

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, January 9, 2015, Athens GA - Minutes:

Officers' Reports

Chair's Comments:

Leerie opened the meeting at 9:01 AM. Lee will be joining us tonight and we will reconvene tonight when he comes in, for election of officers.

Leerie welcomed everyone and thanked all for his or her service and hard work over the past year; and he's looking forward to working with everyone again this coming year.

Sam and Kim presented a service gift to Nancy Garcia on behalf of the board at Canine In Action Holiday Flyball Fest tournament in December. Sam and Kim gave a firsthand account of the presentation and talked about what a large and positive influence Nancy has had on their Flyball experience.

Leerie went on to add "Since we knew Nancy wouldn't be here, we had her board service gift presented to her at the CIA Holiday Flyball Fest tournament. It was presented during the awards ceremony by Sam and Kim. On a personal note, Nancy welcomed me onto the board, mentored me and my transition onto the board and has helped me tremendously to perform my duties as chair. She has been extraordinary in planning all our board meetings over the years....she is the Queen of CanAm, having been the overall event coordinator for CanAm from its inception. She has been our treasurer, and chaired or co-chaired the finance committee and chaired the marketing committee. She will be severely missed by NAFA and I just want to publicly recognize the enormous contribution she has made to NAFA and to Flyball. Thank you Nancy Garcia."

The next in-person board meeting will be held in Houston, Texas on 5/2/2015.

- 2015 NAFA BOD Meeting Schedule:
 - Houston TX – 05/02/2015
 - Detroit MI – 08/01/2015
 - AGM – December 2015/January 2016 – Open to suggestions. Kim will research all locations for past AGMs.

Treasurer's Report – The current account balances total: \$147,224.87. We have 46,512 reward points with American Express.

Secretary's Report – August BOD minutes were approved and have been published.

Standing Committee Reports

Judges Committee:

- EJS instructions and video – update needed. Leerie indicated the EJS .pdf instructions and setup video are quite old and would like the Judges committee to review it for needed updates. There was some discussion about charging the Technology Committee with this task. Leerie asked the Judges committee to review the EJS instructions and video to find any needed updates.

- Steve Heine, Placentia CA – Approved to Supervising. The judges committee unanimously recommended approving Steve for promotion. Dave moved to accept the recommendation. Sam seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.
- Melissa Taliana, Inverary ON – Approved to Supervising. The judges committee unanimously recommended approving Melissa for promotion. Dave moved to accept the recommendation. John seconded. Dale spoke to the positive things said during her interview and amongst the judges committee. The motion carried unanimously.
- Bill Carter, Sparks NV – Apprentice to Provisional. The judges committee unanimously recommended approving Bill for promotion. Dave moved to accept the recommendation. Dale seconded. Comments followed regarding his work as an RD in the past. The motion carried unanimously.

Rules Committee:

- Regional MVP nominations from judges
From: Jonathan Bescher
Date: Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 3:14 AM
Subject: [NAFA Rules] Nominations from Judges
To: rules@flyball.org

Rules Committee,

As a judge, I see dogs from all over. I also judge in multiple regions and I am not associated with a club anymore.

I have a vote for NAFA elections, but if I am not associated with a team I am not able to nominate a dog for Regional MVP. I am able to nominate a fellow judge.

As judges, we see more racing than most of the competitors, especially in the area that we judge in.

Judges should be allowed to vote for a regional MVP without having to be associated with a club. They should only be able to nominate 1 dog and it should not matter what region.

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The rules committee did not make a recommendation, as the proposal did not garner enough interest when in committee. It was mentioned that a request to vote outside a judges region was denied previously.

Multiple board members indicated that a NAFA judge must remain neutral and we should not give them the ability to show preferential treatment towards a dog by nominating them for MVP. Discussion about how the preferred region works for clubs followed.

- The rules committee received an inquiry asking why a fastest time run in the CanAm class would not constitute a NAFA record. Karen answered on behalf of the rules committee indicating NAFA only recognizes records from the Regular and Multibreed classes. The CanAm class is an "other" class and is not a Regular or Multibreed class.

Meeting broke at 10:20 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:35 AM.

Nominating Committee: Leerie thanked the nominating committee for their efforts and fine work.

Election Committee:

- Ratification of Election Results

Leerie asked to enter Executive Session at 2:26 AM.

Exited Executive Session at 2:30 AM.

The Board ratified the election results received by the election company.

- Election of Officers – deferred until ED arrival.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report

Finance:

In Nancy's absence Karen presented the Balance Sheet and P&L statements.

- The 2014 YTD Balance Sheet was presented and reviewed. It does not include depreciation for 2014 which will reduce our total assets by about 20,000.
- The 2014 vs 2015 YTD Balance Sheet was presented and reviewed.
- The 2014 Fiscal Year P&L was presented and reviewed. Dale noted the report does not include current year depreciation.

Financials – Leerie asked to analyze our fixed assets to reconcile such as EJS depreciation for the new BOD. Dale would also like to see what's left on the books vs what's aged out.

The Board also discussed the steps for transitioning the treasurer and finance responsibilities to the new BOD structure.

- Budget -

Leerie asked to enter Executive Session at 11:13 AM.

Exited Executive Session at 12:30 PM.

The Board took time to review CanAm, and discussed improvements for the 2015 CanAm based upon competitors feedback received after the event. The board discussed finances concerning the future of NAFA Flyball.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:45 PM.

Meeting resumed at 2:25 PM.

Disciplinary Committee:

- Daisy 11023 – Request to expunge excusal – Disciplinary committee recommends expunging the excusal. Karen motioned to accept committee’s motion. Sam seconded. Motion carried with no opposition.

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date(s)
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

Review Panel:

- Penny 130757 – 12/07/2014 – upheld on appeal
- Surf 101062 – 11/08/2014
- Rafe 070395 – 11/01/2014
- Torhq 120776 – 10/19/2014
- Briskie 130378 – 09/14/2014 – overturned on appeal
- Darby 100623 – 09/07/2014 – upheld on appeal
- Tito 120563 – 08/31/2014

Special Committee Reports

Technology Committee: Leerie reports he and Lee have a list of potential new functions and enhancements to the database system which he will forward to the technology committee.

The technology committee will undergo review of the following:

- Potential enhancements to the optimizer
- The next generation of EJS
- Preventative maintenance review of existing EJS

- Prioritization of new functions and enhancements to the database

NAFA/Flyball History Committee: The history committee has been gathering photos of Flyball over NAFA's history.

CanAm Steering Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Leerie recessed the board meeting at 2:50 pm until a time when Lee will be in attendance for the election of officers.

Leerie reconvenes meeting at 10:44 PM with Lee in attendance.

Election of Officers:

Lee asks to enter Executive Session.

Exited Executive Session.

The board elected new officers for 2015:

Chairman - Leerie Jenkins
Vice Chairman - Sam Ford
Secretary - Kim Davis
Treasurer - Karen Oleson

New Business:

On Nancy's behalf, Sam motioned to adjourn the meeting. Leerie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 pm.