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NAFA® NEWS

Official News Letter of the North American Flyball Association

April, 2003

NAFA 2003 Calendar

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| Next Board Meeting | Chicago, 09Aug03 |
| Nominations for Regional Hall of Fame | 31May03 |
| Nominations for Clyde Moore Hall of Fame | 31May03 |
| Nominations for the Board of Directors Due | 60 days before AGM |
| Delegate Votes Due | at the AGM |
| Annual General Meeting | TBA |

From the Chair

Judy Hagan

Due to the recent resignation of Phillip Taylor from the Board of Directors, due to personal reasons, I have been chosen as the new Chairperson of the board. Sam Ford has been chosen to fill my vacancy as secretary and Brett Williams has been appointed to fill the remainder of the time for the vacant spot on the board that is up for election this year.

As the new Chair I would like to thank Phillip for the guidance and organization he provided during his time as board member and Chairperson of the board.

In this upcoming year the board will be working towards getting more lights and are working with the technology committee to solve problems that have come up on both of the new sets of light that we have purchased. We also have approved the hiring of a contracted employee for the Executive Director to help in getting some of the work that we have done and are in hopes of eventually moving this to a full time position.

Any questions regarding flyball or NAFA® can be submitted by writing to flyball@flyball.org or sent to the Chicago address. NAFA® is trying their hardest to answer all questions received from these sources.

Questions, Need something?

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Communicating Effectively

Judy Hagan

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Flyball Community as a whole on their positive comments and suggestions in regards to the current Board of Directors improved endeavors in responding to your concerns or requests.

It is our hope to better the communication lines between the Board of Directors and the members of the Flyball Community. It has been said by many, "My questions and requests for clarification fall upon deaf-ears". Therefore it is in the best interest of your concern/ inquiry that you in fact follow the process we are implementing. To give you an example of our process in communication I submit the following;

NAFA® E-Mail Address;

Once received an automatic response is sent directly back to you. This will confirm the acceptance of your e-mail to the NAFA® address. The e-mail is then directed to the BoD Committee and/ or the BoD member it is related to. This correspondence will then be reviewed and a reply will be sent to you directly from the BoD Committee and/ or BoD member. We are in hopes that this process of communication will expedite the answers/ clarifications you require.

NAFA® mailing address;

This form of mail is somewhat slower process due to the

fact we must rely on the carriers of such mail. However the process is followed in a similar manner with minor changes. Once received the letter/ package will be redirected to the BoD Committee and/ or BoD member it is related to. A notification will be sent to you verifying its arrival. This can be done by phone, e-mail, if provided with in the body of your correspondence to inform you that in fact it has reached its destination.

I would urge all Individuals to utilize either of the two above stated communication avenues to communicate with your Board of Directors. E-Mails or mail received at the BoD members residence will only be encourage if it is additional information requested by the BoD member regarding a current request sent in by yourself through the Official NAFA® addresses.

Many times in the past information has been delivered via different communication scenarios that has resulted in major problems. The most obvious of these is I never received it, or the request or concern is sent to three, four or all BoD members at different times and not worded the same as the previous concern. This has caused major confusion in the past because the answers you receive in reply of each concern have been different due to the inconsistencies of the wording in the correspondence. There is also the fact that three BoD members change each

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year and depending on their experience or knowledge the answer they give may very well not represent the a true opinion of the Committee or the Board of Directors.

There are many other situations many of you can recall where this has affected you or people you know. For this reason we are attempting to rectify this problem by way of proper communication process. We understand some issues or concerns may be time sensitive. We as your Board of Directors feel that proper utilization of the NAFA® addresses either mail or E-

mail will result in a reply to your concerns much more timely and accurately.

Thank you for your consideration to this article. The goal of your Board of Directors is to serve you, the Flyball Community in the most efficient and responsible manner we can. This is only one of the many ways being considered and/ or implemented to achieve or regain your recognition and respect.

NAFA Seeking Merchandise

Judy Hagan

The NAFA® marketing committee is in the process of looking at NAFA® items for merchandising to the flyball committee. We are looking for vendors that would be interested in providing items, such as hats, shirts, etc., or services for this purpose. This will be a licensing agreement. Anyone interested in doing this please contact us at www.flyball.org or send a letter to the Chicago address.

Championship Event Reconsidered

Judy Hagan

At the recent board meeting it was decided to quit working on the championship tournament. At the same time it was decided to put a survey out to the flyball public on what people thought about a championship tournament idea. We are going to be putting a survey on the NAFA® web site at www.flyball.org. Please take the time to go there and express your opinion and vote. I am asking that you add your name to any comments you make so that if we have any questions regarding your comments we are able to contact you. Your input on this will tell us whether we should go back to work on this project or not. Thank you for your time.

Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference Meeting
December 4, 2002

Board of Directors – Phillip Taylor, Judy Hagan, Dale Smith, Ule James, Aaron Hughes, Todd Morningstar, Ken Eldridge, Sam Ford, Brian Fay

Executive Director – Steve McAvoy

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p. m. CST.
Phil welcomed new members to the board.

B – Committee Reports

Vice Chairperson/Finance – Ule has talked to Dale about putting together a plan of action. He wants to project what income we will be having and outflow and see what we have left. This is to start us in the direction of seeing how much money we have for employees.

Secretary – Awaiting Steve's approval of the abridged minutes. Steve will be home this Friday and will review and send comments to Judy.

Treasurer – Dale e-mailed out treasurers report. He is in the process of changing records over to Quickbook which will work better for our needs.

Regulatory – Judy reaffirming with BoD that the information to be released verbally or written should state that the four month rule has been replaced with a 90 day rule... Not 3 months.

Bylaws – Working on election process for this year to be added into By-laws.

Disciplinary - Report was given regarding person on suspension.

Judges & Guidelines – Todd is in the process of sending out the letters to all Judges that were approved or not approved as per the Nov. meeting.

Marketing and Development – Yahoo group has been set up to share ideas that people have.

NAFA Videos – Val is in process of writing script for the next video that will be coming out. Aaron will make a call to her and see about getting someone in area lined up to help her to speed this along.

C – Old Business

EJS Update – Lights were used at the tournament last weekend in BC. At this time Aaron has made a switch so that the yellow lights can be left on after a run or turned off after the first dog goes thru the beams. At this time there are 3 sets of Serpa's lights in the US. Aaron now has the prototype of his lights (which he is going to work on and bring up to date) and there is another set of his in

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Canada and 4 sets of Aarons new lights are in the US (three at Dales and one at Judys). We also have 1 set of old steel lights in US and 2 old sets at Ron Englishs until needed and 2 other old sets in US. Also talked about the fact of what to do with the old light sets. Dale feels that we should just put a price on them and put them up for sale. Another way would be to maybe list them on e-bay and get bids off them from there. They should be able to use these lights at tournaments if needed. Dale feels that we wouldn't get enough benefit from using the old sensors to tear them apart. All the new lights should have new parts.

Tie breaking for voting, update – We are working on putting together a system to add into the bylaws for the next election. A form of preferential voting. We will have proposal for next in person meeting.

D – New Business

Proposal to have place on flyball.org where we can post changes that are made at a meeting so they don't have to wait for the NAFA news. Talked about being able to put rules changes up on the web site after they are adopted at a meeting so that they are out there right away and don't have to wait for NAFA news to come out for the announcement. Dale will set up site with Brett for this under What's New on flyball.org.

Also discussed putting area on database where writeups on dogs can be listed. This will make it easier to track dogs that have been written up. This will not be accessible by the public.

TD/ RD refuses to write a referral for a judge to become a Supervising Head Judge. Brian wanted to know what can be done when an RD refuses to do a writeup for someone wanting to become a supervisory judge since that is one of the requirements in becoming a supervisory judge. Discussed the fact that the person could go to the ED and ask for a recommendation from them but this would be undermining the RD. Ken stated that if the ED was to write a letter of recommendation to the Judge then this would undermined the relationship between Steve and his RD. It was decided that this particular situation is the responsibility of the ED. Steve is in charge of the RD's and will review this situation and return comment to the BoD next meeting.

A couple of letters regarding a aggressive dog were reviewed. Steve will look into the situation.

Switching Teams? Making a Team?

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Also under this was discussed a dog in Ontario that had been written up two times but was not included in the NAFA news. The dogs name is Junior. Both Brian and Todd have written up the dog. They will fax their writeups to Steve.

Shipping problems with UPS regarding letter from Dave Burton. Dale explained the problems with the UPS – USA and Can. Departments. These are two separate entities and the problem lays with in their organization. Dale had been working with Dave Burton on this issue to try and resolve. Resulting in a refund of monies to Dave for the additional costs for an alleged late payment charge. This was a direct result of the UPS confusion, between their USA and Can. Departments.

Quebec - would like to start competing. Steve will look and see where this will fit the best and bring it before the board at our next meeting.

Phil expressed that items that come before the board need to be submitted to flyball.org or to a board member or in person.

Next meeting will be Mar. 8. Place to be determined.

