

## Agenda

### NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present for the meeting:

Steve Corona, Kim Davis, Dirk Elber, Neil Flood, Dana Hanson, Leerie Jenkins, Lynda Mantler  
(Jenn Bell, John Hendriks and Dale Smith could not attend).

#### ***Officers' Reports***

##### **Chairman Comments:**

Steve opened the meeting at 8:45 am.

Steve expressed thanks to everyone that have contributed to his learning the ropes of being the NAFA Chairman. "While I'm still on the learning curve, everyone's been very supportive as I learn and move forward."

##### **Executive Director's Comments:**

- Creation of Region 23 for Puerto Rico flyball – Neil had a request from Yvette Chevalier who's moving to set up a NAFA region in Puerto Rico. Hopefully, they can hold one event a year and attract people from Florida. And would like to create a region specifically for Puerto Rico. The board supports the ED's request.
- Neil recommended that Mike Smith of Region 5 be approved as Regional Director. Dirk motioned to accept Neil's recommendation. Leerie seconded. Motion carried.
- Neil recommended that Dave Gillette act as Regional Director of Region 6 due to the resignation of Karl Ruetz. Dave will take the role of Acting Regional Director, while training Megan Langs. Leerie motioned to accept Neil's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
- Neil recommended that Keira Chin of Region 13 be approved as Co-Regional Director with Terri Botsford Parrow, due to the traveling distance of the region. Leerie motioned to accept Neil's recommendation. Dana seconded. Motion carried.
- Neil recommended that Carle Lee Detweiler be approved to Regional Director for Region 15. Bill Bunting is retiring and has suggested Carle Lee as his replacement. Dirk motioned to accept Neil's recommendation. Leerie seconded. Motion carried.
- Neil is creating a regional director handbook. Some of the topics will include their responsibilities, schedules, etc. Dirk suggested having this handbook or a checklist on hand for substitute regional directors as well.
- Neil asked to enter executive session at 9:05 am.
- Exited executive session at 9:19 am.
- The board discussed regional directors' responsibilities.
- Neil notified the board that he granted an exception for the judging reinstatement process for Glenn Hamilton. Neil approved him to be a head judge, with no supervising judge, at the April 29/30 tournament. Leerie motioned that the board ratify Neil's exception. Dirk seconded. Motion carried. The board will consider adding a new category as "Pending" for judges.
- Neil asked to enter executive session at 9:27 am.

Exited executive session at 10:07 am.

The board clarified the judges' reinstatement process.

The board discussed a letter from Denver Speed Demons regarding club reinstatement.

Leerie motioned to reinstate Denver Speed Demons. Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Leerie motioned to place Katie Altholz & Stephanie Dags on probation for a period of three months, effective May 8<sup>th</sup>. Further, that neither can act as tournament director or tournament secretary until they apply to NAFA to have this restriction removed. Dana seconded. Motioned carried.

Leerie motioned to expunge the probation and suspension for Denver Speed Demons. Dirk seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

Neil received letter about perceived excessive consumption of alcohol at tournaments. Tourney hosts are responsible for enforcing any venue guidelines. Additionally, Regional Directors, NAFA officials and judges are empowered to enforce venue guidelines as well as individual conflicts.

Meeting break at 11:05 am.

Meeting resumed at 11:51 am.

#### **Finance / Treasurer Report:**

Dana discussed financial statements. Dana discussed a technology budget. Tournament fees are down. Discussed IRS Form 990 for year ended September 30, 2016.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 20th teleconference were published March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Election Committee:** Discussed Big Pulse.

