# NAFA's 1998 Parade of Champions

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n/a = not applicable (less than 12 teams/tournament in the region)

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**ELECTION RESULTS**

441 Ballots mailed out – 270 Ballots returned

**Executive Director**

Steve McAvoy

**Board of Directors**

Alan Weiner
Val Culpin
Ule James

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**CLYDE MOORE MEMORIAL HALL OF FAME**

Congratulations to:

SPEEDY
(Rude Dogs)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Let me begin by thanking everyone who supported me in my recent election as Executive Director of NAFA. It has been a very difficult and challenging year but I look forward to the upcoming year and the exciting changes ahead for NAFA.

My goals for the future include more EJS systems, better communication between NAFA and its participants, more growth and popularity due to our alliance with PETsMART and most importantly to have fun while competing with our dogs and socializing with our friends in flyball.

I would like to congratulate Alan and Val on their re-election and to welcome Ule James to the Board of Directors. Also good luck to Alyson Brown on her appointment as Regional Director of Region #5, replacing Alan Weiner, whose duties as chairman require his full attention. At this time, I would like to thank Alan for his service to NAFA as Regional Director and working to promote the sport in such a large way in his area and I welcome the opportunity to work with Alyson as she takes over from Alan.

Congratulations to Connie & Speedy of Rude Dogs on their election to the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Rocket Relay (NAFA Regular Champions) and Instant Replay (NAFA Multi-breed Champions) on their success of the past year as well to all the Regional champions for 1998.

As I begin my term, Regional Directors can look forward to receiving a monthly information update from me beginning in February. If there are any items that you would like to see addressed in the updates, please feel free to contact me.

Lastly, Melanie has decided to resign from her job as statistician but has agreed to continue until a replacement has been found. I would like to thank her for her dedication and service these past 5 years. Anyone interested in doing the stats job, please let me know.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year and good racing to all.....

Steve McAvoy
Executive Director, NAFA

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
By Alan Weiner

Thanks to the Dogwood Pacesetters and all the Flyball enthusiasts in the Pacific Northwest for making the 1998 Annual General Meeting held in Abbotsford, BC such a great experience. While there are some regional differences throughout North America, the thing that remains constant is how much dogs love flyball and how much enjoyment we get out of playing this terrific sport.

The Board meeting was productive and several projects are underway to facilitate the growth that flyball is experiencing. There are many talented people (non-board members) involved in the sport that contribute in various ways. Carol Friedman of the Houston Flyball Assoc. and Alyson Brown of Lone Star Flyball are enthusiasts who also happen to be very good attorneys. Their contribution as committee members on the PETsMART and the By-Laws committees has been monumental. Melanie McAvoy has done an incredible job as NAFA Statistician during a time of unprecedented growth. Chris Knowlton manages the logistics of the EJS in Canada, and prior to serving on the board Sue Rogers handled award pins and helped with rulebook revisions. Jim Sova and members of the election committee have worked hard as well. There are others that are helping NAFA by scoring tournaments and various other projects. Please contact me (or any board member) if you have an idea or would like to help.

The NAFA/PETsMART Alliance is underway with flyball demos at 7 Harlem Globetrotter games co-sponsored by PETsMART. There are many exciting plans that will be announced soon. You will be hearing more about the new generation of EJS and PETsMART sponsored-NAFA hosted tournaments with extensive media promotion. I feel that getting flyball into venues that attract spectators is the key to continued growth. There are many successful tournaments held in conjunction with other events such as dog shows, agility trials, petfairs and fundraisers that attract large crowds and lots of media attention. This exposes more dog lovers to our sport and will certainly fuel flyball’s continued expansion. All it takes to get hooked on flyball is to see it. So many people, who have seen how much fun the dogs and handlers have playing flyball, have said ... WOW, I want to do that.
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1999 NAFA® DIRECTORY

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Val Culpin (99-01)
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Ule James (99-01)
Katy Kaylor (97-99)
Dale Smith (98-00)

