NAFA Annual Meeting held in Minnesota

The Board of Directors of NAFA, Inc. met in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota on November 10 & 11, 1995, during the Flying Red Rangers Flyball™ Tournament. Traveling to Minnesota gave the Board members a chance to meet with and talk to many of the Flyball enthusiasts from Minnesota and Manitoba.

The full Board and its committees met several times prior to the Annual Meeting which was held on the Saturday evening.

Much of the Board's time was spent grappling with the thorny issue of what criteria to use to establish Annual Champions, both at the Regional and North American levels. Criteria for the North American and Regional Champions were established and a Regular Class Champion were named. The selection of Multi-breed champions was put over until the next meeting. The criteria will be published once the Board is satisfied that it has criteria that will work equitably under all circumstances in the different Regions within NAFA™.

The results of the election for three new Board Members were announced. The board congratulates Steve McAvoy on his re-election, Steve has made valuable contributions to NAFA as chair of the Regulatory Committee. Two new members were elected along with Steve. Val. Culpin from British Columbia and Alan Weiner from Texas were welcomed to the Board. Congratulations to both! The fact that the Board now has members from each major area of activity is a good sign for the future strength of the Flyball Organization. No one should feel isolated from what "they" are deciding at Board Meetings.

Another important topic of discussion was nominations to the Hall of Fame. Five dogs were nominated, from these the Board considered that three were eligible to put forward to a delegate vote. The dogs named as candidates are: Zeke, A Border Collie handled by Phyllis Askew of Front Runners. Vesta, A Black Labrador handled by Marty Fulton of Animal Inn. Flash, A Border Collie handled by Doug Smuck of Border Patrol.

Another item of interest was some discussion on how to recognize the relationship between NAFA and Ian Hogg, who has been doing such a great job for us with the Internet. As an initial step Ian has been named to a Public Relations Committee which will also include Glenn Hamilton and Bob Murray.

The application of the Aggression Rule (6.17) to dogs that repeatedly chased other dogs or crossed into other lanes was discussed. It was suggested that Judges should communicate among themselves about such behaviour patterns.

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Happy New Year to all Flyball Competitors!
FROM THE STARTING LINE
by Dennis Wieske

In spite of our best efforts, there may come a time when a team must pull itself from tournament competition. Usually it is too late for the tournament director to change the schedule. When this happens all of their races are declared forfeit and the tournament is kept on schedule.

In accordance with the Rules for Competition, section 6.14 (b), Teams that win by forfeit must complete the minimum required heats scheduled to qualify for points awarded in round-robin or to advance in double elimination competition. If another team is not available to compete, the team shall race without an opponent.

The head judge will conduct this race in the same fashion as any other race in the tournament. The competing team must complete each required heat in order to be declared the winner of that race. If the team is unable to complete a heat, the head judge should stop the heat and indicate a loss on the time sheet. The head judge should ask the team captain to replace the offending dog then start the next heat. The team may only run as many heats as allowed for in the tournament format (2 out of 3, 3 out of 5, etc.).

Using a 3 out of 5 format for an example.
In double elimination competition, if the team is unable to complete the necessary heats(3) in the allotted attempts(5), then the team would drop down into the losers bracket. If the team is able to complete 3 out of 5, then they will advance to the next round. The forfeiting team will then drop into the losers bracket, and the same rule will apply.

In round-robin competition, where the winner of the race is awarded one tournament point per race, the team must complete 3 of the 5 heats to earn that point. When the winner of each heat is awarded two points, best of 5, then the competing team will only earn two points for each heat completed.

1995 Flyball Champions Announced

One of the decisions the Board is committed to making at the Annual Meeting is to announce the NAFA and Regional Champions for the year just closing. As announced in the March issue of the NAFA NEWS, championships will be based on the 12 month October to September period. This allows time for the board to select the Champions and announce it at the Annual Meeting which is normally held in November each year. It was the intent of the Board to announce both Regular and Multi-breed Champions. Unfortunately, this year, the development of suitable criteria has lagged and these announcements had to be postponed to the February 3 meeting.

The Champions as announced at the 1995 Annual Meeting are:

1995 NAFA Champions:
Instant Replay Gold.

Regional Champions:
1. Rude Puppies (MI, OH, PA)
2. Instant Replay Gold (ON, NY)
3. Animal Inn (MN, WI, NE)
4. Smack Dab Red & River City Flyers A (Tie) (IN, IL, IA, MO)
5. CTDC - Leaps & Bounds (TX, LA, KS)

6. Bark in the Park (CA, NV, AZ)
7. North Shore Flyers (WA, BC)
8. Allsorts Dogsports (MB, SK, AB)

(No Champion named for the new Region 9 MD, VI, NC, SC, GA)

Being a member of the new North American Champion Team, your editor is proud of the accomplishment of our team. The competition in the top division in our area has become extremely tight. There are no "easy" wins anymore, every team is competitive and small errors in handling can be all it takes to win or lose.

