

### **Minutes of the NAFA Board of Directors Conference Call April 22, 2019 7:00 pm CMT**

In attendance: Neil Flood, Dana Hanson, Lynda Mantler, Aaron Robbins, Steve Corona, Kathy Haney, Leerie Jenkins, Emma Mak

Purpose of the call is to work on how to implement mandatory withers measurements and communication out to constituents.

Time frame to implement would be October 2020.

Discussion and revision to the Google document that was sent to the board on April 13, 2019 from Leerie Jenkins. Draft Ideas for Mandatory Withers - Invitation to edit. Please refer to that document.

The communication that goes out should state that NAFA is going to expand the availability of CMJs.

We need to have an idea of the cost of travel and expenses and a plan to fund it.

Emma said she is willing to work on researching costs for this.

Ideas to raise extra fees: increase recording fees, raise CRN fees

Aaron suggested that rolling out the mandatory measuring at the same time as increasing costs would not go over well. Either now or in the next two years.

NAFA fees were dropped and that was meant to be temporary but they have not been raised and it is time to do it.

Once we have an idea of the costs for travel, etc. we will have better idea of what is required.

Measuring could happen on Friday night and during the day at the tournament. The CMJ could be a trainer for new measuring judges.

Caution should be used with the number of new CMJs. CMJs are to measure out of their home regions and all will need to be trained.

CanAm will also have CMJs widely available.

When sending CMJs out to regions, they could perhaps get two measuring events in one weekend. Have one on Saturday and then go to a neighboring region on Sunday.

Before sending CMJs out, an indication of the number of dogs to be measured would be needed. Perhaps the RDs could help in determining those numbers.

Steve suggested to publicize the 5 or 6 tournaments where CMJs would be in attendance.

Leerie requested that Emma look at the number and size and tournaments to help us know where it might make sense to send CMJs.

Emma suggested RDs could help with providing the number of height dogs in their region.

Steve's concern was that we want the decision to stay with withers measurements to remain confidential before the board communication is sent out.

Having dogs get used to being measured is important. Neil would like to see measuring encouraged, make the wicket available throughout the day. We need to be respectful of the judge's time at tournaments also. Sometimes the only break they get during the day is at lunch so it would be a lot to ask them to measure dogs at that time. Measuring during the race day could work at tournaments with multiple judges or other judges in attendance.

Lynda: we need to know how much will the CMJs be paid for their services. We have not covered that topic. So far, we have only discussed, food, travel, accommodation and a small stipend. We can discuss further at the next meeting.

Next teleconference call is April 29, 2019, 7:00 pm CMT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm