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# NAFA® NEWS

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## NAFA 2004 Calendar

Teleconference  
Board Meeting..... December 1, 2004

### **FROM Todd Morningstar EJS Repair and Maintenance**

There is a 2-3 week gap with no tournaments from December 12 to January 1, 2005. Any club with lights please send them to the following addresses:

#### **US Sets:**

Aaron Hughes / Todd Morningstar  
3500 Carpenter Road, Unit 453  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

#### **Canada Sets:**

Dave Burton  
92 Cope St.  
Hamilton, ON L8H-5B2  
(905) 545-5762

Contact Todd for the UPS account # for shipping:  
(734) 439-3811  
todd\_kari@yahoo.com

**Updated NAFA Rulebook  
now up on the website**

## From the Executive Director:

It was my privilege to represent the Board of Directors on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> and present to Steve McAvoy a mantle clock as a token of our appreciation for his many years of service to this organization as a Board Member and as the Executive Director. Steve has served faithfully and distinguished himself over these past years. He stepped in to lead this sport in difficult times, helped grow this sport into a far reaching body and positioned this sport for a new century. Your board and I wanted to take an opportunity to express out appreciation for all he has done to make flyball possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of those who voted in this election. A record number of ballots were returned allowing a spirited election process to come to an end at the AGM. There were great candidates running and each person had much to offer if they were chosen. To all those that ran for a position and to those that voted, thanks for taking time to make things work. To those that won and are now members of the new Board, welcome and let's get things moving.

To those members that are leaving the Board, Ule James and Aaron Hughes, we owe you a great deal. You have shaped the future with your past actions. You have guided us with your energy and ideas and made this process work. Our gratitude to you both for all you have contributed during your years of service.

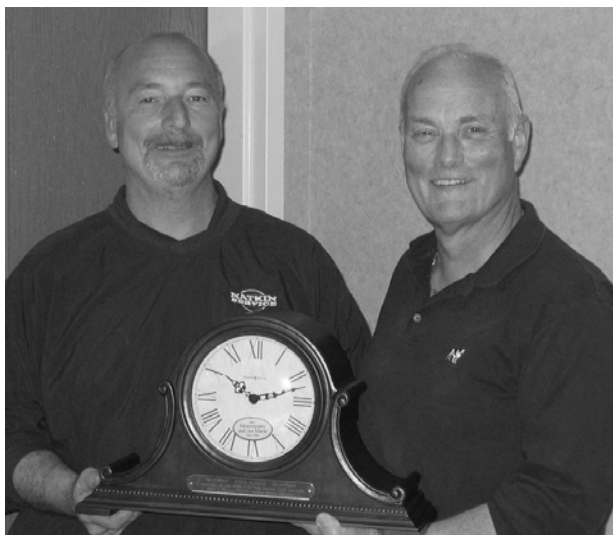
I would like to say thanks to all of you that honored me with your vote. I will work for the betterment of flyball and for all of flyball to grow. I will strive to listen to everyone's ideas and opinions and I will deal fairly with every situation, to the best of my ability.

Our Annual General Meeting was a big success with many coming out to participate in the meeting itself. Even now we are working on addressing several of the issues that were brought up and there are several new ideas working to make intra sport communication better. The AGM was also a success because the Heatwave club put out a great deal of effort to secure the site and provide for all of us. All of us on the BOD thank them for their support and efforts.

To the future, we are working to improve this sport. Ideas to add two new titles between 500 and 5,000 will encourage all of us to play. New lights are being reviewed and discussed, with a prototype being tested during the AGM weekend. A new effort to get the message of flyball out is on the horizon with the Marketing and Development Committee presenting new approaches for reaching out and including others. So all several new ideas are on the way.

One major step taken by NAFA, was the support given by this organization to those that are fighting breed specific legislation in Ontario. Not only do we intend to physically make our corporate voice heard but we have committed the resources of flyball to the fight against this legislation. The Board has voted to spend \$5,000 to aide the forces standing against this breed legislation. We all feel strongly that this is a bad piece of legislation and could make running flyball impractical if allowed to pass and become the law. We decided to do whatever we can to see that it is defeated and we encourage all lovers of flyball to get involved and help to defeat this anti canine law.

Sam Ford



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## Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Toronto Ontario  
July 31, 2004

Present were: Chairman Sam Ford, Aaron Hughes, Jeff Kinsley, Lee Heighton, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Ken Eldridge, Glenn Hamilton Executive Director Steve McAvooy was also present

Called to order at 8:20AM EDT by Sam Ford. Sam advised the members that he would be audio recording the meeting, no objections.

### A) Chairman's Comments

Glenn will record a separate document containing the Press Release for the web site ticker.

### B) Executive Director Comments

The ED announced that Denise Delaney will resign from her current position as soon as a replacement can be obtained. Steve will begin a search for a replacement and requested that the board decide if it wanted to appoint or hire a replacement. The job duties include mail forwarding, event sanctioning and certificate printing. Discussion ensued over the merits of hiring an employee versus appointment. Ule made a motion to disband the NAFA employee position when Denise's resignation is received. Lee Seconded. In Favor: All. Steve will seek replacement appointments.

Carle Lee Dembeck has offered to take over the function of NAFA News Editor from Ule James. Her background includes preparation of such materials for other organizations. She will require some software upgrades to facilitate her role. Todd made a motion that the board approved the purchase of MS Publisher and Adobe software to facilitate the production of the software. Glenn seconded. In favor: All. Ule to acquire the software for NAFA.

### C) Minute Approvals

Ule moved that we enter Executive Session at 9:01AM for the purpose of approving past meeting minutes which contain Executive Session material. Ken seconded. In Favor: All.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:01AM.

The board left Executive Session at 9:49AM

The board recessed this meeting to convene a disciplinary hearing at 9:50AM.

The board resumed this meeting at 3:20PM after

completing a Disciplinary hearing.

## D) Committee Reports

### Finance Committee Report.

Ule reviewed FY2002 and FY2003 to seek trends in NAFA's revenue forecast and determined that with Electronic Filing, the 10% discount (\$2.00) given to e-filers will erode the majority of the net income each year. Currently our annual net income averages around \$13,000. With annual tournament fee revenues of about \$130,000, the potential for a net income loss is very real when net income is discounted by the \$2.00 filing fee. Ule made a motion to increase the NAFA fee structure for tournament fees from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per team while the discount/rebate to host clubs for Electronic Filing will be increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00, effective January 1, 2005. Seconded by Jeff. In Favor: Ken, Ule, Jeff, Brian, Todd, Lee, Glenn. Opposed: Aaron. *Ule will update the rulebook with this change.*

### Treasurers Report.

Reports issued from Dale Smith via Todd show an account balance at 7/28/04. Bank account total is \$227,447.15. Todd moved that we accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ule seconded. Discussion followed regarding the content of the Treasurer's report. Favor: All.

### The Technical Committee

Signature Gear, as an EJS supplier was unable to attend this board meeting. Contact has been lost with Mark Kuznitz over the last few months, but Jeff has offered to follow up with him.

