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Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Austin Texas
03 November, 2000

Board Members in Attendance: Marion Brinkman, Val Culpin, Sue Rogers, Alan Weiner, and Brett Williams. The Executive Director, Steve McAvoy was also present.

Board Members in Attendance by conference call: Bob Long, Robin Marion, and Dale Smith

Board Members Absent: Ule James.

The meeting was called to order by Alan at 8:55a.m.

Alan asked that the minutes of the last Board Meeting on July 8th, 2000 be reviewed for corrections and omissions. Val made the motion to adopt the minutes - Brett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan asked that the minutes of the May 15, 1999, July, 1999 Conference Call be reviewed for corrections and omissions. Val made the motion to adopt the minutes - Brett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan asked that the minutes of the November 19, 1999 Board Meeting be reviewed for corrections and omissions. Corrections to be made:

4. Regional Championship Criteria Concerns from Sue – Sue showed number of tournaments it would take to obtain a regional cham-

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- pionship. No action to be taken.
13. Letter from Joe Goetz – Concerns of Inter-team dog aggression – To be printed in Judges Newsletter.
 19. Hall of Fame – Katy Kaylor – Request to look at Regionalizing the Hall of Fame Awards.

Val made the motion to adopt the minutes – Sue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Steve commented that tournament sanctioning requests for the new racing year are rolling in.

Steve reports that we have experienced several broken sockets on light trees. He is investigating new shipping crates with better interior packing materials.

Steve also stressed the number of dog excusals we have experienced this year. He feels that it comes with the growth in the sport and we need to stress to competitors not to rush dog's into competition before they are ready.

Steve reports that David Zember has resigned as Regional Director for PEI. Steve is currently seeking a replacement.

Financial Report

Dale reviewed the 1999-2000 Financial Report. To be published in the NAFA News once the Accounting Firm has audited the report.

Judges and Guidelines

Val reports there are no new judges for approval. We do have several new apprentices coming up.

Marketing, Promotions and Public Relations

Brett and Sue report that the updated brochure is very close to being done and should be ready to be printed in the next month.

A listing of companies that sell flyball related equipment will be added to the flyball web page. Brett will put a note out to the flyball list to let people know they can contact NAFA to list additional suppliers that we are currently not aware of.

Championships

Dale reviewed with the board the NAFA 2000 Regional and National Championships

NAFA 2000 National Championships – Regular – BORDER PATROL

NAFA 2000 National Champion – Multibreed – RUDE DOGS

Technology

Dale, Bob, and Brett have and continue to review the purchase, maintenance, and host location for a Web Server.

By Laws

The Board of Directors has asked Alyson Brown to assist NAFA in the revision of its By Laws.

An additional day will be added to the next NAFA board meeting to work on updating the By Laws, Rules of Racing, and Standing Rules. Sue has forwarded a preliminary copy of the revisions made to date to the board for review prior to the next meeting.

REGION	REGULAR	MULTIBREED
1	Rude Dogs	Rude Dogs
2	Border Patrol	Power Surge
3	Animal Inn	Dynomutts
4	River City Flyers	River City Flyers
5	Top Dog Racers	None
6	Touch 'N Go	Touch 'N Go
7	Dogwood Pacesetters	None
8	Allsorts Dogsports	Allsorts Dogsports
9	Hairier Jump Jets	New River Express
10	Atlantic Dogsports	None
11	Ketch This	None
12	Spectrum Speed	Pawsitive Energy
13	Fur Fun	New England Trailblazers

Acquiring EJS – Dale is working with Aaron Hughes on the design and construction of new EJS systems. No pricing has been discussed at this point. We hope to have a basic working system by March 2001. This includes a light tree, wickets, timing system, large display, etc. It should take 2-4 weeks to manufacturer a new system once a prototype is approved. Most of the work is in the up-front design. NAFA will need to copyright the software that runs the EJS. We feel we need at least 4 sets of EJS' immediately.

Switching Teams? Making a Team?

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PetSmart update – Alan notes that there is major management changes occurring at PetSmart. Our original contact is no longer with the company. Marketing and Promotions has been given to a new department. Items for the next budget period are EJS Systems and LCD Displays.

Alan noted that PetSmart has chosen not to renew

its contract with the Harlem Globetrotters. The Globetrotter CEO is still interested in doing demos with NAFA Teams. Petsmart is working with the NBA to try to set-up similar demos.

NAFA San Diego Tournament Review – Bob – A big thanks goes out to Sally Nesbitt, Katy Kaylor, and Bob Long for all their hard work to pull this off. NAFA tee shirts and sweatshirts were made and sold at the NAFA Tournament. Unsold shirts were given to NAFA free of charge for NAFA to sell. Bob Long will work with Dale Smith to make these for sale to the flyball community.