Aaron adjourned meeting
Todd seconded.

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hagan, Secretary

Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Teleconference Meeting
January 29, 2003

Board of Directors –

Present - Phillip Taylor, Judy Hagan, Aaron Hughes, Todd Morningstar, Ken Eldridge, Ule James, Brian Fay, **Absent** - Dale Smith, Sam Ford

Executive Director – Steve McAvoy

Absent -

A – Chairman's Comments

Meeting called to order- 7:03 pm CST

B – Committee Reports

Vice Chairperson/Finance-Waiting on things from Dale in order to do financial report.

Technology – Aaron stated that only one set of lights has correct wickets with it. Right now because of hold up with wickets we only have one set in Canada that is correct. One chip was damaged and Aaron has sent a replacement. Only thing Dale has to do is take replacement out and put old one back in and ship back to Aaron.

Judges & Guidelines – Letter from Brett regarding lack of judges in Region 12. Todd has responded but has not heard from them. Supervising judge will be there this spring. Someone needs to apply before anything can be done. Not sure what judges are in that region. Teams responsibility to get supervising judge there.

NAFA® Videos – Aaron has talked to Val. Judy is unable to get any answers from her.

NAFA® News report – Phil stated that he felt that it is very important that NAFA® news needs to be recognized in minutes. Ule is having problems getting articles and stuff in order to put out news. Is the NAFA® News going out Quarterly? Objective is to go out every other month. Next one at end of Mar. after meeting. Phil wondered if dates could be set for specific times when the news will go out. This to indicate a deadline date, for articles to be received by Ule, in order to effectively manage the printing dates and mailing dates of the NAFA® News. Phil would like to see it scheduled and implemented ASAP. This way there would be no excuses for it not going out. Needs to be a structured schedule in order to get this done may need to be revised each year depending on meeting dates. Phil asked Ule to come up with a schedule to presented and distributed at the March 8th meeting.

NAFA® news has been printed and is waiting to be

stuffed. 811 copies to go out. Will go out next week.

C – Old Business

EJS Update Repairs to the Uprights to eliminate problems – Phil will contact Dale about uprights and getting them back to Aaron. Todd has a set of Jasons that need to go back to Jason for some changes.

D – New Business

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Discussion was held concerning Cool Runnings request to hold a lottery for their limited entry tournament due to the fact that the tournament has over filled. 22 Entries were received by the tournament secretary and 2 by the tournament director on opening day. The entries received by the tournament director should not be counted at all. Entries should have gone to the tournament secretary. Ule brought up the fact that there was nothing in the Policies & Guidelines that said that they could not have a lottery. Ken stated that it says that they are accepted as opened. Received would be when it was put in mailbox. Ken said it is when it is in his hands. Different people interpret it in different ways. Trust and honesty is what is expected here in. Did the team follow NAFA guidelines? The tournament secretary opened 22 entries. Did the secretary keep track of entries as they were opened? Discussion was held on how a lottery could possibly be run. Ule stated that Ron English needs to be called and he needs to make a decision as to who were the first 20 he opened. Someone on board needs to talk to Ron to make sure that they followed the rules and guidelines. This issue is for the tournament secretary to handle.

Phil will call Ron English to discuss matter. The ones received by Ally are to be thrown out so they will be down to 22 teams. If he hasn't shuffled around the pile then he should be able to determine the last two opened. He needs to be aware of the problem for his next tournaments coming up and keep track of how they are opened.

Phil asked Ken if there would be a word for received (date & time opened) since it is felt that

there are to many definitions. Phil would like to see something put in 6.1 to be more specific. Ken will review and make suggestion(s) for possible changes or additions to this, that will be presented at the March 8th Meeting. Cool Runnings has another tournament that opened this week. If Clubs do not follow the Policies and Procedures they will be taking a chance of getting their sanctions pulled.

Phil will call the tournament secretary for Turning Point Tina Parr in regard to this same problem.

Flyball List – Award Confirmations – Letter was received from Brett Williams regarding the posting for plaques on the flyball list.

Post regular notices on web site about captains keeping things updated. Problem would be that changes that are being requested are not getting done. Talked about what had happened previously. Phil will talk with Dale. Currently we are posting to the flyball list asking people to contact us from teams that have dogs with awards coming. 1) Updates aren't getting done. 2) Captains or owners are not putting in for updates. Surprise of the award is not the issue but getting the correct information is. Need to talk more about this in Mar. Add to agenda for Mar.