#### ***Standing Committee Reports***

**Nominating Committee:** N/A

#### **Judges Committee:**

- Request from Amanda Brown (Region 9 RD) for exception for Australian Flyball Association judge Martin Watt to be approved to judge a number of races at the Coconut Classic Flyball tournament in June 2017. This would be under the supervision of a NAFA Supervising Judge, Jon Bescher. This approval will be based on passing NAFA novice exam to be administered in May. Leerie motioned to approve the exception. Lynda seconded. Motion carried.
- C.12 Forms (excusals) – one-part, vs. three-part. The judges committee is no longer recommending the three-part form and wished to move to a one-part. Dirk motioned to accept the judges committee recommendation. Dana seconded. Motion carried.
- Stephanie Trevino (Norfolk, VA) – Provisional to Approved – The judges committee unanimously recommends promoting Stephanie to Approved. Dirk motioned to accept the judges committee recommendation. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Marketing Committee:**

- AKC Title Recognition request from Pat Nickolaou
- *Email received 3/15/2017 –*

- Hi Kim
- I was just filling out the form to apply for title recognition with AKC. I contacted them about the highest level for earned titles. They mentioned that the ONYX title is what NAFA requested..... how disappointed I was to hear that. I have a dog that JUST earned her 90,000pts.
- So I was wondering IF NAFA would consider contacting AKC and re-negotiate this with them....it would be a DISHONOR to those that have gone well beyond the ONYX title.
- Thank you,
- 
- Pat Nickolaou

This has been referred back to marketing for more discussion once the AKC has been contacted for additional information.

Meeting break at 13:03 pm.

Meeting resumed at 13:25 pm.

**Review Panel:** N/A

**Disciplinary Committee:**

- Aggression Excusal Removal – Hoodlum CRN 110997 (Club 911 Dogtown)
- Aggression Excusal Removal – Vega CRN 130636 (Club 928 Kinetic)

Disciplinary committee recommended removing the excusals. Leerie motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Steve asked to enter executive session at 13:40 pm.

Exited executive session at 13:50 pm.

<b>Disciplinary Committee Report:</b>			<b>Effective Date(s)</b>
Cash, 140545	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	04/25/2015
Tommie, 100016	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	06/08/2014
Taj, 090259	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	05/04/2014
Tux, 100191	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	10/29/2013
Roxie, 051102	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	8/22/2011
Gimli, 040608	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	11/17/2008
Junior, 000165	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	07/13/2002
Tucker, 960374	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	06/24/1996
Marion Brinkman	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Mike Mattos	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Janet Nelson Morris	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Dave Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Cheryl Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Jennifer Nelson	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely

**Rules Committee:**

- Creating regional championships for additional divisions of racing, and not just Division 1. This is a very complicated idea including a crossover between divisions. This has been referred to the rules committee for ideas and viability.
- Three options for determining Regional Champions. Dirk motioned to accept the recommendation of the rules committee of the proposed changes. Leerie seconded. Motion carried. See attachment.
- Measuring Judges. The rules committee discussed how this position will be managed and its responsibilities as well. Discussions also covered the new process for applying for a height card by individuals (see below), how to address getting a 'measuring judge' measure, re-certification and number of measurements needed. A framework is to be published as highlights. See attachment.
- Height Card Refund Process – Neil proposed offering a refund or a free height card application under the new process. Dirk motioned to accept Neil's proposal. Leerie seconded. Motion carried. See attachment for posted height card refund process.
- Height Card Application Process - Additional discussions on the new height card application procedures. The board discussed options concerning number of height measurements by judges. Dirk suggested consulting Dale and John on teleconference to propose details. Teleconference will include possible candidates for measuring judges and the qualifications for the position.
- World Record Process – After a lengthy discussion surrounding the existing process, the rules committee will review.

### ***Special Committee Reports***

**Technology Committee:** Discussions surrounded replacements of wickets and creating a budget for next generation of the EJS.

**NAFA/Flyball History Committee:** N/A

**CanAm Steering Committee:**

Steve asks to enter executive session at 17:00 pm.

Exited executive session at 17:42 pm.

The board discussed increased sponsorship at CanAm.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- From Neil: Website page addition for NAFA Champions info.
- From Lynda: Communication with constituents. There are opportunities for the board to communicate better and will endeavor to do so.
- From Lynda: Reading and recording opinions expressed in the emails regarding the new open class rules. The email address of [openclasschangesfeedback@flyball.org](mailto:openclasschangesfeedback@flyball.org) should be used by anyone wishing to comment, positively or negatively, about the changes.

Lynda motioned to close the meeting. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 17:47 pm.

-30-