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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On June 6th, 1994, NAFA Board Members held a conference call to conduct it's board meeting. The following is an excerpt of the minutes from that meeting.

Board Position: The following are nominees for the board position that was vacated when Kim Eashoo became NAFA Executive Director;

Katy Kaylor - Nevada
Steve Bigger - Michigan
Bruce Brackman - California
Marge Henderson - California
Betty Carroll - Texas

Passing/Timing Lights: For optimal use and to reduce custom fees and paperwork, it has been decided that there should be 2 sets of NAFA lights; one set will be kept in the US and one set to be kept in Canada. In

circumstances where there are two tournaments the same day/weekend on one side of the border or the other, and the lights would be beneficial at both of those tournaments, NAFA will make every effort possible to have lights at both tournaments. NAFA's goal is to have a light structure, the stand itself, at every NAFA region. This will allow only the components such as the passing stands, logic box, reset triggers, etc... to be the items shipped. This will reduce the shipping crate size and shipping costs. NAFA also has approved a set of lights that Pawbusters owns for rental to host teams.

Passing/Timing Lights (Part II): A motion was made and passed to have a minimum entry requirement for teams who wish to have NAFA's passing/timing lights at their tournaments. The host team must

guarantee to NAFA that a minimum of 10 entries will be made to the tournament. This can include a combination, such as 7 entries in regular division and 3 teams in multibreed. If, for some reason, the entries do not achieve the minimum of 10 entries, the host team must compensate the difference of recording fees. For example, if the tournament attracted 8 entries, the host team must add an additional \$30 (bringing the total to \$150) to recording fees sent to NAFA.

Trademarks: With the incorporation of NAFA on April 10, 1994 as a non-profit organization and after NAFA has obtained various US trademarks, a motion was passed to investigate the costs and requirements for obtaining trademarks in other countries.

Flyball and the Internet

By now almost everyone has heard the words "Information Superhighway" and Internet. In case you haven't, they refer to a computer network that connects tens of thousands of computers and hundreds of thousands people world wide. The purpose of this article is to explain facilities available on the Internet that are useful to Flyball people.

The three primary facilities available are electronic mail (email), netnews, and Internet Relay Chat (IRC). Email is exactly what it sounds like - the ability to send and receive mail electronically. In order to use email, you must have an electronic address.

This is usually of the form user@destination, where user is your login name and destination is a unique domain name for the organization you are associated with. For instance, my company's registered domain name is "ces.com" and my login name is ijh so e-mail would be sent to me as "ijh@ces.com". Email is primarily a user to user medium analogous to sending normal postal mail although it is sent much faster than normal mail. Postal mail is commonly referred to as snail mail. An email message can be sent across the continent in any where from a few seconds to a day or so depending on how both ends

are connected to the Internet.

Email is also used to disperse mailing lists. Mailing lists are pseudo users that copy received mail to a list of registered subscribers. Currently there is not a Flyball related mailing list but read further for more information.

The primary way that Flyball people communicate on the Internet is through netnews. Netnews is basically like PC-style bulletin boards with a twist. Rather than logging into a central machine to read the postings, netnews is distributed throughout

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From the Executive Director...

Welcome to a very informative issue of NAFA News! Presented in this issue are minutes from a conference call held between all Board members on June 1st. Bob Murray, NAFA Chairman of the Board, had his hands full arranging the conference call. It's not easy getting that many people together at the same time, let alone having to negotiate between time zones! Thanks again, Bob!

Also in this issue is an article from Ian Hogg of Maple Grove, MN about Flyball and the Information Superhighway. There are many opportunities to exchange ideas, thoughts and concerns in an open forum on several services. Internet is of particular interest to Flyball team members since it is an international service and it allows 'real time chat'. It's a wonderful way to bring the sport of Flyball to so many who might otherwise not receive the information they need. I have received several dozen inquiries via Internet and Prodigy, and am able to respond immediately. Contact any of those involved with Internet if you'd like to learn how to 'get connected'. Thanks Ian for a wonderful article!

Until next month, good racing!