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Executive Director’s Corner.
by Clyde Moore.

As I finish my first year in office, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a great year for Flyball competition. In the course of the year I have had the honor to meet many new Flyballers and put faces with some of the voices I have worked with over the years. I am pleased to say that after trips to Texas, California, and Minnesota, Flyball competition in these areas, along with the growth in Regions 7 (BC, WA), 8 (AB, SK, MB), and the newest one 9 (MD, VI, NC, etc.) holds great promise for the future. I was pleased to see the level of competition in these areas and the enthusiasm of the new competitors!

So far this year I have received tournament applications from 2 new tournament hosts and would like to encourage other Flyball clubs to get their feet wet and host their first tournament. It is not as hard as it looks, and many of the older clubs would be willing to help out with your questions. If there is anything I can do to help, don’t hesitate to contact me.

There is a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Feb. 3, 1996 so if you have something on your mind that needs to be discussed, this is the time to let either Bob Murray or myself know.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY FLYBALL NEW YEAR!!

Words from the Chairman
by Bob Murray.

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season. I would like to congratulate our two newly elected Board members, Val Culpin and Allan Weiner, and a re-elected member Steve McAvoy. Our Board now has representation from Ontario, British Columbia, Minnesota, Texas, Illinois and Nevada. Michigan is represented through our Executive Director. As you can see we have the North American continent covered pretty well.

The Directors met in Brooklyn Park MN on November 10 at the airport, where we were met and transported to our hotel by Noel Kujawski and Toni Osojnicki (from now on we just use first names) Thank you both very much. Noel also transported us around MN and back to the airport on Sunday. Following supper on Friday, the Board worked until 1:30 am. On Saturday morning we attended the tournament hosted by the Flying Red Rangers Flyball Teams. The individual committees gathered again at 3 PM until 5 PM. The Board reconvened its meeting at 6:45 am an continued until 8:00 PM. At 8:15 the Annual Meeting was called to order and continued until 10:30. Following the Annual Meeting the Board members found time to enjoy the hospitality of the Minnesota Flyball people. I can still hear Kevin saying his final "CHUBBY BUNNIES".

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# NAFA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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* Different Classes and or Divisions each day.

## NOTE TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Clyde Moore  
NAFA Executive Director

You have complied with NAFA Rule # 5.1(e) when your tournament is listed in either the NAFA NEWS or the FINISH LINE prior to your closing date. NAFA policy does not consider it necessary for you to send flyers to all 200 teams to be in compliance with the rules. This should save those of you who are still following the original policy a considerable sum of money.
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"Chairman" continued...
and I can't forget "Jack the Impostor". Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Editor's Note:

"CHUBBY BUNNIES" is a game that was imported from the UK through our association with the BFA over the Internet. Please ask someone who subscribes the Flyball E-Mail List to explain how it is played. I don’t want to go into the details here! "Kevin", I believe, was Kevin Hughes.

"Champions" continued...
This year Instant Replay was the winner, but the future could belong to any one of several teams. Only one team can be North American Champion, but it would not be possible to be a meaningful Champion unless others were willing to compete on equal terms. To all those other teams who come out to compete and challenge each other to do the best they can, Instant Replay offers their thanks, for without them there would be no satisfaction in winning a championship.

"Board" continued...
Toni Osjojnicki was approved as the new Regional Director for MN, WI, & NE.

Some discussion on the idea of holding a “National Tournament” took place. The Board is open to proposals on how this might be done.

Congratulations to Debbie Brink and Sheltie, Shana on their ONYX Award!

The next meeting of the Board will be on February 3, in Toronto, ON.

THE FINAL WORD
Steve McAvoy
Chairman Regulatory Committee

For this issue I would like to discuss Rule # 6.16(h) CONDUCT OF THE BOX LOADER.

I have noticed box loaders leaving their box after their team has finished their heat but before the opposing team has finished their heat. Teams need to inform their box loaders to maintain their position at the box until the head judge declares the heat finished by declaring a winner. Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your box loaders, along with the rest of your team. Who knows who might have to load the next race.

Also, a question has been raised about the location of the spare ball bucket during the running of heats. The entire racing area must remain free of obstructions. This includes the area between the box and the backboards. Ball bucket/containers should be placed behind the backboards thus out of the racing area/lanes.

At this time I would like to thank everyone for my re-election to the NAFA Board of Directors. I will continue to work with the Board to make Flyball competition better for everyone in the future.

Wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you at a tournament this year.

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