Aaron Hughes delivered a package described as the required source code, schematics, circuit board designs to NAFA. With the acceptance and confirmation of this information, the Technology Committee can withdraw its final request for information as NAFA can now control the development and repair of the existing Hughes systems. Ken will confirm the contents

Aaron has offered to repair the defective light sets in storage at Ypsilanti at little or no charge depending on the failure. Once these repairs are made, the warranty period will be deemed to be over and repairs will be done at NAFA's expense. *Todd will get the damaged sets sent to Aaron.*

There are 3 timing displays back in NAFA's control that complete the return of all displays to NAFA. The missing display has been located.

**Regulatory committee** met and discussed several issues. They reported the following:

Carle Lee Dembeck has asked if it was OK for a team to list one dog on 2 different regular teams as long as the dog ran on only one team at the different. This is not within the intent of the rules.

**Bylaws committee** met and discussed several issues. They reported the following:

a) It was suggested that Article 4, Section 4, Election of Directors of the Bylaws be modified as follows. Following the sentence ending "a three-year term." add the following additional sentence. "Nominations for vacant or vacating positions must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than 11:59PM CST on July 31 of each year." Ule proposed that the amended rule come into effect on 10/01/2004. Seconded by Brian. In Favor: All.

b) It was suggested that Article 4, Section 7, Election of Directors of the Bylaws be modified as follows. Remove the following sentence "An annual meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days prior to or subsequent to the end of the fiscal year, or on such other date or at such time or place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and designated in a written notice of the meeting all Board Members and delegates at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting." Replace that sentence with the new sentence "An annual meeting shall be held within the period November 1 to December 15 inclusive at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and designated in a written notice of the meeting to all Board Members and delegates at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting." Ule proposed that the amended rule come into effect on 10/01/2004. Seconded by Lee. In Favor: All.

Lee moved that we enter Executive Session at 4:33PM. Aaron seconded. In Favor: All.

The board entered Executive Session at 4:33PM

The board left Executive Session at 5:10PM.

**Judges committee** met.

The committee has reviewed the applications for judge's status changed. The committee made the following recommendations.

a) Josh Watson from Ontario be moved from Provisional to Head Judge. Glenn moved acceptance and Lee seconded. Favor: All

b) Dave Smart from Alberta be moved from Provisional to Head Judge. Ken moved acceptance and Glenn seconded. Favor: All.

c) Scott Chamberlain from Pennsylvania be moved from Provisional to Head Judge. Ken moved acceptance and Lee seconded. Favor: All.

d) Dave Samuels from Michigan to be reinstated to Head Judge status after absence. He has completed his assignments and will be returned to the Judge's list.

e) Mike Galloway from Ontario be moved from Provisional to Head. Ken moved acceptance and Aaron seconded. Favor all.

f) Geoff Brown from North Carolina be moved from Provisional to Head Judge Ken moved acceptance and Todd seconded. Favor: All.

g) Aimee Rockefeller from Virginia be moved from Provisional to Head Judge status. Aaron moved acceptance and Ken seconded. Favor: All.

h) Janis Cook from Virginia be moved Provisional to Head Judge status. The committee did not recommend her change in status. She will be removed from the Judge's List. Ken moved acceptance and Todd seconded. Favor: All.

i) Barbara Craig from Florida requested a change of status from Apprentice to Provisional. The committee recommended that Barbara stays as an apprentice judge and that she do a minimum of 3 more assignments before July 31, 2005. Ken moved acceptance and Aaron seconded. Favor: All.

j) John Rutkowski from California requested a change of status from Apprentice to Provisional. The committee recommended that John stays as an apprentice judge and that he do a minimum of 3 more assignments before July 31, 2005. Aaron moved acceptance and Todd seconded. Favor: All.

k) Carl Dingee from New Brunswick requested a change of status from Head Judge to Supervisory. The committee recommended that Carl be approved as a Supervising Head Judge. Aaron moved acceptance and Lee seconded. Favor: All.

l) Mike Smith from Texas requested a change of status from Head Judge to Supervisory. The committee recommended that Mike not be approved due to the fact that there is no shortage of Supervising Judges in Region 5. 2 of 6 judges in Texas are already supervising judges. Glenn moved acceptance and Brian seconded. Favor: All.

Ule moved that we enter Executive Session at 5:52PM. Aaron seconded. In Favor: All.

The board entered Executive Session at 5:52PM.

The board left Executive Session at 7:43PM.

n) Due to measuring irregularities, Val Culpin, Dave Demers and Randy Kenzie will be returned to Apprentice Judge status as of July 31, 2004 and will follow the regular procedure of judge approval as they progress through the normal course of training. In Favor: Ken, Brian, Todd, Lee, Jeff, Glenn. Against: Ule, Aaron.

o) Brian requested that the ED forward all Height Card Sheets from Region 6 and 16 for the period Sept. 30, 2003 to July 31, 2004 to the Judge's Committee. Steve to supply photocopies of the sheets.

p) Steve will forward a measuring wicket to Todd for the purposes of obtaining a quote for the purchase of shipping crates for the wickets.

**Education committee.** Nothing to report at this time.

Aaron left the meeting at 7:53PM for his return flight. Before leaving, Aaron left his proxy with Ule James for the balance of the meeting.

**Marketing and Development committee** reported. Jeff discussed plans for marketing for the ABDT promotions in Denver later this year.

**Hall of Fame Committee** reported the various candidates for the 2004 Clyde Moore Hall of Fame voting. The original list of 9 candidates was reduced to 5 candidates by board member balloting. Lee made a motion that the top 5 candidates, Cedar, Hobbes, Indy (Koons), Indy Anna, (Marion) and Heidi be presented to the delegates for balloting. Ken seconded. In Favor: All.

**Standing Rules.** Nothing to report at this time.

**NAFA ® Videos.** Nothing to report at this time.

**Championship committee.** Nothing to report at this time.

**Regional Champions committee.** Nothing to report at this time.

**NAFA ® News.** Nothing to report at this time.

## Old Business

**Foam as a top slat.** Lee made a motion to deny the request. Todd seconded. In Favor: All.

**Display Cost Restructuring Request from Dale Smith.** Tabled.

**Revising the NAFA Fee Structure.** See Treasurer's report above.

**Auction of the Lights.** The board reviewed the two demand letters received from lawyers from Peter Wesdyk and Jeff Mortenson.

## New Business:

**AGM Meeting Date was discussed.** Several tournaments have invited NAFA to host the AGM at their events this year, i.e., Nov. 5/6 in Minneapolis MN or Fresno, CA. Nov. 12/13 in Scottsdale, AZ. Dec. 4/5 in Fresno, CA. The board members were polled as to their availability on the various weekends. Brian made a motion that the AGM be scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in Scottsdale, AZ at the Heat Wave tournament. Todd seconded. In Favor: All.

**Measuring.** The board reviewed the measuring processes outlined in the rulebooks and found that the rules are accurate. --The ED will draft a letter that instructs all Regional Directors that their role in measuring is strictly as an observer unless otherwise requested by the judge. The RD is responsible to report any and all irregularities to the ED. This letter will also be distributed to all NAFA® judges by the Judges Committee.

**Region 6/16 Issues.** It had been requested by Alisa Romaine that Region 6 and 16 be recombined or subdivided in a different manner. After review of the size and shape of the states in the region, a better solution could not be determined. No action to be done for FY 2005. Sam to advise Alisa of no change.