Stud Registries – Brett – Reviewed AKC/UKC/CKC/Mexican/American Rare Breed Association Registries. – Brett made the motion to modify the Section 6.2 c to read as follows: In Multibreed competition, teams must consist of different breeds (minimum of 4, maximum of 6 with 4 different breeds running in a heat recognized by the following Kennel Club's: American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, Mexican Kennel Club, American Rare Breed Association, or one dog of mixed breeding. Seconded by Dale. Motion carried unanimously.

Virtual Hall of Fame – Brett – Put pictures, write-up's, etc. of all Hall of Fame winners on the NAFA Flyball Page. Brett made the motion that on the official NAFA Web-site we create and maintain a Hall of Fame that would represent all NAFA Hall of Fame inductees. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Sue will provide Brett with the dog's he is missing

Hall of Fame Requirements – Brett – Brett made the motion that we revise the following. Revise 4.1(i) A dog must have raced in NAFA sanctioned events for a minimum of 4 years. Seconded by Bob Long. The motion passed unanimously.

Regional Hall of Fame – Brett will work with Katy Kaylor to develop the criteria for this by the next board meeting.

Recognizing People who have made a difference in Flyball – The board briefly brought up the

idea of recognizing some of the people who have made a huge difference in flyball as we know it today.

PDF Forms – Brett will edit forms so they have text form fields instead of structured form fields.

Judges and Promotional Video Update – Val brought a copy of the Promotional Video for review. **Promotional Video** – Val made the motion that we invest in hard plastic covers with color inserts (500 copies) for the promotional video. Brett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Distribution of video – Val made the motion that we distribute 1 copy of the promotional video to each active NAFA club. Additional copies will be available for \$5.00 US each via. The NAFA Web Page. Brett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Judges Training Video – Val informed the board that this video will be done in approximately 2 weeks. It will be distributed to judges, RD's, and board members. Val is investigating duplicating costs and she is also working with additional judges to review the tape before it goes into production.

Tournament Hosting - The 3rd video to be made is the line/table/box training and should be done be early in 2001.

Letter from Jan Mayes regarding supervising judges in Regions 9 and 13 – Val to respond. No second was received on the motion.

Letter from Todd Morningstar on age requirements for Height Cards – Sue & Brett – Sue made the motion that dogs must have raced in NAFA sanctioned events for 1 year before their owner can apply to NAFA for a height card application. Robin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Revise 6.6g.ii to include the change. All applications currently distributed up to and including Friday, November 3, 2000 are to be honored. All Height Card applications being sold by any individuals will be returned to NAFA. Sue to respond to Todd.

Letter from Todd Morningstar on Height

Cards – Sue – Any height card not complete by the board meeting and the new policy would take affect. The motion received no second. Sue to respond to Todd.

Letter from Todd Morningstar on Height

Cards – Sue – Only one height card can be applied for in a 12-month period for that dog. If you did not like the 5 measurements then you would have to wait before you could apply for another one. The motion received no second. Sue to respond to Todd.

Letter from Todd Morningstar 7 inch base-

boards – Sue – Todd would like to see that the base boards for the jumps be cut down to 7 inches with a 1 inch top board for the safety of all dogs. The motion received no second. Val made the motion that we add the following to 6.12a iii – NAFA *recommends* a 7” jump base board with a 1” board to be placed on top to reach minimum height. Val motioned – Brett seconded. All in favor – Motion passed. Sue to respond to Todd.

Letters from Jim Sova re: Tournament For-

mats and Scheduling - Sue and Dale – Jim pointed out the typographical error on the 7 Team Double Elimination Chart for Race#7. The race should be Loser of Race 1 versus Loser of Race 5. Jim also pointed out the errors in the 9 Team Round Robin Chart. Sue will make his recommended changes and get both revised charts published in the NAFA News and respond to Jim.

Letter from Phil Taylor – Height Card

Change – Sue – Phil would like to see pictures of dogs be submitted along with a request for a Height Card Application. The motion did not receive a second. Sue to respond.

Letter from Ken Eldridge on Judges perform-

ance and minimum judging requirements –

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Sue – The motion did not receive a second – Sue to respond to Ken.

Letter regarding knocked down jumps Annette

Tindall – Sue – The motion did not receive a second. Sue to respond.

Review of revised NAFA Forms C.8, C.6 and

C.3 – Sue and Dale presented the board with requested changes for NAFA Forms C.8, C.6, and C.3. The board made additional requests for changes. The revised forms will be edited and published in the NAFA News.

Four month policy – Dale – Dale made the mo-

tion that we add the following to Rules & Policies Section, 6.2.f.ii – a dog is sold to a new owner – renumber ii to iii, iii to iv. Brett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CRN's via web update – Dale – Dale provided

the board with an update to the progress of obtaining CRN's via the web site using a credit card. To date it has been a big hit and will go live once we work out the bugs with DISCOVER Card.

