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# NAFA NEWS

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### Executive Director's Report

Steve McAvoy

Now that the new racing season has began, I would like to thank the people who keep NAFA running: the members of the Executive Directors staff. The staff members are responsible for tabulation and entry of points, EJS shipment, CRN registration, tournament sanctioning and publishing the NAFA News. Without their efforts we could have never grown as fast as we have. I would like to also thank all the Regional Directors that do so much work behind the scenes approving formats and schedules, observing measurements, and acting as ambassadors for the sport.

The Board of Directors will be losing two members to term limits after the AGM: Alan Weiner and Val Cupin. Both have served as Board members for the past six years. Their hard work and dedication to the sport

### Getting a Plaque Soon?

Make sure your dog's name and your name are correct.

### Check the Data Base!

If not correct notify NAFA.

will be missed. I would like to thank them for the help and direction that they gave me as Board Members and friends.

Hopefully you have taken the time to review the Rules of Racing, Corporate Policies and By-laws documents that were sent to you. We are going to vote on them at our next meeting November 16, 2001. There has been a tremendous amount of work done to merge the three

### Questions, Need something?

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documents by the Board. As soon as the final documents are approved, they will be published and sent to you. Thanks to everyone who made recommendations on additions or changes that needed to be made.

After the AGM, I will be entering my second full term as Executive Director. It is my hope that the next three years will be as successful as the past three. We have enjoyed a huge growth and with new regions beginning, the future looks good, to say the least. Thanks to your agreement with Petsmart and sound fiscal planning by the Board, NAFA now has the funds to better the sport with new EJS and training videos for judges. We are working on an informational video on hosting a tournament for clubs to use.

-Steve McAvoy

Here is a reminder from Ron & Carol Mayeda:

Recently a number of time -sheets are arriving with omissions that are making our task difficult.

It would be appreciated if team captains, tournament directors, table staff and judges make sure that the following information is on all the sheets:

1. NAFA Event Number
2. Break-Out Time
3. NAFA Team Number
4. Division, Place and Best Time
5. Break-Out's clearly indicated

Team captains could you please make sure that:

1. Dog name, breed and handler are legible
2. Correct CRN # is listed
3. A consistent team name is used for all tournaments.

Recently we had time-sheets with the following to represent exactly the same team (alias used):

- a) Eastender Red
- b) Eastender Red Bunch

Thank you.

### Hey, Short Stuff!

Avoid the hassle of measuring..... Get a NAFA APPROVED HEIGHT CARD for only \$5.00 (US) Dogs must have run for at least one year before applying.

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Remember, if it doesn't have a Seal it's not NAFA.

## Regulatory Committee

Robin Marion

Dear fellow flyballers,

I'd like to take this time to write about the 4 month-rule that NAFA currently imposes on dogs switching teams. We would like to remind those interested in switching teams who want to have the 4 month rule waived (because of a relocation, switching to a NEW team, purchase of a dog...) to please write your request well in advance of the next tournament that you are entering. We are still seeing way too many requests from people asking to waive the period so that they can race the following weekend. I'd like to remind the flyballers out there that the regulatory works as a committee. We discuss each and every individual request that we receive and then reach a conclusion. Although, we all have email, sometimes we are away from our computers for certain periods of time (e.g. vacations, tournaments, out of town, other commitments...). As much as possible, please send your requests no sooner than 10 days before the tournament.

I would also like to remind you that the four-month rule is four "calendar" months. In other words, if you last raced on September 10, 2001, then you are now eligible to race with your new team on January 11, 2002.

Thank you,

Robin Marion

## Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Telephone Conference  
19 September, 2001

**Board Members Present:** Alan Weiner, Val Culpin, Judy Hagan, Ule James, Robin Marion, Terri May, Sue Rogers, Dale Smith, and Brett Williams. The Executive Director, Steve McAvoy was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Alan at 9:00 p.m.

Val reported on the use of the prototype lights at a recent tournament in B.C. Only 1 problem came up, but it was able to be corrected right away. All features will be available on the set before the Touch'N Go tournament at the end of October.

Judy provided an update on the Annual General Meeting to be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Franklin, Virginia. The meeting will be held on the grounds of the tournament – South Hampton County Fairgrounds. Hairier Jump Jets is sponsoring the tournament. Steve and Ule stated they

## Switching Teams? Making a Team?

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are working to put on a judge's seminar on Friday night, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the tournament site .

Terri and Alan have been unsuccessful in getting a response from the newest Petsmart contact person. Alan has given Terri another name for her to contact. Terri and Dale are finishing the proposed budget to submit to Petsmart.

Val made the motion to accept the following Provisional

Judges be approved as Head Judges – Scott Rideout, Randy Kenzie, Monica Johnny, and Drew Hansen. Dale second. The motion passed unanimously.

World Records –

Rude Dogs did set an official Regular Division World Record of 16.03 that was approved.

Rude Dogs Multi-Breed Record set at RPM's tournament in Chelsea, MI, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> has not been verified. The board is still awaiting a video tape. Sue will follow up with Rude Dogs.

Rocket Relays Regular Division 16.03 was never verified as a tape has not been received by the BOD.

Ule made the motion that the BOD approve the Rocket Relay Regular Division World Record Run of 15.88. Robin seconded. In favor – Ule, Robin, Dale, Val & Brett in favor with reservation. Against – Terri, Sue, and Judy. The motion carries.

The next BOD Conference call has been set for Wednesday, September 26, 2001.

Val made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Judy seconded.

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Telephone Conference  
26 September, 2001

**Board Members Present:** Alan Weiner, Val Culpin, Judy Hagan, Ule James, Robin Marion, Terri May, Sue Rogers, Dale Smith, and Brett Williams. The Executive Director, Steve McAvoy was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Alan at 9:04 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

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The board exited Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

The board reviewed suggested changes that were submitted by the NAFA community in regards to changes for the By-Laws, Rules of Racing, Glossary, and Corporate Policies and Procedures documents. The board was only able to get through the By-Law, Glossary, and some of the Rules of Racing changes. The remaining items will be handled through either another conference call or the next board meeting to be held on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sue will update all changes to be made to the current documents and get them out to all board members, as soon as possible.

Ule made the motion to accept Steve's request to move the state of Wisconsin from Region 3 to Region 4 effective 10-1-2001. Brett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ule made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

## **Disciplinary Actions**

The following people are Suspended:

Kristy Schultz	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.
Mike Mattos	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.

The following people are on Probation:

Pam Schultz	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Slammers Flyball Club	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.

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Val Culpin, Vice Chair (99-01)	Terri May (00-02)	Brett Williams (00-02)
Sue Rogers, Secretary (01-03)	Ule James (99-01)	Robin Marion (00-02)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Executive Director: Steve McAvoy

Tournament Sanctioning: Connie Austin

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