**Sanctioning.** With the reassignment of the sanctioning job functions to two people, the board expects that sanctioning response time will improve.

**Liability Insurance.** NAFA® does not carry Liability insurance that can applied for club hosting. Ken to write Cheryl Steadman to advise her.

**Height Cards.** The board wishes to clarify Chapter 4 – Measuring (a). Only Head Judges or Supervising Judges can sign height cards.

**Regional Champions.** Transferred to the Rules Committee.

**Legacy Weekends.** Transferred to the Rules Committee.

**Redefine Aggression.** The Judges Committee will advise John Rutkowski of the various methods that can be used by a judge to excuse or control dogs that may be exhibiting inappropriate behavior. Brian to write to John Rutkowski.

**Good Sportsmanship.** Run 4 Fun Flyball wrote to discuss sportsmanship. Their letter was reviewed. No action taken.

**Board Trips to San Diego, CA on July 10/11 and July 24/25.** Brian and Jeff visited the Wags Tournament on July 10/11 and Sam visited the Santa Barbara Flyers tournament to review the issues between clubs in the area. They reported their findings back to board.

**Nominations for the 2005 NAFA® Executive.** This year, delegates will be electing 3 members to the Board of Directors and an Executive Director. Nominations will close August 31, 2004 at 11:59PM CST. Please forward nominations to the NAFA® mailing address or email flyball@flyball.org.

**Motion** by Ule to adjourn the meeting at 10:17PM. Jeff seconded. All in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

## Sanction your Tournament

Contact NAFA:

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Chicago, IL 60660  
PH & FX: (800) 318-6312  
Email: flyball@flyball.org

## Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference  
August 18, 2004

Present were: Sam Ford, Jeff Kinsley, Ken Eldridge, Brian Fay, Aaron Hughes, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton  
Executive Director Steve McAvoy was also present

Called to order at 8:02 PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

Minutes from prior meetings had not yet been distributed to the Board members and so the approval of those minutes has been tabled.

### Rule Amendments

The following rule amendments have been proposed by the Standing Rules Committee. Before reviewing the individual rule changes, discussion followed where the board discussed the requirements for issuing a new rulebook. The question of how the official method of communication to the flyball community should be maintained. Ule made a motion that the web site be declared the official method of communication. The motion died for lack of a second. Sam then reminded the board that an official communication i.e., the ballots, will be sent to all team captains and that we should combine the sending of the ballots with the announcements of the new rule book being posted to the web sit. Our goal should be to get that information out by September 12

### Corporate Policies and Procedures - Disciplinary Hearing Section 5.4

Standing Rules Committee recommended the following rule change.

*Add a new paragraph (a) and resequence the remaining paragraphs in section 5.4. All existing paragraphs remain with the same wording except for being renumbered.*

For the purposes of this hearing the NAFA® Board of Directors shall be known as "the committee". The Chairperson of the NAFA® Board of Directors shall be the Chairperson of the hearing.

Paragraphs (a) through (h) are then to be resequenced as (b) through (i).

Brian made a motion to accept the changes and

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Glenn seconded the motion. In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### Corporate Policies and Procedures - Disciplinary Hearing Section 5.3

Standing Rules Committee recommended the following rule change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Brian seconded the motion.

*Rule change was added to clarify the ability of the Disciplinary Committee to investigate complaints.*

Preliminary Investigation: The NAFA® Board of Directors Disciplinary Committee shall investigate all complaints and make a preliminary determination. They shall determine that, if proven true, the action was prejudicial to the sport and that it occurred at or in connection with a NAFA® sanctioned event. This preliminary determination shall be brought before the Board of Directors for review.

Todd made a motion that the board accept the rule as proposed. Brian seconded. After some discussion regarding its content Todd and Brian withdrew the motion.

Ule made a motion that the proposed change be amended as follows with Lee offering a second:

Preliminary Investigation: The NAFA® Board of Directors Disciplinary Committee or their appointee (s) shall investigate all complaints and make a preliminary determination. The Disciplinary Committee shall determine that, if proven true, the action was prejudicial to the sport and that it occurred at or in connection with a NAFA® sanctioned event. This preliminary determination shall be brought before the Board of Directors by the Disciplinary Committee for review.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### Rules of Racing - Chapter 7 Warm-Ups (d) Page 9

Standing Rules Committee recommended the following rule change. Brian made a motion to accept the motion and Todd seconded the motion.

*The reason for the change was to clarify that dogs must have a valid CRN to participate in an event and to clarify the penalty.*

Only dogs listed on the team's timesheet are allowed to warm up. Each dog must have a valid CRN and be eligible to compete. Any dog(s) that warm up in violation of this rule will cause the forfeiture of all NAFA® points earned during the tournament for all dogs on the timesheet. The team with the dog that violated this rule will also forfeit any tournament placement.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### **Corporate Policies and Procedures – Section 7.5 - Changing Clubs Page 28**

Standing Rules Committee was split in their recommendation of the following rule change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Lee seconded the motion.

*The reason for the change was to bring clarification to the “90 day” rule by clarifying eligibility of dogs that can be listed with a team as well as clarifying the penalty for failing to comply.*

If a dog is listed on a timesheet at a NAFA® sanctioned tournament, the dog may not enter a tournament with a different NAFA® club for a period of 90 calendar days. The 90 day wait period shall begin the day after the end date of the last day of a tournament in which the dog was entered on a time sheet. The dog will be eligible to race with a different club in a class of competition that starts the day after the 90 day waiting period. A dog must be eligible to race at the beginning of the class of competition to be included on the time sheet. Any dog(s) entered in violation of this rule will cause the forfeiture of all NAFA® points earned during the tournament for all dogs on the timesheet. The team with the dog violating this rule will also forfeit any tournament placement.

After vigorous discussion, the motion to accept the rule was withdrawn by Todd and Lee. Motion withdrawn. The rule was returned to committee for refinement.

### **Corporate Policies and Procedures – Section 6.2 – Classes of Competition (e) Page 25**

*The reason for the change was to bring clarification to where and when a dog may be listed in a tournament.*

Lee made a motion to modify the above rule and Brian seconded the motion to be as follows:

No dog shall be listed on more than one time sheet in any given class of competition. No dog shall be listed on the timesheets from more than one club at any given event.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

### **Corporate Policies and Procedures – Section 5.1 – Code of Ethics (c) Page 20**

Standing Rules Committee recommended the following rule change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Lee seconded the motion.

Abuse or severe discipline of a dog is not in the best interest of Flyball. No dog under the age of one (1) year may be listed on a timesheet in a sanctioned event.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 3 Teams and Timesheets- Section (e) (ii) Page 6**

*The reason for the change was to eliminate the confusion regarding the word “fill”. Clarification - removes confusion from definition of “fill”, and avoids reference to non-existent “limited tournament”.*

Ken made a motion to accept the motion and Brian seconded the motion.

When all entries received for a tournament's limited entry regular class are accepted

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 3 Teams and Timesheets- Section (b) Page 5**

*The reason for the change was to eliminate the confusion and bring it into agreement with the other rules. Dogs must have a CRN to be able to be entered in an event.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Brian seconded the motion.