Singapore Flyball Club Request Form complete with cheque - Talked about what has been done previously. Talked about contacting person. Ule thinks that we should approve the club if they say they are going to race in North America. Ken thinks they shouldn't be approved. Discussion was held on whether it was something that we should be doing. Some felt that we should go ahead and let them and put a thing in the bylaws that we will not sanction any tournaments in their area. Aaron motioned that we write them and explain that they don't have to be part of the NAFA but we will help them get started. Judy second. Unanimously approved. Aaron presented a rough estimate of cost for AGM if it is held in PEI. Aaron has not yet completed his evaluation still needs Omaha & CID. The estimated cost so far is \$6000 approx.

Judges tape to Australia..... Can we send one to them for reference. They have talked to Todd with questions about judging calls. Was wondering if we could send them a copy of our video to them. Todd will contact Val and see if we have any more videos

Auditors for NAFA® Finance Committee to review the suggestions came from the Lawyer upon Judy's visit to him in January. Gave information to Ule about people to contact.

Delegates – when are they coming out – Phillip Where is the information coming from. Is there something that can be done to help Dale out. Phil will look into this.

Ule motion to adjourn

Aaron Second.

Unanimously approved.

9:08 pm CST

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hagan, Secretary

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Abridged Board Meeting Notes

St. Louis, MO
March 8, 2003

Board of Directors – Phillip Taylor, Judy Hagan, Dale Smith, Ule James, Todd Morningstar, Ken Eldridge, Sam Ford, Brian Fay

Absent – Aaron Hughes

Executive Director – Steve McAvoy

A – Chairman's Comments

Meeting called to order – 8:35 a.m. CST

Steve welcomed of the new members to the board. We need to move swiftly and accurately thru meeting.

Steve reported that he received quite a few applicants for new position. Discussion was held in regard to wages and time spent. We will look at setting price and seeing if people will take this on at that price if offered the job.

Chairperson Phillip brought up publishing of Executive Session motions & sessions – Phillip has looked into web on Roberts Rules to see how this is handled. Publish motion and resulting vote – can we do that? This can occur for one of the following:

- 1) Within executive session – motion second – result and still in executive session a motion can be made to publish
- 2) Or add to by-laws that motion and result of executive session can be published. If we choose to add to bylaws we need to pass by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

If we publish we want to make sure that we make a clean motion. Motion should be made related to something in rules. This way public would see it in minutes. Sam wondered if down the road we would have a problem if some legal action was being taken against NAFA® would we want this to be this way. Ule talked about a trial how they come out and state and vote. He feels that a general motion wouldn't be any better. Publishing will make people accountable to their vote.

If claims are never substantiated you never publish because there is no motion. Should we or do we really want to do this always? At this time we have the option but are not required. Effective for 1 year: we will go with the fact that if in executive session a motion to publish motion from that executive session. Need to make sure to go into executive session before we get into item.

B – Committee Reports

Vice Chairperson/Finance – Has made small strides with

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business plan. Want to know if we really need to have an accountant in Michigan or can we use someone nearer to the treasurer. Needs to make contact with accountants to make this determination. Ule has talked with Dale about figuring a cap on income. This is a projection on when we will reach our maximum. Secretary – Approval of Minutes from AGM meeting 11-15-02, Teleconference call 12-4-02, Teleconference call 1-29-03. Phillip motion to approve. Dale second. In favor -Todd, Brian, Ule, Dale, Judy. Abstained – Ken & Sam – not in attendance at AGM meeting.

(1) Executive Session entered 9:19 am CST

Executive session exited 9:26 am.

Treasurer – 3 financial reports handed out. As of first of year we will write off \$3500 in debt as unrecoverable debt. Ready to file 990 for this year. Will have to recreate last two years since unable to find. Can publish income and expense in next NAFA news for last year. 990 will probably not be done by next NAFA news. Have asked for extension for filing until May 15, 2003. Ule motion to publish income and expense in next NAFA news. Dale second. Passed unanimously. Dale wondered if there is anyone on board that would like to be treasurer next year since this is his last year and it would be good to get someone working with him. It should be someone on board presently that will do it and it might help to work with Dale this year.

Technology – Note from Aaron to Phillip when he was unable to attend board meeting. The wickets have the new chips and are fixed to not have false red lights. Problem still is to set alignment. Problem from last weekend out east was probably Dales fault. Thinks he may have shipped one that only one chip was replaced. Sets that went NE this weekend were set up and tested. Last set of wickets to Dale was shipped to Aaron within 4 days of receipt. New club purchase will be on web soon.

Regulatory – Discussed issue that came up regarding teams seeding two of their teams at the exact same seed time. What team would run if they are unable to run both teams against each other. The rules state the faster team shall race and the slower shall forfeit if they are unable to race both. It was decided that the RD could ask the team to change seedtime prior to tournament so that one was faster than the other. If the club is unable to redo seed time then the RD

should have team decide before start of tournament what will happen (which team will race if they are unable to race both against each other). You could take fastest time of day to decide who will be the fastest seed. Steve will contact RD's on this item. FEO – limited tournaments teams cannot enter at all because of taking spot. Sam talked about NAFA standard. You can't enter a team FEO but you can go FEO after you arrive. Unlimited tournament FEO team would be treated like a bye race. Competing team would have right to ask other team to not run dog or team. This is covered later in meeting.

The following question was brought to the regulatory committee: Can a competing team use a jump board in front of the box, as long as the jump board and box combined do not exceed the boundaries of the regulation box and does not cross the designated line? Board Response: Jump board attached to box or made into jump board with platform might be ok. As separate board it is not allowed. Safety of the dog was a major concern that was expressed and also the fact of whether it was training in the ring. It is up to the judge regarding whether it is a safety/training issue. Todd will post this issue to judges list. This is a clarification of the rule and not a change.

Disciplinary – Issue from last meeting executive session

(2) Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:53 am.

Executive session exited 11:12 am.

Judges & Guidelines – Dogs that are being listed in NAFA® news will have their name, CRN number and breed of dog listed. The dog Junior from Ontario will be listed in next NAFA® news.

Approval for Head Judges for the following:

a) Jennifer DuRocher was told to do several more assignments before approval as head judge. One of the write-ups stated that she did an excellent job of measuring but a statement was made that she didn't do any measuring at that tournament. Motion to approve Todd, Second Ule. Approved Ule, Todd, Dale, Sam, Judy Opposed – Brian Motion carried.

b) Brian Kauk approval from provisional to head judge. Evaluation reviewed. Todd motion to approve. Brian second. Approved- unanimously.

c) Val Cody was told to do several more assignments before approval as head judge. Motion to approve – Judy Todd second. Approved – Todd, Brian, Dale, Ken, Sam, and Judy Opposed – Ule. Motion carried.

d) Todd motion to approve Ken Eldridge as provisional judge with provisions to have to do 2 provisional assignments with the following conditions to apply 1) to perform 2 provisional assignments. 2).

These 2 assignments be done by Todd as supervising head judge as head of judges committee Brian second. Ule moves to table vote and discussion until new business. Brian second. In favor - Sam, Brian, Ule, Dale, Judy Opposed – Todd Abstained – Ken. Motion carried.

e) Lawrence Cox application for supervisory judge. Tabled in order to gather more information. Todd will gather information.

f) Brian Fay application for supervisory judge. Brian chose to leave for discussion. Documentation. Not everything is there that is needed. His regional RD has not seen him measure enough and does not feel comfortable at this point writing a letter for him. He does have 3 letters from 3 different RD's from other regions. Todd expressed concern about an occurrence that happened that he should have excused a person for throwing a dog. Ule motion to approve. Sam seconded. Discussion was held in regard to having RD letter needed or not. Steve expressed that he had talked to RD 3 weeks ago and she was ok with appointment. Approved – Ule, Dale, Sam, Ken, Judy Opposed – none Abstain – Todd - Reason - more information required. Motion carried. Standing Rules – What can someone do with or without dog? Example extra person standing and walking with dog up to 20-25' line. Is this training in the ring or not? Two different ways of thinking of this. Put on judges list to get opinions. Ule & Todd to make up poll for judges on 3 subjects covered.

Marketing and Development – Talked about new brochure that is being worked on. Brochure back to committee for more work. Make budget for Assoc. of Pet Dog Trainers for NAFA® booth. Article for NAFA® news on looking for distributors for NAFA® items. Replacement pins for titles. Need to check with Sue on selling people extra pins to people to see if she is presently doing this.

NAFA® Videos – Phillip has contacted Val on this and has gotten no reply from her on this. He will try to get a hold of her again to get information.

Championship Tournament – Debate was held as to whether we should be having it for this racing year or not. Debate was also held on whether this would be something that we really want to do or not. Brian made motion that we not do championship tournament and stop work on it. Todd second. Discussion held on problems associated with it. Approved – Todd, Brian, Ule, Ken, Judy Opposed – Sam, Dale Motion carried. Phillip will write NAFA® news article to get input from people to see if they feel we should have championship tournament or not.