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NAFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, 4 December 1998 - Abbotsford, BC

(Abridged version of the minutes)

All Board members with the exception of Kevin Hughes were present. The Executive Director, Steve McAvoy was also present. NAFA Advisors, Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown were present for portions of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Alan Weiner at 8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A very large number of tournaments already sanctioned for the upcoming year. We may have trouble supplying EJS given the number we currently have. This shows that what we’ve been saying about the growth of flyball has been understated.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was not available for this meeting. It will be included in a later NAFA News.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Championships - Katy read the list of regional Champions in both Regular Class and Multi-breed. Class. The NAFA Champions were decided later in the meeting. The complete list appears in the NAFA News.

Technology - Dale made the motion that “we purchase another set of the current lights for ASAP delivery from Coltech” - seconded by Bob - the motion was passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding modifications to the new generation EJS and this discussion continues next meeting.

By-Laws NAFA’s special advisors, Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown were present for an ongoing discussion on the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS

PETSMART Alliance - progress report and draft contract discussions with Carol and Alyson.

Height Card Changes - Sue is going to change the way the seal is applied.

Regional Differences in Rules Interpretation Discussion evolved around some examples of how rules are interpreted in different areas. Items to be discussed in the Judge’s News (as they are brought to our attention).

Regional Boundaries, adding new States etc. Steve is already looking into adjusting regions and/or creating new regions for board review in the future.

Sanctioning Venues re: letters from “Need for Speed”(Seattle) & Skip Fix Steve once again reiterated the Board’s policy on sanctioning tournaments in dirt areas. NAFA will not discriminate between racing surfaces. There is no agenda on NAFA’s part to have all NAFA sanctioned events indoors and on mats.

Letter from Bob Davidson (Rocket Relay) re: tournament formats and race schedules Judy responding. Following a discussion, the Board sought to clarify the term “tournament format” and what it included.

Dale made the motion that tournament format should include 1) teams in each Division along with the seed time of each team and the “Breakout” assigned to that division, 2) layout of the tournament i.e. round-robin with/without single/double elimination, whether the two rounds are added together or not, 3) the scoring - how wins are determined, how the placings are determined and 4) how tie scores would be broken. - Seconded by Katy. In favor - Dale, Katy, Judy and Sue - Opposed - Marion, Bob and Val. The motion was approved. Section 5.3 - Format in the NAFA Rules and Policies book will be changed to reflect this approved motion.

Letter from Chad Marquis (Paws United) re: the handling of dogs Concern expressed about the way dogs are handled at tournaments with respect to “bowling, dropping, throwing & hanging.” To be addressed in the Judge’s Newsletter.

Letter from Ken Eldridge re: rule suggestion Sue made a motion that in Section 6.6 - Judges Guidelines (g) Measuring of dogs, the sentence that reads “A copy of jump heights should be posted for view by the tournament participants” be changed to “A copy of jump heights must be posted...” seconded by Katy the motion was unanimously approved.

Children attending tournaments The behaviour of children at tournaments is the responsibility of the parents and as such they are liable for damages incurred by their children.

New Judges for Approval Val made a motion to approve new judges - Doug May and Brian Fay – seconded by Katy the motion was approved unanimously.

Letters from Al Champlin re: communications - Dale will respond.

Letter from Skip Fix re: the .003 sec. tie The Tech. Comm, will study and reply.

NAFA and NAFA Clubs hosting Tournaments Dale made a motion that “NAFA sanctioned tournaments may only be hosted by NAFA or NAFA registered clubs in good standing.” Seconded by Val - the motion was approved unanimously.

Regional Champions Following some discussion a committee will review the criterion used for selecting Regional and National Champions.

Rule 6.6 (1) Line Judge shall (2) stop the race for the first false start - can be omitted from the rule book.