Any dog listed on a timesheet in a NAFA® sanctioned tournament without a valid CRN will result in forfeiture of tournament placement for the team as well as forfeiture of all NAFA® points earned during the tournament for all dogs entered on the timesheet.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 6 Reporting for Races- Section (c) Page 9**

*The reason for the change was to clarify the definition of “forfeiting” versus running “For Exhibition Only”.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Brian made a motion to accept the motion and Glenn seconded the motion.

Forfeiting teams that do not show just cause may be excused from the tournament by the tournament director and may be subject to further discipline. Forfeiting teams may not run any dogs in the heats that are forfeited. If a team forfeits a heat and then subsequently runs a dog(s) in violation of this rule, they will automatically be considered as Exhibition Only (FEO).

After discussion, Brian withdrew the motion as did Glenn with his second. Motion withdrawn

Discussion followed.

Glenn made a motion to accept the original recommendation of the Rules Committee as stated. Todd seconded.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### **Corporate Policies and Procedures – Chapter 2 – Judges Section (a) Page 17**

*The reason for the change was to clarify that a judge must be in “good standing” with NAFA.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Brian seconded the motion.

Judges must be in good standing with NAFA®. Judges should be friendly and courteous, even sympathetic, but above all impartial and firm. Judges

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must have a thorough understanding of the rules and policies gained through personal experience.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

### **Rules of Racing– Chapter 4 – Measuring section (a) Page 6**

*The reason for the change was to clarify that a dog must be entered in a tournament to be measured.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Brian made a motion to accept the rule change and Glenn seconded the motion.

At the discretion of the team, dogs jumping less than 16 inches may be measured by the Head Judge officiating at the tournament during times designated by the host club. A dog must be entered in the tournament in order to have its height recorded on either the tournament Jump Heights (Form C.9) or a Height Card Application (Form C.10).

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian and Glenn. Against: Aaron, Ule. Motion Carried.

The Executive Director vetoed the motion because he feels that it is in conflict with a judge’s ability to measure a dog at any time per Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 – Measuring section (c) Page 6.

### **Corporate Policies & Procedures – Section 8.4 NAFA Champions section (b) Page 30**

*The reason for the change was to bring consistency with the Regional Championship rule. The idea here is to prohibit clubs from running a secondary team to win the tournament while the primary team runs for a faster time. The times counted for a national champion should be the team that has the best finish not a team that only tried for a fast time.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Todd made a motion to accept the motion and Jeff seconded the motion.

A minimum of six (6) tournaments must be entered, regardless of their location, to qualify for the NAFA® Championship. Of all tournaments entered in any competition year (inside or outside of a team’s region), the six (6) fastest times from a Club’s best finishes will be averaged. The Club



with the lowest average time will be named the NAFA® Champions. If a tie exists, Co-Champions will be named.

After much discussion over the wording of the rule, the motion was withdrawn and the rule was returned to committee for a better wording.

## **Corporate Policies & Procedures – Chapter 2 – Judges Section (g) subsection (v) Page 17**

*The reason for the change was to provide consistency with the forms.*

The Standing Rules Committee recommended acceptance of this change. Brian made a motion to accept the motion and Todd seconded the motion.

To become an approved Head Judge, the Provisional Judge must judge a minimum of 20 races at three (3) tournaments within a 12 month period. The Provisional Judge will submit a Provisional Judge review form to each Tournament Director and/or Regional Director for completion. Completed forms are to be forwarded directly to the NAFA® Judges & Guidelines Committee by the Provisional Judge. After reviewing the three (3) forms, the NAFA® Judges and Guidelines Committee will notify the applicant, in writing, of denial, or forward the applicant's name to the NAFA® Board of Directors for final approval. Upon approval, the newly approved Head Judge will be notified and their name published.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Abstain: Aaron. Motion carried.

## **B) EJS Auction Update**

Lee met with Mr. Gary Fletcher, a respected lawyer in Port Huron, MI who is well versed with business law. He felt that because the bidders were locked into purchase if they won they auction, then NAFA should be required to accept their bids. With the lack of information readily available to the bidders regarding the closing of the bidding at midnight versus the auction software's closing time, NAFA's position isn't as solid as need be for a successful defense. Mr. Fletcher felt that NAFA did enter into a binding contract. The fact that bids may have been offered by people who felt they were locked out would hold less weight than the actual bidders in a court of law. Any legal action would need to be

held in Michigan.

Brian made a motion that the winning bidders be awarded the EJS systems as bid during the first auction while admitting no negligence. Bidders would have an option to accept the original auction contract or not. Jeff seconded the motion.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron and Glenn. Abstain: Ule. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Aaron to adjourn the meeting at 11:34PM CDT. Brian seconded. All in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

## **Abridged Board Meeting Notes**

Teleconference  
August 25, 2004

Present were: Chairman Sam Ford, Board of Directors: Jeff Kinsley, Ken Eldridge, Brian Fay, Aaron Hughes, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton

Absent were: Steve McAvoy due to business reasons.

Called to order at 8:15 PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

Minutes from prior meetings had not yet been distributed to the Board members and so the approval of those minutes has been tabled.

## **Clyde Moore Hall of Fame**

As one of the candidates originally selected by the board for the CMHOF was incorrectly proposed for inclusion, Heidi's owner has asked that Heidi be removed the slate of 5 candidates. The board reviewed the remaining candidates and by majority vote selected Trike as the replacement candidate. The five candidates that will appear on the ballot presented to the delegates are: Cedar, Hobbes, Indy (Koons), Indy Anna, (Marion) and Trike.

## **B) Proposed Rule Changes part 2**

On behalf of the Standing Rules Committee, Ken indicated that committee was uniform in their support of all recommended rule changes.

## **Rules of Racing**

## **Chapter 6.2 Classes of Competition**

### **Section (f) paragraph ii – Page 27**

*To better define when a Limited tournament may allow dogs to complete in more than one class.*

(ii) When all entries received for a tournament's limited entry regular class are accepted.

Brian made a motion to accept the changes and Glenn seconded the motion. In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule, Aaron and Glenn. Against: None. Motion Carried.

## **Rules of Racing**

### **Chapter 4 – MEASURING**

*Resequence the rule components add the term Measuring Head Judge for clarity. The intent was to define the role of the judge performing the measuring to a better definition.*

(a) The Measuring Head Judge may at any time measure a dog. If a measurement is conducted at a time other than the times set by the host Club, all racing shall stop to ensure that:

(i) Racing does not interfere with the measuring process.

(ii) Racing does not interfere with the measuring being considered "open to the public".

(b) At the discretion of the team, dogs jumping less than 16 inches may be measured by the Measuring Head Judge officiating at the tournament during times designated by the host club. A dog must be entered in the tournament in order to have its height recorded on either the tournament Jump Height Form (C.9) or a Height Card Application Form (C.10).

(c) If the Measuring Head Judge determines that a team is not jumping at least the minimum height in a round robin format, the team shall forfeit any heats won at the improper jump height. In the case of an elimination format, the team shall be excused.

(k) Height measurements are to be recorded and signed by the Measuring Head Judge. An Apprentice Judge may measure at a tournament if they are under the direct supervision of a NAFA® Supervising Judge. If an Apprentice Judge conducts the measuring, both the Apprentice Judge and the NAFA® Supervising Judge that supervised them shall sign the NAFA® Jump Height Form (C.9). A copy of the NAFA® Jump Height Form(C.9) must

be posted for view by the tournament participants. Only one judge will be the Measuring Head Judge at a tournament. Apprentice or Provisional Judges shall not measure for a NAFA® Height Card Application Form (C.10).