Kim Eashoo

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the world. Netnews is organized as a series of topics in a hierarchical manner. The newsgroup "rec.pets.dogs" (r.p.d) is where the Flyball discussions take place. Currently there is small but knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of people posting about Flyball. Some of the people include: myself, Sue Ethier of Rude Dogs, Scott George of Front Runners, Andrew Mouser the NAFA News editor, Kim Eashoo the NAFA Executive Director, John Thomas of Leaps 'n Bounds, and Marty Fulton of Animal Inn. We discuss a broad range of subjects including training techniques, rules, scoring, tournament results, equipment, and answering the "What is Flyball?" questions that pop up. The Flyball discussions have really taken off in the past few months and have been directly responsible for several new people/teams getting started. Rec.pets.dogs can be a

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Karen Dembrowski	Red Hot Chili Poppers	DXCW93A (on Prodigy)
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Sue Ethier	Rude Dogs	SUETHIER@delphi.com
Marge Henderson	Rocket Paws	FGCY54A (on Prodigy)
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powerful marketing tool for NAFA. One thing that strikes me as odd is that not one single Flyball person on r.p.d is from Canada! I know there must be Canadians with netnews access.

Flyball is just one facet of the topics discussed on r.p.d. It's daily volume is getting quite large (100-150 messages per day). Only about 5 Flyball articles are posted each day. In order to help people locate Flyball posts please start your "Subject" line with the word Flyball. This also helps people who are not interested to skip over Flyball articles. The only problem with netnews is that not every one has access to it. Some sites have e-mail but not netnews. Other people do not have access to a decent newsreader program and have to wade through the other 100+ articles each day to find a few Flyball posts. These short comings are being addressed. A new newsgroup (rec.pets.dogs.sports) is in the process of being created. Its range of topics will include all dogsports including Flyball. This will make it much easier and quicker to read Flyball posts. Once the new newsgroup is created a mailing list will be created that mirrors the news group. This will allow people without netnews access to fully participate in the Flyball discussions.

Some people have suggested just moving everything to a mailing list. My preference is to keep the discussions public in order to stimulate interest in Flyball. One non-Flyball reader challenged my claim - she said she doubted that anyone became involved in Flyball from reading articles on netnews. The next day about 5 people either posted articles or sent me e-mail stating that reading our articles was directly responsible for them either starting teams or joining existing teams. Furthermore, Kim Eashoo (NAFA Executive Director) reported that she has also received e-mail

from people looking for teams or already had "backyard" teams but knew nothing about Flyball. All this in last few months. If you are interested in joining the mailing list when it is created, please send an email message to me (ianhogg@cs.umn.edu).

The third facility for communicating with other Flyball people is called Internet Relay Chat (IRC). IRC is like a conference call except you type rather than speak. Remember those party lines that the phone company used to have? Well IRC is kind of like that. IRC is split up into channels. Flyball discussions take place on channel "#dogtalk". The main drawback to IRC is that it is only useful if people are using it at the same time. #dogtalk has been pretty inactive for a long time. It's just been too hard getting people together at the same time.

Ian Hogg is a member of Happy Hurdlers from Minnesota

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JUDGES CORNER**Training Collars****NAFA NEWS BITS**

Recently, there has been a hot topic in the Flyball arena concerning pinch collars. It has been a long-standing rule in NAFA that devices such as pinch collars and shock collars are not allowed in the ring. This rule is upheld under Section 6.15(c) of the September 1993 issue of the rules concerning training but because it is not spelled out directly against these devices, some of the newer teams in the newer areas playing Flyball don't realize about the ban. The most current rule book will directly state that these devices are not allowed in the ring.

One reason that this rule is in effect is that Flyball is a spectator sport and not all spectators would understand the use of these devices. NAFA thrives to promote the sport of Flyball as an upbeat activity and to show the public the enjoyment that both the handler and the dog can have while racing.

The JUDGES CORNER is a series to help answer and clarify NAFA Rules and Policies and to help give an insight on the type of judgment calls that may occur at tournaments. If you have any question that you would like answered here in this forum, please feel free to write to Andrew Mouser c/o NAFA NEWS, 1 Gooch Park Drive, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, L4M 4S6.