Hall of Fame – Published in last NAFA® news

NAFA® News – Quarterly NAFA® news is what Ule is proposing. Next one end of Mar. Schedule will be Mar., Jun., Sept., and Dec. additional one following any board meeting.

C – Old Business

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Standard letterhead for NAFA®
correspondence - Dale will send out one to everyone to use that is a word document.
Flyball List – Award Confirmations. No interest to change what we are doing at this time.

Judges tape to Australia.... Can we send one to them for reference - Format is fine. Ship to them to use. They will pay for shipping.

Preferential voting – Dale - Letter from Alyson.
Sample for next meeting of preferential voting. Dale & Ken will do.

D – New Business

Scoring a tournament (guideline in rule book). Discussion was held on scoring tournaments. Also discussed 3 of 5 and if there has to be a winner. Letter from Jim Sova was reviewed regarding standardizing of scoring of tournaments. Second on letter Judy. Major Discussion was held. In favor – Judy Opposed – Ule, Dale, Ken, Sam, Todd, and Brian. Motion defeated.

Determining a winner for placements (3 way tie).
Steve will write article for NAFA news about how placements should be done on ties.

AGM hosting proposals. PEI hosting cost was \$8000 without Omaha & Cedar Rapids rest of info in letter from PEI. Steve would like to entertain fact of going to PEI but maybe not in Nov. Weather would be questionable time. Touch N Go. Letter from Brett. Is time reasonable for Nov. 4th. Letter from Ketch This on hosting the AGM. Ule motion to hold AGM 2003 in Florida. Brian second. Unanimously approved. Judy to contact Mike Pape from Ketch This and coordinate. Try to get a Nov. date.

Limited Tournaments that fill but club decides to take all entrees. Filled is considered taking all the entries. A tournament limited to 36 teams is considered filled even if there are no teams not getting in but has 36 entries. Ule does not feel that we should let a limited tournament go above their limit.

Breed changes in NAFA®. Dale motion if an individual wants to change to a breed they need to provide a copy of registration from one of the recognized breed clubs. Ule second. Sam, Todd, Brian, Dale,

Judy Opposed – Ken Motion carried. Dale motion if an owner/handler wants to move their dog from breed to mix they must submit a letter from one our recognized organizations that recognizes that breed stating that it is not that breed. Failed for second. Dale will work with regulatory on this to come up with something. Change on database from Jack Russell to Parsons terrier because of AKC change. Database may read Jack Russell/Parsons. We need to see what the 4 organizations are going to do. Whether they are going to have two separate in them or all be one. Brian will look into.

Limited tournaments, entrees process and acceptance. Ken proposal was reviewed. No appetite to make changes at this time. Item covered later.

Please clarify sanctioning "legacy" policy - Motion by Ule. Failed for lack of second. Steve will work on 5-year calendar to see how it would work.

Archiving NAFA® Paperwork. Letter from Denise Delany regarding years to keep paperwork. No appetite for this proposal. Ule made motion to dispose tournament results hard copy 3 fiscal years after current racing year. CRN applications, tournament sanctioning. Todd second. Unanimously approved. Immediate action.

Discuss about recognizing the “McNab as a breed and not a mix. Brian had hand out on this breed. Wants breed recognized. Make exception to rule and recognize McNab as breed and not a mix breed. Failed for lack of second.

Issues raised of the Head Judge also being the RD. Conflict of interest when head judge is RD also. Head judge can't be tournament director. Head judge, tournament director, RD can't be the same. Brian motioned a person may serve as head judge and RD only with explicit approval of ED. Ken seconded. In favor – Ken, Sam, Brian, Ule, Todd, Judy Abstained – Dale

Question from “Buffalo Wing” Flyball Club in regard to changing their name if they have to. Can change name at any time. Club owner can do at any time. Proposal for limited Tournament.

Policies Chapter 6, 6.1(c): delete this paragraph:

“All tournaments, with the exception of unlimited tournaments, will not accept entries until one calendar month prior to the closing date.”

Policies Chapter 6, 6.1(j) Revise from:
“The host club may not limit entries to less than four. In cases of limited entries, the host club must accept entries in order of date received. All the entries may be from the same club (i.e. Front Runners A team, Front Runners B team, Front Runners C team, Front Runners D team, etc.), however, multiple entries from the same club are to be treated as one entry until after the closing date. Any remaining openings are to be filled by the second entry from those clubs that enter more than one team, followed by the third entry from those clubs that enter more than two teams and so on until all entries are filled.”