(m) The measuring "wicket" shall be calibrated by the Measuring Head Judge prior to the beginning of the measuring process. This calibration shall include:

(i) That the area where the wicket is to be placed is level.

(ii) The base of the wicket is level on all sides.

(iii) The upright of the wicket is level.

(iv) The arm of the wicket is level.

(v) A "test" measurement will be conducted to confirm the accuracy of the wicket.

Once the wicket is calibrated it shall not be relocated during the measuring process.

Delete the existing paragraph (n).

(n) The dog will be measured from the ground to the top of the withers. The front legs will be vertical with the paws directly below the shoulders. The back legs will be positioned with the hocks perpendicular to the ground and spread no wider than the width of the dog.

The head is to be in the upright position as shown in the illustration. If the judge is uncertain of the dog's height after three (3) accurate measurements, the height measurement shall go to the lower height for the benefit of the dog.

After much discussion, it was felt that the rule change must be dealt with in its entirety rather than paragraph by paragraph and therefore could not be acted upon. The rule was returned to committee for further review

## **Corporate Policies and Procedures**

### **CHAPTER 7 – STANDING RULES OF COMPETITION**

#### **Section 7.1 – Height Cards (a) Page 27**

*To better define the process of obtaining a height card and who may measure a dog when a Height Card application is being completed.*

(a) Height cards are optional. A dog's owner can apply to NAFA® for a height card application one (1) year after the dog has earned NAFA® points. Applications for height cards, at the cost of \$5.00 U.S. funds each, must be applied for through the NAFA® mailing address. Each application will be

embossed with the corporate seal and numbered. Applications must be presented to the measuring recorder before the dog is measured and the Measuring Head Judge must be notified that the height is being recorded for a height card prior to measuring the dog. All dogs will need three (3) matching measurements from three (3) different approved NAFA® judges. At least one (1) of the three (3) judges must be a NAFA® designated Supervising Head Judge. Only one height card measurement may be attained per tournament. Apprentice and Provisional Judges shall not measure for Height Card Application Forms (C.10).

Brian made a motion to accept the changes and Todd seconded the motion. In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, and Glenn. Against: Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

## **Corporate Policies and Procedures CHAPTER 7 – STANDING RULES OF COMPETITION Section 7.5 – Changing Clubs Page 28**

*To better define when a dog is eligible to race with a new club. In the past, dogs have been moved to a new club and have warmed up but not raced, avoiding the awarding of any NAFA points and therefore have not been tracked. This rule improvement eliminates that possibility by ensuring that the dog is eligible to race before being listed.*

If a dog has earned points with a NAFA® Club in a NAFA® sanctioned tournament, the dog may not be listed on a timesheet with a different NAFA® Club for a period of 90 days. The 90 day wait period shall begin the day after the end date of the last day of a tournament in which the dog earned NAFA® points. The dog will be eligible to be listed on a timesheet with a different club in a class of competition that starts the day after the 90 day waiting period. A dog must be eligible to race at the beginning of a class of competition to be included on the time sheet. Any dog(s) listed in violation of this rule will cause the forfeiture of all NAFA® points earned during the tournament for all dogs on the timesheet. The team with the dog violating this rule will also forfeit any tournament placement.

Todd made a motion to accept the changes and Jeff seconded the motion. In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, and Glenn. Against: Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

## **Corporate Policies and Procedures CHAPTER 8 – AWARDS Section 8.4 – NAFA Champions Changing Clubs Page 28**

*To better define the process for selecting a National Champion.*

A minimum of six (6) tournaments must be entered, regardless of their location, to qualify for the NAFA® Championship. Of all tournaments entered in any competition year (inside or outside of a team's region), the six (6) fastest times from the Club's best team placements will be averaged. The Club with the lowest average time will be named NAFA® Champions. If a tie exists, Co-Champions will be named.

Glenn made a motion to accept the changes and Jeff seconded the motion. In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, and Glenn. Against: Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

## **NAFA Appeals Process**

There is no defined Appeals Process. A person or group may bring a petition for relief of past judgments to the board for review.

## **Election Candidate Announcement**

It was agreed that upon presentation of the Nominating Committee's slate for 2004, that the list will be distributed to the board for review. The candidate's biographies will be published in the NAFA News as soon as possible after the August 31 nomination close.

Ken left the meeting at 10:24PM CST

## **E) Signature Gear**

Signature has offered to prepare a prototype for presentation at the NAFA AGM. Jeff to follow-up.

**Motion** by Ule to adjourn the meeting at 10:35PM CST. Aaron seconded. All in favor.

## **Meeting Adjourned.**

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## Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference

September 1, 2004

Present were: Board of Directors Jeff Kinsley, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton, Aaron Hughes

Guest Dale Smith

Executive Director Steve McAvoy was also present

Absent were: Sam Ford and Ken Eldridge. Sam gave his proxy to Ule James who, as Vice Chairman, will chair the meeting. Ken gave his proxy to Jeff Kinsley. Jeff will act as head of the Technology Committee in Ken's absence and Lee will act as head of the Standing Rules Committee in Ken's absence.

Called to order at 8:04 PM Central Daylight Time by Ule James.

### Technical Committee - Signature Gear Prototype

Jeff Kinsley assumed the role of head of the Technology Committee for tonight's meeting. Jeff made a proposal to involve NAFA with Signature Gear to develop a prototype for presentation at the NAFA AGM in November. The proposal calls for an initial investment of \$5000 to fund the development with a follow-up fee of \$5000 upon presentation of the prototype. The prototype will not be owned by NAFA but will be returned to SG. For the investment by NAFA, NAFA will earn a discount on its purchases relative to the list price paid by other organizations. Key elements of the proposal include:

- 1) The system will be wireless, except for the tree.
- 2) "Light Curtain" Technology, offering a much more complete array of beams.
- 3) A "smarter" system. The Judge will not have to turn off the clock at the end of the heat. The system will know when dogs have run cleanly and end the race, itself.
- 4) Negative time. The readout will show how much a dog false started by.

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5) A tree with sound. The start sequence could beep as well as flash lights.

6) Large readouts, with displays that could be programmed to the host clubs liking.

7) Customized carrying cases

8) A one year warranty which includes all shipping.

Discussion followed about the terms of the contract and the hardware. Dale indicated that the wireless technology is solid and the SG "has done a nice job" on the light curtains. SG has seen flyball in operation but has not had a in-depth review of what is required. Current Hughes systems cost \$5000 plus an additional \$1200 for the display and case. Expected costs for an SG system would cost about the same. Dale offered that the SG estimated list price would be \$7200 including cases, hardware and large display.

Todd made a motion that NAFA appropriate \$10,000 in funds to aid in the development of an EJS system by Signature Gear pending the development of a successful agreement between NAFA and Signature Gear with benefits accruing to NAFA in the form of reduced purchase price of future EJS purchases from Signature Gear or by other means yet to be defined. Jeff seconded the motion.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Ule and Glenn. Abstain: Aaron. Motion Carried.

