

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, August 26th, 2016 Minutes:

Present for the meeting: Steve Corona, Kim Davis, Dirk Elber, Neil Flood, Sam Ford, Dana Hanson, John Hendriks, Dale Smith, Dave Walt.

Jenn Bell was unable to attend.

Officers' Reports

Chair's Comments:

Neil opened the meeting at 8:00 AM.

Neil mentions that the NAFA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Celtic Mayhem tournament in St. Petersburg, FL on Jan 14th, 2017. The board of directors meeting will be held on Friday, January 13th.

Executive Director's Comments:

Sam asked the board to approve Karl Ruetz as regional director for Region 6, replacing Billy Carter. Sam reports there have been no negative reports about Karl, as he's been acting RD for several months.

Dale motioned to accept Sam's recommendation. Kim seconded. Motion passed.

Kim asked to enter executive session at 8:21 am.

Exited executive session at 9:15 am.

The height card form #1605-01 for CRN 15010 has been invalidated by the Executive Director for failure to follow a judge's direction. Dale motioned. John seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The board ratified the Executive Director's action.

Dave Walt left the meeting room.

Entered executive session at 9:25 am.

Exited executive session at 10:30 am.

The Executive Director placed on probation the NAFA club Rocket Relay and NAFA club Border Patrol for a period of six months for conduct prejudicial to the sport of flyball, effective August 27th. The board ratified the Executive Director's action. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Walt returned to meeting room.

Treasurer's Report:

Dana went through latest expenses.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Election Committee:

The Big Pulse contract has been completed. We have received template to populate. Discussions have been held around new chat program for candidate chats.

Standing Committee Reports

Judges Committee:

- Justin Ernst (Blaine, MN) - Provisional to Approved. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
- Tim McElligott (Fairport, NY) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
- John Fisher (Reno, NV) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
- Maija Doggett (Anchorage, AK) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dana seconded. Motion carried.
- Cynthia Rabe (Anchorage, AK) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dana seconded. Motion carried.
- Exceptions for Doggett and Rabe listed below. Judges' committee recommends the following:
 - *You are required to judge a minimum of 25 races at 5 tournaments on 5 different weekends. You are allowed to judge one Tournament at home that is less than 25 races. Since you typically run two one day tournaments over a weekend, you can combine both days to be one assignment even though it is two different tournaments. If you travel away from home to go to a tournament you can do 2 assignments (one each day) that weekend as long as you can get in the minimum amount of races each day. During one of those five assignments you must judge a minimum of 40 races. You are also required to be the measuring judge at three tournaments on three different weekends and measure a minimum of 8 dogs at each tournament. We also highly suggest, but not mandatory, that one assignment be done out of region. You must receive an evaluation (C.18 form) by BOTH the Regional Director & Tournament Director from each assignment. Additionally, after all assignments are completed we require a letter of recommendation for promotion from an Approved or Supervising Judge. Once you have successfully completed 5 assignments and have your letter of recommendation, you can send them to the judges committee and apply for Approved status. You have 24 months from today to complete this level of the training program and apply for promotion to Approved status.*
 - Dale motioned to accept the exceptions for Doggett & Rabe. Steve seconded. Motion carried.
 - Chris Fairen (Oshawa, ON) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
 - Eloise Chateaux (Cantley, QC) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried. This is our first French speaking judge in Region 20.
 - Nancy Denier (Estacada, OR) - Provisional to Approved. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.
 - Sanfield Forseth (Stanford, KY) - Apprentice to Provisional. The judges' committee is recommending to promote. Dave motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Proposed changes to Judges training program

APPRENTICE JUDGE:

Overview

The apprentice judge is expected to have a thorough understanding of the duties of all judges working at a tournament and of the NAFA® Rules of Racing and Policies & Procedures Manual. Under the supervision of a NAFA® appointed supervising judge, the apprentice judge will demonstrate his or her knowledge of the rules and ability to apply them while judging a NAFA® sanctioned event.

Assignments:

Judge a minimum of 25 races at three different tournaments on different weekends under a minimum of two different NAFA® supervising judges.

Measure a minimum of 8 dogs at three different tournaments on different weekends under the supervision of two different NAFA® supervising judges. At a minimum, all measurements for the last assignment must be done officially as the measuring judge.

Learning Objective:

Ability to accurately set up the wicket and measure dogs

Ability to identify and signal infractions as outlined in the NAFA® Rules of Racing & Policies & Procedures Manual

Ability to explain the nature of infractions to competitors

Ability to control the racing ring

Ability to interact appropriately with exhibitors

Development of personal judging style

Evaluation Procedure:

The apprentice judge will be evaluated by the NAFA® supervising judge on his or her ability to perform the functions of a NAFA® judge. At each assignment a C.17 evaluation form will be completed by the NAFA® supervising judge.

Criteria for Promotion to Provisional Judge Status:

(add) The newly promoted apprentice judge has 12 months to complete the apprentice judge assignments and apply for promotion to provisional status.

Once all assignments have been completed, the apprentice judge will forward all forms and all C.17 evaluations to the NAFA® Judges Committee for consideration of promotion to provisional judge status. The committee will consider the application and make a recommendation to the NAFA® Board of Directors regarding promotion. The chairman of the Judges Committee will notify the applicant of the decision of the NAFA® Board of Directors. ~~If promotion occurs, the newly appointed provisional judge has eighteen months from the date of promotion to complete the provisional judge assignments and apply for promotion to approved judge status.~~

Failure to complete any portion of the apprentice judge's training program to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors will result in additional assignments being required of the apprentice judge prior to promotion. The number and nature of the additional assignments are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be designed to remediate any area of expertise deemed to be lacking by the apprentice judge.

PROVISIONAL JUDGE:

The provisional judge is to demonstrate the ability to perform the functions of a NAFA® approved judge without supervision.

Assignments:

Judge a minimum of 25 races at five tournaments on 5 different weekends. Must judge a minimum of 40 races during one of those assignments. It is highly recommended that these assignments be completed in a minimum of two separate regions.

Must be the measuring judge at three tournaments on three different weekends and officially measure a minimum of 8 dogs at each tournament.

Receive a C.18 evaluation form from both the regional director and tournament director from each assignment

After completion of all assignments obtain a Letter of Recommendation for Promotion from a NAFA® Approved or Supervising Judge.

Learning Objective:

Ability to perform the functions of a NAFA® approved judge without relying on the immediate input that is provided by a supervising judge.

Establish a confident ring presence while managing the racing at a NAFA® sanctioned tournament.

Criteria for Promotion to Approved Judge Status:

(ADD) The newly appointed provisional judge has eighteen months from the date of promotion to complete the provisional judge assignments and apply for promotion to approved judge status.

Once all assignments have been completed, the provisional judge will forward all forms, Letter of Recommendation and all C.18 evaluations to the NAFA® Judges Committee for consideration of promotion to approved judge status. The committee will consider the application and make a recommendation to the NAFA® Board of Directors regarding promotion. The chairman of the NAFA® Judges Committee will notify the applicant of the decision of the NAFA® Board of Directors.

Failure to complete any portion of the provisional judge's training program to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors will result in additional assignments being required of the provisional judge prior to promotion. The number and nature of the additional assignments are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be designed to remediate any area of expertise deemed to be lacking by the provisional judge.

Dale motioned to accept the changes. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Rules Committee:

Rule Changes Submitted in email from John Hendriks

See attachment.

Proposal from the rules committee to update the training video to reflect the new measurement process.

Dale motioned to accept the changes. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Proposal 2 & 3 from the rules committee is to update the requirements to make measuring more clear by Oct 1st.

Dale motioned to accept the changes. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Proposal from rules committee for Section 4 & 5 to update requirements for WR run process

This will include measuring of the height dog and related changes to the world record form.

Dale motioned to accept the changes. Steve seconded. Dave abstained. No other objections. Motion carried.

Proposal from rules committee for Section 2 & 3 concerning safer slats.

Section 2.3- jumps

(a) (ii) NAFA requires all 1" and 2" jump boards be no thicker than ½" plywood, sintra, or similar approved material. All edges must be "eased" or rounded over so no sharp edges are present.

Dale motioned to accept the changes. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Wording for re-run order to be set out by rules committee to be sent to board for approval.

Regional Directors will be asked for videos for measuring examples.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:45 am.

Meeting resumed at 12:35 pm.

Neil asked to enter executive session at 12:40 pm.

Exited executive session at 12:42 pm.

Finance:

Discussions included a reduction in NAFA fees across the organization. Discussions also included how this could affect future EJS cost. Dana motioned to institute a roll back to \$22 per one day; \$33 two day; second day \$11.00 for consecutive tournaments; effective 10/1/2016. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

CanAm Budget – Discussed income from entry fees, vendors, sponsors, division sponsors, hotel rebates, and t-shirt sales. Also, covered possible expenses for awards, workers and number of assigned parking behind Hooks’ Drug Store.

Nominating Committee:

Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee:

Titles above 100,000 points. Historically speaking – we have not decided to add any additional points. It could result in pushing dogs beyond reasonable limits. Marketing does not recommend the additional titles.

Honorary title certificate for Lucy was requested. Dirk motioned. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Dirk introduces the idea to let the NAFA and CanAm logo for vendors to use on products. Approval was given to use the logo for products in conjunction only with the tournament.

Disciplinary Committee:

Request to expunge excusal - Kelsey CRN #071127. Amy LePlant asked to expunge. Dave motioned. John seconded. Motioned carried. Excusal expunged.

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date(s)
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

Review Panel:

- Naboo 120571 05/28/2016
- Whiskey 160100 07/17/2016
- Magic 160128 07/23/2016 - Appealed
- Dayton 150517 08/14/2016

Special Committee Reports

Technology Committee:

Nothing to report.

NAFA/Flyball History Committee:

Nothing to report.

CanAm Steering Committee:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

New Business:

Neil motioned to close the meeting. Kim seconded.

Meeting ended at 2:33 pm.