JUMP HEIGHTS

Last May, ballots were sent out to delegates concerning a rule change that would make the minimum jump height at 6 inches instead of 8 inches. All votes have been tallied and the the final outcome was that the vote didn't pass with the required 2/3 majority. The minimum jump height will remain at 8 inches. This is the second time that this change has been defeated so the likelihood that this issue will come up again in the near future is very slim.

20,000 POINTS!

On April 9th, 1994 at the Maximum Overdrives tournament in Detroit, Michigan, De'Ja became the 3rd dog ever to obtain the coveted ONYX award by achieving 20,000 Flyball points. De'Ja, a 6 year old Border Collie, under the training and handling of Charsie Moore of PawBusters, started racing when she was 1 year old. A point of interest, this is the second dog from PawBusters who won this title and De'Ja is also a housemate of ONYX, the first dog to break the 20,000 point barrier.

TOP 10 FLYBALL BREEDS

BREED	MEMBERS
Border Collie	575
Mix	246
Golden Retriever	181
Labrador Retriever	178
Shetland Sheepdog	171
Australian Shepherd	106
Doberman Pinscher	100
American Cocker Spaniel	73
Jack Russel Terrier	72
Belgian Tervuren	67

FLYBALL RARE BREEDS

With all the dogs in Flyball, the following list of breeds only of one of their kind in our ranks. Of course, with new dogs being added all the time to NAFA, this list may be obsolete by the time you read this.

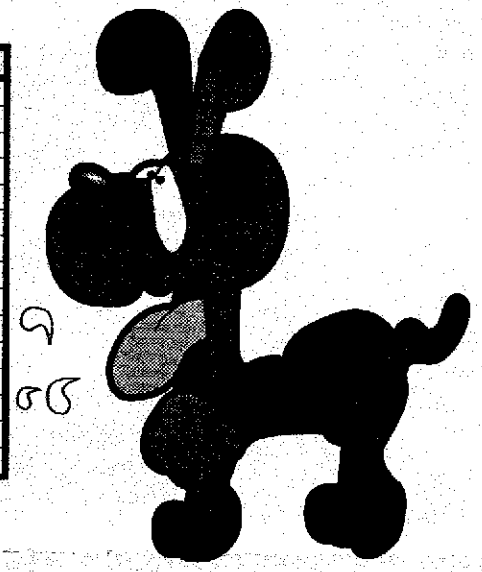
Australian Terrier, Bolognese, Bulldog, Miniature Long Hair Dachshund, American Fox Hound, Wire Fox Terrier, Greyhound, Harrier, Irish Water Spaniel, Lakeland Terrier, Lhasa Apso, Norwich Terrier, Pointer, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Silky Terrier, and Welsh Springer Spaniel.

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TOURNAMENTS

Dates	Close	Location	Contact	Number
7/16-7/17	7/2/94	Winnipeg, MAN	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086
7/17	7/2/94	Matsqui, BC	Val Culpin	604-856-8477
7/23	7/9/94	College Station, TX	Mary Nester	214-376-8588
7/24	7/6/94	Santa Barbara, CA	Tiffany Van Tuyl	805-687-6933
7/30-7/31	6/17/94	Kitchener, Ont	John Cocking	905-779-3062
8/6	7/9/94	Champaign, IL	Chris Larson	217-351-5939
8/6-8/7	7/8/94	Thunder Bay, ONT	Nancy Houlton	807-622-1396
8/12-8/14	7/15/94	Houston, TX	Alan Weiner	713-530-5211
8/20-8/21	7/8/94	Flint, MI	Clyde Moore	810-686-1973
9/17	8/15/94	Valparaiso, IN	Anne Kaszak	708-841-6035
9/17-9/18	9/2/94	Regina, Sask	Anja Evans	306-949-2004
10/8-10/9	9/9/94	Cedar Rapids, IA	Judy Hagan	319-484-2197
10/15-10/16	9/8/94	Holly, MI	Sherry Bigger Stanley	810-629-0335
11/12-11/13	11/2/94	Fresno, CA	Iris Berry	209-485-5306
12/3-12/4	10/21/94	Holly, MI	Kathy Doguid	313-371-4617



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