Jeff made a motion that NAFA approve the expense of approximately \$225 for a flight and per diem for Dale Smith to travel to St. Louis to meet with Mark Kuznitz of SG and Jeff, to review and discuss the development of the proposed EJS. Brian seconded the motion.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

Jeff made a motion that NAFA ship a current EJS system to Jeff's home address for demonstration purposes with Signature Gear on September 8.

Todd seconded the motion.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

Dale Smith offered to review the Hughes systems source code on behalf of the Technical Committee.

Dale was questioned about the security of the Electronic Balloting in this year's campaign as he is one of the candidates. Ule, as head of the Election committee will appoint Aaron Hughes as the replacement "secure" user for Dale Smith in terms of managing the system. Aaron will be able to review only the total number of ballots cast to be able to ascertain that the system is working. Aaron will also be responsible for nightly backups once balloting begins. To close the balloting, Dale will be re-

quired to actually terminate the balloting, transfer files and close the election. No balloting results will be displayed at that time. The board was agreeable to these arrangements.

Dale left the meeting at 9:01CDT.

## **B) Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18, 2004 meeting were reviewed. One amendment was made to include Aaron Hughes in the list of attendees. Jeff made a motion that we accept the minutes as amended. Lee seconded.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

## **C) Review of Candidates**

The following people have submitted their names as candidates for the Board of Directors in the upcoming election:

Paul Ferlitto  
Scott Stein  
Bryan Fryia  
Kristina Pickering  
Randy Kenzie  
John Rutkowski  
Justin Gillies  
Todd Morningstar  
Dale Smith

The following people have submitted their names as candidates for Executive Director in the upcoming election:

Sam Ford  
Dan Phillips

All of these people were deemed to be in good standing with NAFA and are eligible to stand for election.

## **D) Rule Change Proposal**

The Standing Rules Committee recommends that the following rule change be made. Todd made a motion that the board accept the rule and Jeff seconded.

### **Regional Champions Chapter 8, Section 8.3. Subsection (e). Page 29**

*The reason for the change was to reduce the number of weekends that teams need to compete to achieve a Regional Championship. The regional championship should not be a campaign of attrition.*

Points are to be accumulated from up to 80 percent of the tournaments within any given region, to a maximum of 10 tournaments held on separate weekends. For example, if a region has a total of 11 tournaments in the competition year, 80 percent of that would equal 8 tournaments. Points towards Regional Championships would count from the best 8 finishes for any given Club.

Top Finishing Regional Team- 3 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Regional Team - 2 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Regional Team - 1 point

In the case where a region holds more than 13 tournaments on separate weekends, the maximum number of tournaments that will count towards Regional Championships will be 10. In these cases the maximum number of points attainable will be 30. If more than one Club from a region attains 30 points the tiebreaker listed in item (g) will be used.

In favor: Todd, Lee, Ken, Jeff, Brian, Aaron, Ule and Glenn. Motion Carried.

## **E) Judges Committee Request**

Brian reminded Steve of his request for Jump Height Lists from the last year. Steve is working on the project and will get them out to Brian soon. Additionally, Steve was reminded to advise the Regional Directors of their involvement in the measuring process as decided at the July 31 meeting. He agreed to do so.

## **F) EJS Failure with Hughes System**

Lee reviewed an incident that occurred at the Chelsea tournament where a 4 foot early exchange was not caught by the Hughes system. The faulty exchange was caught on tape and is available to Aaron. Aaron indicated that he has done numerous tests on the matter and feels that the occasional "blip" should be acceptable. Lee disagreed.

Glenn made a motion that the board authorize the Technology Committee to contract an outside source to review the Hughes EJS system. Lee seconded. During discussion, Ule felt that the board couldn't write a blank cheque for the testing nor could it enter into a contract without the chairman's approval. Aaron believes that the issues should be discussed on the Technology List who will then bring a costed estimate to the board for approval. Glenn withdrew his motion as did Lee with his second.

**Motion** by Aaron to adjourn the meeting at 10:09PM CDT. Brian seconded. All in favor.

### Meeting Adjourned.

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## Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference  
September 15, 2004

Present were Board of Directors Sam Ford, Jeff Kinsley, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Ken Eldridge, Lee Heighton, Aaron Hughes  
Executive Director Steve McAvoy was also present

Absent was Glenn Hamilton. Glenn gave his proxy to Ken Eldridge who acted as secretary.  
The meeting was called to order at 8:06PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

### A) Proposed Rule Changes – Chapter 4

In order to provide a clearer understanding of the measuring process, the Standing Rules Committee proposed the following changes to the Rules of Racing – Chapter 4. Each subsection was discussed in detail by the board members present.

## Draft Proposal

### Rules of Racing

#### CHAPTER 4 - MEASURING

#### Pages 6 – 7

- (a) All measuring is to be open to public observation.
- (b) The Tournament Director shall designate one judge to be the Measuring Head Judge for the duration of the tournament. The Measuring Head Judge will be responsible for designating the measuring area for the tournament and for verifying the accuracy of the measure of all dogs requiring height measures for the duration of the tournament.  
Should the Measuring Head Judge deem it necessary, they may request that the Tournament

Director appoint another judge to act as Measuring Head Judge.

- (c) The Measuring Head Judge may at any time measure a dog. If the Measuring Head Judge believes that racing will interfere with the measuring process in any way then the Tournament Director shall put all racing on hold until such measurement is completed.
- (d) At the discretion of the team, dogs jumping less than 16 inches may be measured by the Measuring Head Judge officiating at the tournament during times designated by the host club. A dog must be entered in the tournament in order to have its height recorded on either the tournament Jump Height Form (C.9) or a Height Card Application Form (C.10).  
Provisional Judges shall not measure for a NAFA® Height Card Application Form (C.10).
- (e) Only one (1) handler per dog shall be allowed in the measuring area.
- (f) Aggression during measurement will not be tolerated and Rule 8.4 (Aggressive Dogs) will be observed.
- (g) Dogs will be measured on a smooth, level surface using a NAFA® approved measuring device, which shall be provided by the Regional Director. Prior to measuring the first dog, and any time the measuring device is relocated, the Measuring Head Judge shall verify that the device accurately measures vertical distance above the level plane of the measuring surface and shall calibrate the device if necessary.  
If the Measuring Head Judge determines that a smooth, level measuring surface is not available then the height shall not be recorded on a NAFA® Height Card Application Form (C.10), but will be deemed valid for the current tournament.
- (h) The dog's height shall be measured at the withers with the dog standing freely in an upright position which is naturally held by the dog as indicated by Illustration 4.1. The handler may steady the dog if necessary, but shall not physically support the dog during the measuring process.  
The front legs will be vertical with the paws directly below the shoulders. The back legs will be positioned with the hocks perpendicular to the ground and spread no wider than the width of the dog.  
The head is to be in the upright position as shown in Illustration 4.1.
- (i) If the Measuring Head Judge is uncertain of a dog's height after three (3) accurate measurements, the height measurement shall go to the lower height for the benefit of the dog.

- (j) A dog deemed to be "NOT MEASURABLE" by the Measuring Head Judge will be assigned a 16" jump height.
- (k) Height measurements are to be recorded on the NAFA® Jump Height Form (C.9) and verified by the Measuring Head Judge.
- (l) If the Measuring Head Judge determines that a team is not jumping at least the minimum height in a round robin format, the team shall forfeit any heats won at the improper jump height. In the case of an elimination format, the team shall be excused.
- (m) Any protest with respect to a dog's jump height must be verbalized to the Tournament Director and/or the Regional Director within 30 minutes of the heat in question by the Captain of the competing team.
- (n) Once a dog is measured and its jump height is recorded on the NAFA® Jump Height Form (C.9), the Measuring Head Judge is not required to re-measure the same dog.  
If a dog is re-measured and it is found that the Measuring Head Judge has recorded an incorrect jump height, the team shall in no way be penalized. However, the correct jump height will be recorded and the team will be required to jump the proper height for any remaining heats.
- (o) The Measuring Head Judge shall sign the NAFA® Jump Height Form (C.9).  
The Tournament Director shall post a copy of the NAFA® Jump Height Form(C.9) for view by the tournament participants.

The Judges Committee voiced their disapproval over the lack of mention of Apprentice Judges.

Ule expressed concern that we were introducing a new level of judge – the "Measuring Judge".

At 9:54PM Lee made a motion that the board accept the proposed changes. Seconded by Ken.

In favor: Glenn (proxy)), Ken, Lee

Opposed: Aaron, Brian, Jeff, Todd, Ule

Motion failed.

**10:00PM** – Sam presented an update on the status of Signature Gear Lights. Dale Smith is drafting a letter of intent. A prototype will be presented to the board at the next board meeting in Arizona.

**10:13PM** – Lee raised a question regarding Sanctioning changing hands. Steve responded that there was, as yet, no clear directive to do

so. Once he had received confirmation on the matter he would address it.

**10:15PM** - Aaron moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Brian.

**10:16PM** - Meeting was adjourned.

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### Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference  
September 22, 2004

Present were: Board of Directors Sam Ford, Jeff Kinsley, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton, Aaron Hughes  
Executive Director Steve McAvoy was also present.

Absent was Ken Eldridge. Ken gave his proxy to Glenn Hamilton. Jeff will act as head of the Technology Committee in Ken's absence and Lee will act as head of the Standing Rules Committee in Ken's absence. In the event that Lee's telephone service is disrupted, he has assigned his proxy to Todd to continue in his absence.

Called to order at 8:12 PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

#### A) Proposed Rule Changes part 4

The following rule changes were discussed at length by the board.

#### Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (m) – Measuring – Page 7

*Ule proposed that the rule be revised as follows. Todd seconded. Revise paragraph (m) to read as follows.*

m) The dog's height shall be measured from the ground to the top of withers with the dog standing in an upright position as indicated by Illustration 4.1. The handler may steady the dog if necessary, but shall not physically support the dog during the measuring process. The front legs will be vertical with the paws directly below the shoulders. The back legs will be positioned with the hocks perpendicular to the ground and spread no wider than the width of the dog. The dog's entire head is to be in an upright position above the level of the withers as shown in Illustration 4.1. The dog may be measured

up to 3 times. The height measurement shall go to the lowest height for the benefit of the dog.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule. Against: Aaron  
Motion Carried.

#### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (l) – Measuring – Page 7**

*Ule proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Lee seconded. Revise paragraph (l) to read as follows.*

l) The measurement area will be determined by the measuring Judge. The Judge shall select an appropriate measuring surface. Prior to measuring the first dog, and any time it is moved, the measuring device shall be calibrated to ensure accuracy. If the Judge determines that an appropriate measuring surface or that a NAFA® approved measuring device is not available, measuring shall be for the tournament only and not for an NAFA® Height Card Application (Form C-10).

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

#### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (f) – Measuring – Page 6**

Brian proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Lee seconded. Revise paragraph (f) to read as follows.

f) Any protest with respect to a dog's jump height must be verbalized to the Tournament Director and/or the Regional Director within 30 minutes of the heat in question by the Captain of a competing team in that division or combined division.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

#### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (j) – Measuring – Page 6**

Brian proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Glenn seconded. Revise paragraph (f) to read as follows.

j) A dog deemed to be “NOT MEASURABLE” by the measuring Judge will jump 16” hurdles.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

#### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (k) – Measuring – Page 6**

Brian proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Todd seconded. Revise paragraph (k) to

read as follows

k) Height measurements are to be recorded and signed by the measuring Judge. A copy of the NAFA Jump Height Form (Form C.9) must be posted for view by the tournament participants. In cases where multiple judges are measuring, once a dog's height has been measured and recorded by either judge on the Jump Height Form, that shall be the dog's official jump height for that tournament, regardless of which ring the dog may run in.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

#### **Rules of Racing – Chapter 4 (a) and (e)– Measuring – Page 6**

*Brian proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Todd seconded. Revise paragraphs (a) and (e) to read as follows.*

a) At the discretion of the team, dogs jumping less than 16 inches may be measured by the Judge officiating at the tournament prior to the start of their division.

(e) If a dog is re-measured and the Judge determines he has made a mistake, the team shall in no way be penalized. However, the team will be required to jump the proper height for any remaining heats.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

#### **Corporate Policies & Procedures Chapter 2 (g) Judges – Page 17**

*Brian proposed that the above rule be revised as follows. Todd seconded. Add a new paragraph to Chapter 2 Judges, paragraph (viii) to read as follows. Todd seconded.*

The Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke a Judge's status at any time for just cause.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule. Against: Aaron.  
Motion Carried.

#### **B) Letter to Ontario Government regarding the Support and Inclusion of Pitbulls in Flyball**

*Glenn proposed that a letter to the Ontario government and related parties be formulated describing the inclusion of Pitbulls and “bully” breed dogs in our sport supporting their continued status as un-banned breeds in Ontario. Brian seconded. The*



letter will be formulated by the secretary and will be approved the Executive Committee before mailing to the various parties involved in decision making.

In favor: Lee, Todd, Jeff, Brian, Glenn, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried.

### **C) Aaron Hughes request for paid repairs to the Hughes EJS Systems**

*Aaron Hughes will forward an estimate of repair costs to Sam for approval of EJS repairs. Aaron will decide which repair is to be repaired under warranty versus a paid repair.*

### **D) Aaron Hughes resignation from the Technology and Election Committees**

*Aaron Hughes has tendered his resignation from the Election and Technology Committees. Ule will replace Aaron on the Elections Committee while his position on the Technology will remain unfilled until the new year's term.*

**Motion** by Brian to adjourn the meeting at 11:01PM CDT. Lee seconded. All in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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## **Abridged Board Meeting Notes**

Teleconference  
September 29, 2004

Present were: Board of Directors Sam Ford, Jeff Kinsley, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton, Aaron Hughes Executive Director Steve McAvoy was also present

Absent was Ken Eldridge due to a family emergency. Ken gave his proxy to Glenn Hamilton. Lee will act as head of the Standing Rules Committee in Ken's absence.

Called to order at 8:04 PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

### **A) Approval of Minutes**

Since some portions of the minutes were made in Executive Session, Brian made a motion that we enter Executive Session to discuss and approve the minutes from July 31, 2004. Glenn Seconded. For: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Ule, Todd and Ken by proxy. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

Executive Session was entered at 8:08CDT to review minutes containing Executive Session.

