

North American Flyball Association, Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Huntsville, Texas

Abridged Minutes

January 29, 2011

Present were: Executive Director Lee Heighton
Board of Directors Nancy Garcia,
Leerie Jenkins,
Dana Nichols,
Karen Oleson,
Kris Pickering,
Alisa Romaine,
Dale Smith.

Executive Director Lee Heighton called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM CST. Greg Stopay was unable to attend due to a previous commitment. Scott Stein was unable to attend due to work obligations. Kris Pickering had to leave prior to the AGM due to work commitments. There were many guests in attendance.

Lee Heighton welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Executive Director's comments – Lee Heighton

Lee introduced the Board members who were present.

Lee expressed thanks to:

- Mike Smith and Alamo Racing Canines for hosting the tournament and the AGM dinner.
- Sam Ford for his hospitality.
- Dale Smith and Scott Stein for their years of service to NAFA as Board members. He presented a plaque to Dale Smith (Scott was unable to attend).
- Kim Davis for serving on the Nominating Committee this year. And for all her work on the NAFA web page, especially during CanAm event.

CanAm

Lee announced that the finances for the 2010 CanAm event show us in the black by \$323.00. He credited Nancy Garcia who worked tirelessly with sponsors and vendors. He pointed out that the event went in one year from losing \$20,000 to having a profit. The 2011 event is already up on the web page. He also announced that best times at CanAm are up on the database now. He thanked Dale Smith for adding that feature so quickly.

Election

Lee discussed this year's online voting process. The return rate was over 60%, which is one of the highest we've ever had. He announced that next year's election will be completely electronic. No paper ballots will be sent out. By not offering paper ballots, we will save \$1000 in the cost of the election.

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Lee announced that the 2012 AGM has been set for January 21, 2012 in Raleigh, NC.

Line and box judge training video

He announced that the line and box judge training video has been completed and will be posted on the web site soon. Our plan is to add some additional materials and a quiz. If anyone has ideas for future videos, please feel free to contact us.

Contest

In standing with Sam Ford's tradition, Lee gave the guests in attendance a trivia question. The closest answer without going over would win a bottle of wine donated by Sam Ford.

The question was, "How many points were earned at the CanAm event in 2010?" He gave a hint that 810 individual dogs played on Saturday.

Statistics

Lee went through some statistics for the 2010 racing year:

347 events hosted in 40 states and provinces hosted by 135 different Clubs

9061 teams raced in these events from 372 different Clubs up from 8678 last year

4965 teams raced in Regular

836 in Multibreed

319 in Vets

2904 in Open

with the remainder in miscellaneous classes

Open entries grew from 2243 to 2904, while entries from other classes declined slightly.

6244 new titles were earned during the racing year by 3450 different dogs

15,400,327 points were earned during the racing year by 5677 dogs from 153 different breeds (one breed being mix)

1081 new dogs registered

Election results

Lee announced the results of the election:

Executive Director – Lee Heighton

Board of Directors – Curtis Smith, Ally Stern, Dave Walt

Judge of the Year – Brian Fay

Hall of Fame – Shayla, mixed breed, Kelly Robbins, Rocket Relay

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Regional MVPs

Region 1 – Risky

Region 2 – Tandie

Region 3 – none nominated

Region 4 – Pepper Jack

Region 5 – Ginger

Region 6 – Phantom

Region 7 – Riot

Region 8 – Hudson

Region 9 – Sweep

Region 10 – Willow

Region 11 – Sweep

Region 12 – none nominated

Region 13 – Jet

Region 14 – Shea

Region 15 – Foster

Region 16 – none nominated

Region 17 – none nominated

Region 18 – Zorro

Region 19 – Daisy Mae

Region 20 – Liam

Regional Champions

Lee announced the regional champions

Regular Champions:

Region	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Spring Loaded	Slammers	RPM Dog Sports
2	Rocket Relay	Instant Replay	Positive Pups
3	High Velocity	Animal Inn	SuperNova
4	Bordering on Insanity-Midwest	Ulti-Mutts	All Ruffed Up
5	Top Dog Racers	Texas Heat	Lonestar Ruffnecks
6	Heat Wave	Phoenix Hot Pawsuit	Flying Colors
7	The Flying Squad	Dogwood Pacesetters	Total Anarchy
8	Holeshot Racers	KAOS	Prairie PDQ Dogsports
9	Fur Fun	DogGoneFast	New River Rapids
10	Fast'n FURious	F.A.M.E.	Prepare for Takeoff
11	Ketch This	Florida Flash Flyball	Dogs of Anarchy
12	Northern Power Paws	Quad Run	Redline Dogsports
13	Ruff Enuff	Canine Mutiny	Boston Stragglers
14	The Gamblers	Pensacola Furrricanes	Birmingham Bandits
15	Revolution Flyball	Hard Drive	United We Fly
16	Turn N' Spit	INXS	Marin Running Riot
18	N/A	N/A	N/A
19	DEO Speedwaggin	Denver Speed Demons	LAUNCH
20	DogZworth	Paws on Fire	Burnin' Rubber
21	Omaha Speedracers	Hawkeye Hustlers	Dog Gone Devils

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Multibreed Champions:

Region	1st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Spring Loaded	Slammers	Mighty Mutts
2	Extreme Chaos	Rocket Relay	N/A
3	Animal Inn	SuperNova	Happy Hurdlers
4	Synergy	BC Boomerangs	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	Fur Fun	DogGoneFast	Carpe Pilam
10	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	Ketch This	2 Fast 2 Furry	Florida Flash Flyball
12	Redline Dogsports	N/A	N/A
13	Ruff Enuff	A.R.F.F.	Jump Masters
14	Double Dog Dare	Birmingham Bandits	Music City Road Dogs
15	Revolution Flyball	Releasing the Hounds	Flash Point
16	Marin Running Riot	Bark in the Park	INXS
18	N/A	N/A	N/A
19	N/A	N/A	N/A
20	Hot Diggity Dogs	Burnin' Rubber	Leading Edge
21	N/A	N/A	N/A

NAFA Regular Champion: Holeshoot Racers – Region 8

NAFA Multibreed Champion: Spring Loaded – Region 1

Question & answer session

The floor was opened to questions:

1. Is there any plan to expand video coverage of this year's event?

Lee indicated that we would have to see if it is technologically feasible. This year, we shut down a four block area of WIFI with the use of phones, laptops, etc. in addition to livestream.

2. Is there any chance that our lights will have a countdown for warm-up time?

Dale responded that there are several updates in progress, including a countdown timer, automatic settings for veterans, and better data output. He indicated we don't have a firm time frame yet as the updates are still in progress. Once the software updates are completed, all of the consoles will have to be sent back to FarmTek for updating. Because we are now dealing directly with the manufacturer, we have substantially decreased turnaround time. Dale said it is reasonable to expect it may be in place by next year's AGM.

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3. Will the format for this year's CanAm be the same?

Lee said it will not be the same. This year teams invited into the CanAm invitational for Sunday will be guaranteed two races. It won't be a double elimination bracket, but will have additional brackets for losing teams to allow the entire bracket to be placed.

The Classic section of CanAm (non invitational) will remain the same. The finalists for each division will race in the championship ring. We had great feedback for that format this year.

4. How can I remove some dogs from our club in the database?

Karen said if any changes are needed to your dog listing, contact her through her flyball sanctioning email address to request that the dogs be removed. In the database, retired and deceased dogs drop down to last on the list. Dogs can be moved to unassigned status, but she indicated she prefers not to move dogs there.

5. Are laser lights ever going to be prohibited?

Lee indicated the Board hasn't ever received a request to eliminate them. The best way to address issues like this is to send in a request through the web page and tell us why you think we should adopt proposal. Providing some additional information gives the Board a lot more to work with. Almost all of our rule changes initially come from suggestion by competitors. He indicated there is a link on the web page under the Contacts section.

6. What about a rules request that was not answered?

Dana asked the questioner to give her the information and she would follow up on it. During the transition period when the Contacts page was being designed, a few emails may have been lost. Lee said, for any issue, if you haven't received an acknowledgment within 2-3 days, please re-contact us. We almost always have a turnaround within that period. Mike Smith pointed out that Board members are serving in volunteer positions. Nearly everyone has a full time job.

Trivia question answer

How many points were earned at the NAFA Can Am event this past October in Indianapolis?

477,184

The winner of the trivia question was Mike Smith.

Lee recessed the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Lee reconvened the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Lee moved we enter Executive Session.

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The Board entered Executive Session at 9:16 PM

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:22 PM

The following officers were elected:

Chair – Leerie Jenkins
Vice Chair – Curtis Smith
Secretary – Ally Stern
Treasurer – Nancy Garcia

Dale moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM CST.