Definition of “the start of racing” and measuring boxes Confusion over “the start of a racing” with respect to having time sheets completed and boxes measured. The Board believes that this is a regional or individual tournament thing and the Tournament Director must declare “the start of racing” in the format for the tournament.

Sanctioning tournaments in areas where Pit Bulls (and others) are banned by city ordinance Most cities have “event” exemptions. Tournament Directors should check to make sure before they apply for tournament sanction. NAFA will not sanction tournaments in cities or areas where not all dogs would be allowed to participate.

NAFA payment in Canadian Funds Following a request to have Canadian money accepted on par with US funds, there was some discussion about exchange rates and tournament expenses.

Val made a motion that “a cap be placed on the Canadian exchange rate at 30% for an indefinite period” seconded by Sue. In favor Val, Katy and Sue – Opposed Judy, Bob,
Marion and Dale. The motion was not approved. Val will undertake a study on US vs. CDN tournament expenses and report back to the Board for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NAFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, 5 December 1998 – Abbotsford, BC

The AGM was called to order at 8:50 p.m. All Board members with the exception of Kevin Hughes were present. Also present were Executive Director, Steve McAvoy, NAFA Statistician – Melanie McAvoy, and NAFA’s special advisors Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown. Val Culpin introduced Steve McAvoy to the participants of the meeting.

- Steve introduced the Board members and made an opening statement about the record number of tournaments in the past year and that almost 1000 new CRN’s were issued. He, then, turned the meeting over to Alan.

The Election Committee (Katy Kaylor, Carol Friedman, Val Scott and Sharon Tutt) left the room to count ballots

- Alan thanked the Dogwood Pacesetters for a great day at their tournament. He stressed the need to get tournaments going in venues that would attract spectators and thereby ensuring the growth of our sport. Alan, then, introduced Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown and discussed some of the highlights of the PETS MART Alliance.

- Steve opened the floor to a general discussion and question/answer session.

From the Floor
Generally the discussion revolved around the PETS MART Alliance, how to promote flyball, and concerns about running surfaces (mats vs. dirt or grass). Steve assured everyone that NAFA does not intend to dictate running surfaces and that there is no ultimate goal to get flyball inside and on mats. Steve indicated that tournament entries would usually indicate the kind of running surfaces that are preferred in an area.

- A suggestion that NAFA start a video library of tournaments in all areas so teams could borrow or rent them from NAFA to see other regions playing.

- A suggestion that if the PETS MART Alliance would provide “regional” BJS, could it not also supply “regional” mats for tournaments requesting them. This is something that NAFA will investigate in the future.

The election committee returned with the ballots counted. Katy read out the results of the election and the regional, national and Hall of Fame winners.

- Congratulations to Clyde Moore Hall of Fame inductee: Speedy from Rude Dogs
- Congratulations on their re-election to the Board: Alan Weiner and Val Culpin
- Congratulations to new Board member: Ule James
- Congratulations on his election as Executive Director: Steve McAvoy

The open part of the AGM concluded at 10:15 p.m. and the NAFA Board continued in closed session to elect its executive.

Chairman: Alan Weiner
Vice-Chairman: Val Culpin
Treasurer: Katy Kaylor
Secretary: Marion Brinkman

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

NEW NAFA RECORD

16.20 seconds

CONGRATULATIONS

Hi-Performance BORDER PATROL

NAFA congratulates captain Linda Verna, all of her team members and Border Collies – “Timber”, “Copper”, “Quiver” and Border(Border mix “Target”.

NAFA Brochures

NAFA has produced a brochure on flyball competition. It is available to teams free of charge to use in promoting flyball. They are appropriate for distribution at demos, flyball tournaments or other public events.

For a supply please contact Sue Rogers – fpcchud@voyager.net or by mail at 40225 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

Height Card Applications

Height Card Applications are available from Sue Rogers – 40225 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights, MI, 48313. Please include fee of $5 US or $7 CDN with your request. Completed Applications should also be returned to Sue.