Executive Session was left at 8:19CDT.

Todd made a motion to accept the July 31 meeting minutes as amended. Brian seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Todd, Ken by proxy, Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried. Minutes are Approved.

Todd made a motion that we enter Executive Session to discuss the Hearing minutes from the July 31 disciplinary hearing 2004-4. Brian Seconded. For: All

Executive Session was entered at 8:08CDT to review past disciplinary hearing minutes.

Executive Session was left at 8:26CDT.

After review of the September 1 minutes, it was noted that the location "Binbrook" be changed to "Chelsea". Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Todd seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Todd, Ken by proxy, Ule. Abstain: Aaron. Motion Carried. Minutes are Approved.

Todd made a motion to accept the September 22 meeting minutes as recorded. Glenn seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Todd, Ken, Ule. Abstain: Aaron. Motion Carried. Minutes are Approved.

Ule requested that Glenn forward the Approved minutes to Carle Lee Dembeck [cldembeck@comcast.net](mailto:cldembeck@comcast.net) for publication in the NAFA News.

## **B) Posting to the Flyball List by Board Members**

*Sam reiterated the need for board members to refrain from posting Board business to the Flyball list. Aaron indicated that his direction to do was by his by people who voted for him regardless of the limits imposed by board membership and our rules.*

Glenn requested that we go into Executive Session to discuss the issue further. Brian seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Todd, Ken, Ule. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

Executive Session was entered at 8:40PM CDT to review the matter.

Executive Session was left at 9:54PM CDT.

Glenn moved that a written reprimand be given to Aaron Hughes regarding a serious violation of our rules regarding Executive Session. Ule seconded. For the motion: Glenn, Lee, Ken, Ule. Against: Jeff, Brian, Todd. Abstain: Aaron. Motion Carried.

## **C) Bylaw Change Article 4 – Section 14 Executive Session – Page 36**

*Brian proposed the following addition to the Bylaws regarding Executive Session. Jeff seconded.*

*The reason for the change was to discourage violations of Executive Session privilege by members. Executive Session protects the rights of individuals and groups. These rights are not to be disregarded by board members.*

*Should any Board member violate an aspect of Executive Session, that Board member may be subject to removal from the board.*

*For the Motion: Glenn, Brian, Lee, Jeff, Todd, Ken by proxy. Against: Ule, Aaron. Motion Carried. Bylaw to be amended in upcoming rulebook.*

## **D) Jeff Mortenson Request**

*Jeff Mortenson requested some relief on currency exchange due to cashing of his EJS purchase check after his request for a refund when the auction went on hold. The board asserted that the Chairman's sole responsibility was to sell the lights not to renegotiate the price of the lights and that no relief was forthcoming.*

## **E) Annette Tindall Request**

*Annette Tindall has requested 2 additional Delegate votes as both Judge and Regional Director. Given her status as RD, she is granted an additional vote automatically. The board respectfully declined the request for an additional judge's delegate vote.*

**Motion** by Brian to adjourn the meeting at 11:14PM CDT. Todd seconded. All in favour.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

## **Abridged Board Meeting Notes**

Teleconference

September 29, 2004

Present were: Board of Directors Sam Ford, Jeff Kinsley, Brian Fay, Todd Morningstar, Ule James, Glenn Hamilton, Lee Heighton, Ken Eldridge, Aaron Hughes

Absent was Executive Director, Steve McAvoy.

Called to order at 8:08 PM Central Daylight Time by Sam Ford.

### **A) Breed Specific Legislation**

Glenn has been keeping board members up to date on the impact of Breed Specific Legislation in Ontario through the board's email list. Glenn, Ken and Brian presented a further update on the issue for the board. The impact of Breed Specific Legislation on Ontario will be to deny the ability of certain breeds from competing. The further ramification of BSL may well be to force muzzles on all dogs when competing outside of their personal residences. Whatever the impact of the enactment of BSL, the law will seriously impact NAFA revenue streams as tournaments become restricted. It is important to note that many states and provinces are watching the Ontario enactment of BSL as a guideline for their own efforts. As of the date of this meeting, the Ontario BSL law is scheduled to go into effect in January 2005. The Board of Directors has agreed

that the corporation needs to be represented at any upcoming public meetings to portray the impact of BSL and authorizes Sam Ford and Glenn Hamilton to speak on NAFA's behalf regarding BSL. The decision to invest funds by NAFA towards fighting Breed Specific Legislation will be deferred. Glenn will continue to advise the board on those developments.

### **B) Web Site Management**

As of 11:00AM, November 3, 2004, Sam Ford authorized the removal of Mr. Brett Williams as NAFA web site administrator pending further discussion investigation into his recent actions. Passwords and access were changed by Dale Smith to protect the site's content. Todd made a motion supporting Sam Ford's decision to remove Brett Williams as NAFA webmaster and to appoint Dale Smith as interim webmaster in his place. Jeff seconded the motion.

For the Motion: Brian, Aaron, Todd, Glenn, Jeff, Ken, Ule, Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian made a motion that Sam send a letter of reprimand to Mr. Williams regarding the email he sent impersonating the Board of Directors to solicit votes. Jeff seconded the motion. For the motion: Brian, Glenn, Jeff, Ken, Ule, Lee, Todd. Against: Aaron. Motion Carried.

### **C) NAFA Electronic Election Security**

Ule will report to the NAFA community as soon as possible that the security and integrity of the NAFA election system is intact and that it has been confirmed by Dale Smith acting as NAFA Data Administrator. The board confirmed its position that no polling information be released in advance of the election's closure.

### **D) Web Site Ownership**

Discussion followed regarding the ownership of the web site content et al. It was confirmed by Sam through discussions with Dale Smith that NAFA owns the domain name, the hardware and the site content.

### **E) NAFA News**

Carle Lee Dembeck requested some information to be clarified by the board. Preliminary copies of the NAFA News are to continue to be submitted to the board for approval. Carle Lee requested that a formal schedule be restored and that committee reports be submitted to her for publication. The mechanics of obtaining postal and printing funds need to be resolved and will be done so by the AGM in 10

days time. Purchase of Adobe Professional was previously authorized by the board and should be purchased on Carle Lee's behalf by Ule as soon as possible.

### **F) Auctioned EJS Systems**

Light set #4 will be delivered to Peter Wesdyk by November 8. The other sets are all on hold pending receipt and confirmation of payment. The CA1 and CA2 sets need to be moved as soon as possible. Sam will follow up with the purchasers regarding outstanding issues.

### **G) Disciplinary Actions**

A hearing that was scheduled to be heard at the AGM has been deferred until a later date. The hearing will be rescheduled as of the AGM.

**Motion** by Todd to adjourn the meeting at 11:30PM CDT. Brian seconded. All in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

## **Disciplinary Actions**

The following people are Suspended Indefinitely and are not affiliated with a team:

Marion Brinkman	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Mike Mattos	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Janet Nelson Morris	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Dave Mueller	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Cheryl Mueller	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Jennifer Nelson	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.

Limited Suspension:

Clifford McTavish	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball. Until 19May05.
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The following dogs have been suspended for aggression:

Tucker, Border Collie, CRN 960374  
Junior, Australian Shepherd, CRN 000165

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