Communication – To NAFA and within NAFA –

Brett - All inquiries for changes of ownership's for clubs, dog's, etc. should come to flyball@flyball.org.

Big Dog Shirts – The board has decided not to

approve the purchase of the Big Dog Shirts to be sold via. the web site.

Inquiry from Judy Hagan has requested to become a Supervising Head Judge – The Board has decided not to appoint any Supervising Head Judges until we have finished developing the standardized criteria.

BOD Meal Allowance - Val made the motion that when board members are required to attend board meetings which consist of more than 1 working day, the meal allowance will be increased to \$75.00 for the weekend. Brett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue made the motion that we adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Brett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting Notes

Austin Texas
04 November, 2000

Steve McAvoy called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Steve thanked the clubs for attending and introduced the current NAFA Board of Directors.

Steve asked the Nominating Committee Representatives in attendance, Terrie O'Connor, Sherry Freichs, Alyson Brown and board representative, Marion Brinkman to exit the meeting to count ballots.

The meeting was then turned over to the Chairman, Alan Weiner.

Alan acknowledge and thanks Paws of Thunder for hosting this year's tournament and Annual General Meeting. Alan also thanked Alyson Brown for all her contributions as the regions Regional Director and the assistance she has given and continues to give to the board.

Alan also thanked the teams in Region 5 who have hosted tournaments.

Questions, Need something?

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Alan informed attendees that we on concentrating on obtaining EJS' for every region and that we hope to have a new system available in March of 2001.

Alan discussed the videos that NAFA is putting together. The first video in production, the Promotional Video 1st draft, was shown and received much enthusiasm. Alan also informed everyone of the soon to be released, Judges Video (due in 2 weeks) and the Tournament Hosting Video due out in early 2001. Alan then thanked Val Culpin for all her hard work in producing the videos.

Alan acknowledged Top Dog Racers new U.S. record of 16.39.

Alan talked briefly about the NAFA web-site and that CRN's will be available for purchase by credit card. The CRN would be immediately available for use.

Steve McAvoy announced the NAFA 2000 Regional and National Champions

At this time the meeting was opened up to the floor.

Discussion occurred regarding the official route a team should take to obtain permission to build a new type of box. This type of request is handled by the Regulatory Committee.

Alan informed everyone that the official method of contacting NAFA is either by mail or e-mail to flyball@flyball.org and that we were trying to get all responses answered within two weeks.

A change to the current NAFA point system was then brought up. It was recommended to send their request/ideas to the board for consideration at a future board meeting.

The conception of Regional Hall of Fame was brought up along with putting previous Hall of Fame Inductees on the official NAFA Website.

The current processes of sanctioning a tournament, processing of timesheets, mailing, scoring, and general paperwork was discussed at length. The board was asked if it was possible to have scoring of tournaments handled within the region. At that time, we had a volunteer for Region 5 come forward to either score their individual tournaments and/or the entire region. Teams were asked to contact NAFA to volunteer. Receipt of lost/missing certificates was also brought up.

The board was asked to reconsider the mailing back of tournament timesheets to teams. The board suggested that hosting teams consider using inexpensive, 2 part forms - 1 copy would go to NAFA and 1 copy would go to the participating team.

The question was then asked what is NAFA doing to promote the sport of Flyball. As previously stated, NAFA has just finished a 1st draft of a promotional video that will be made available to all teams. Alan also stated that teams were best able to promote the sport in their individual areas while hosting tournaments by contacting the media to promote the event. He also emphasized that we all need to try to work to host tournaments, demos, etc., in areas that have large spectator access, such as Astro Hall, St. Jude's Dog Show, etc. He also acknowledged teams in and out of the region that have hosted tournaments outside of their region. This has resulted in several new teams in areas that had no teams previously, for example, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Florida.

The question was asked if NAFA had any plans for awards for obtaining 40, 50, or 60,000 points. The board has and is considering this item.

The Nominating Committee Returned and Alan

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announced the Board of Director Election results: Dale Smith and Sue Rogers were re-elected to a second term and Judy Hagan was also elected.

Wyn owned by Mike Randall, Blockade Runners, was inducted into the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame.

Alan thanked everyone for voting and encouraged everyone who earned delegates to cast their votes. Of the 450 ballots that were mailed for this year's election - Board of Director elections, only 250 were returned and for Hall of Fame, only 248 were returned.

NAFA 2001 Executive Committee

Chairman – Alan Weiner
Vice-Chairperson – Val Culpin
Secretary – Sue Rogers
Treasurer – Dale Smith

Val made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05. Marion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Sue Rogers, Secretary (01-03)	Ule James (99-01)	Robin Marion (00-02)

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