To:

- (j) Limited Tournaments: The host club may not limit entries to less than four. The host club must accept all entries up to 6:00PM, local time of the tournament secretary, on the Closing Date. Seed times for teams are not needed until after the draw. Teams that get into the tournament are to be selected by random draw.
- (i) The Draw shall be located where all clubs and NAFA® representatives may witness the draw. Teams are to be grouped into rounds – each round shall contain only one Team from each Club: the first round will contain one Team from every Club; the second round will contain one Team from every Club that has entered two or more teams; the third round will contain one Team from every Club that has entered three or more teams; etcetera, until all rounds are created. Teams will be randomly drawn from the first round, then the second round, etc. until the tournament is filled. The remaining teams will also be drawn and given an alternate number, starting with alternate one until all rounds are drawn from and every team either is in the tournament or is given an alternate number. If the amount of teams that enter the limited tournament are less than or equal to the limit, then no draw is required and all teams gain entry into the tournament; however, Clubs are to be notified and clubs must respond per (ii) & (iii).
- (ii) Notification of the Draw: All Clubs shall be notified of the results of the draw within 48 hours of the draw. Notification can be done by telephone, facsimile, email or posting to the Host Club’s Website.
- (iii) Club Notification of the Team Entry: All Clubs shall notify the Host Club of seed times of all-teams entered and of teams they wish to withdraw within 96 hours of the draw. If a Club

withdraws a Team that has gained entry into the tournament, an alternate team will be selected. Alternate Teams will be selected based on the order of the draw.

Add to Form C.3:

Add a line for the draw location and when the draw will occur.

As of Oct. 1, 2003.. Ule made motion to accept proposal that he has written up. Draws will start as of Aug. 1 for next fiscal year. Sam second. In favor – Ule, Dale, Brian, Sam Opposed – Judy & Todd. Motion carried. Dale motion that web based alternative will also be provided by NAFA as an alternative to the limited tournament draw. Judy second. In favor – Sam, Brian, Dale, Ken, Judy Opposed – Todd & Ule. Motion carried.

Suggestion for measuring dogs No interest to discuss this.

Letter from Lisa Jeffery. Todd motion from above to be added at this time. Notes from Phillip: some of the issues are in executive session before.

(3) Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:57 pm.

Motion to exit EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:24 pm.

Brian motion to table Todd’s motion until after judging status item. Dale second. Discussion. In favor - Sam, Brian, Dale, Ule, Judy Opposed - Todd Abstained - Ken

Change of ownership dispute Kelly Hammett e-mail regarding Orion. Write back to her and see if she can prove ownership. Dale will write letter and tell her that if she can get us something for next meeting that we will look at it them.

Judging status - At this point discussion from above item. Brian puts motion on floor to reinstate Ken Eldridge to full judging status. Ule second. Ule has reservation about doing this because board decided that Ken had done something wrong. Discussion on motion on floor. In favor – Brian, Ule Opposed - Dale, Todd, Judy Abstain – Sam & Ken. Motion failed.

Todd motion to approve Ken Eldridge as provisional judge with provisions to have to do 2 provisional assignments with the following conditions to apply 1) to perform 2 provisional assignments. 2). These 2 assignments be done by Todd as supervising head judge as head of judges committee. Brian seconded. Todd is offering to Ken one of them at Sarnia at his tournament. Ken made the comment that he is not

thrilled with this concept. Ule suggested a compromise would be a way of working this out. Brian amends motion to say under any supervising judge and not just under Todd. Ken also stated he would probably not do it if passed. In favor – Todd Opposed – Brian, Ule, Dale, Sam, Judy

(4) Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:45 pm.

Executive session exited 6:49 pm.

More discussion held regarding motion. Dale asked Ken if he would accept a motion on being reinstated like a lapsed judging term. Ule made motion to reinstate Ken as lapsed judge criteria – page 19 vii to be used as motion. Sam second. Discussion. In favor – Sam, Brian, Ule, Dale, and Judy Opposed - none Abstained – Todd – felt comfortable with original motion, Ken. Verbal confirmation of this was given to Ken at the meeting and acknowledged and accepted by Ken.

NAFA Telephone line. New NAFA 800 number that is on top of new letterhead. Dale receives these messages.

Electronic tournament scoring - We are allowing people to score their own tournaments. Do we want to go ahead with this on a bigger basis? Give compensation to teams that are doing this. Judy Motion to pay 10% on their NAFA fees to team that score their own timesheets. Dale second. Discussion held. In favor – Dale, Todd, Sam, Ken, Judy, Brian Opposed – Ule. Motion carried.

Change wording for supervising judge form RD letter. Brian made motion to remove “of endorsement” in Section 2 (h(vii)) of the supervisory head judge requirements. Ule second. Unanimously approved.

