) Conduct of the box loader. Except during the warm-up, to retrieve a loose ball, reset a jump, or to get a fresh supply of balls to load for the current heat, the box loader must remain in the upright position behind the box, and may offer verbal encouragement only, as long as such encouragement does not distract the opposing team. For deaf dogs, box loaders should be permitted to use a subtle hand signal as long as it does not interfere with other competitors. As a courtesy to opposing teams, the box loader is to remain in position until the outcome of the heat is determined by the Head Judge. If, in the judge's opinion, a box loader has violated any of these rules, their team may forfeit the heat. (the modification is underlined- effective Oct 1, 2012).

No other changes to the rules were made at this meeting.