More EJS needed - 6 more sets would work with Todd. Discussion was held in regard to whether we should be buying Aaron’s lights or more of Serpas lights. Serpas lights do not have the same capabilities that Aaron’s are to have. We have 6 sets of Aaron’s lights plus the prototype. Backs on Aaron’s need to come off to see sensors. Sensors can be spread to 6”. Starting when not lined up. Minimum that we could get by with at this time. Canada needs 3 sets and 1 set in US. To purchase from Jason. Video was reviewed by group that Sam took at his tournament. Shows that one of Jason’s set of lights has a staggered light problem. Sam made motion to purchase 4 sets of lights from Jason contingent on him fixing the staggered light problem that was seen in video provided by Sam. Cases will also be purchased from the appropriate vendor. Judy seconded. Discussion.

Avoid the lines at Measuring GET A HEIGHT CARD!!

Avoid the hassle of measuring in the future... if your dog has raced in NAFA sanctioned events for at least a year, apply for a height card application for only \$5.00 US.

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Remember, if it doesn’t have a Seal it’s not

Approved unanimously.

FEO – Ule motion. Add to paragraph 6E “ a club can not enter a team into a NAFA sanctioned event for exhibition only” . Replace second sentence with: Any dog(s) entered in deviation of this rule will cause the forfeiture of all NAFA points for which heats the dog is raced along with any tournament placement for the team. Sam second. In favor, Sam, Judy Brian, Ule, Ken Opposed – Todd, Dale

Motion to Adjourn Ule Second Todd
Unanimously approved. 8:17pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Disciplinary Actions

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

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| 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. |

The following dogs have been suspended for aggression:

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

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Income/Expense

10/1/01 Through 9/30/02 (in U.S. Dollars) (Accrual Basis)

4/3/03

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| Category Description | 10/1/01- 9/30/02 |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | |
| CRN | 20,883.66 |
| Height Cards | 241.54 |
| Interest Income | 3,231.73 |
| New Club | 2,625.00 |
| Patches | 2,755.26 |
| Penalties | 253.71 |
| Rulebook | 10.00 |
| Tournament Fees | 132,260.44 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>162,261.34</u> |
| EXPENSES | |
| Awards | |
| Certificates | 713.82 |
| Pins | 2,029.75 |
| Plaques | 14,347.36 |
| TOTAL Awards | <u>17,090.93</u> |
| Bad Debt | 3,500.00 |
| Bank Charge | 788.45 |
| Board Meeting | 1,162.66 |
| Hotel | 4,142.80 |
| Meals | 1,983.00 |
| Travel | 9,771.42 |
| TOTAL Board Meeting | <u>17,059.88</u> |
| ED Employees | 6,000.00 |
| EJS Rental | 6,886.44 |
| EJS Shipping | 18,659.05 |
| Equipment | 1,816.28 |
| EJS | 44,056.16 |
| TOTAL Equipment | <u>45,872.44</u> |
| Equipment Repair | 331.82 |
| Legal | |
| Trademark | 1,405.00 |
| TOTAL Legal | <u>1,405.00</u> |
| Mailbox | 887.31 |
| NAFA News | 2,367.82 |
| Office | 7,162.29 |
| Package | 8,181.59 |
| Postage | 793.65 |
| Meter | 3,644.90 |
| TOTAL Postage | <u>4,438.55</u> |
| Telephone | 1,540.17 |
| Video | 709.22 |
| Web | 5,266.20 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>148,147.16</u> |
| OVERALL TOTAL | <u>14,114.18</u> |

4/3/03

Account Balances
As of 9/30/02 (in U.S. Dollars)

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| Account | 9/30/02 Balance |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Accounts | |
| CFB CD-1 | 26,743.75 |
| CFB CD-3 | 26,405.16 |
| CFB Checking | 12,726.25 |
| CFB Savings | 91,264.93 |
| TDCT Checking | 8,413.41 |
| Video Expenses | 370.41 |
| TOTAL Bank Accounts | <u>165,923.91</u> |
| Asset Accounts | |
| Accts Receivable | 1,749.58 |
| TOTAL Asset Accounts | <u>1,749.58</u> |
| Credit Card Accounts | |
| Amex | -340.84 |
| TOTAL Credit Card Accounts | <u>-340.84</u> |
| Liability Accounts | |
| *Sales Tax* | 0.00 |
| TOTAL Liability Accounts | <u>0.00</u> |
| OVERALL TOTAL | <u>167,332.65</u> |