

NAFA Board Discussion July 6, 2018

Notes regarding questions from Edwin Vinken of FCI (FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE)

In attendance: Neil Flood, Dana Hansen, Leerie Jenkins, Emma Mak, Steve Corona, Dirk Elber. Kim Davis joined later.

Regrets: John Hendriks, Aaron Robbins

Discussion started at 7:06 pm

Discussion arising out the letter from Edwin Vinken regarding jump heights.

We will want to share our plans with the FCI delegates.

To date, the feedback in favor of lowering the jump heights by 1" has been in favor of lowering. It is difficult to know how to weigh the feedback since some clubs may have multiple people who have written emails, it is unknown how many people each email represents and it may be largely those in favor of lower jump heights that have written in and those not in favor could be silent.

At this time, the board does not know if the jump height issue will go to a delegate vote.

Some board members feel we should have the matter sent to a delegate vote and some feel that there have not been enough reasons presented to warrant a delegate vote. If there were a delegate vote, it would not be binding. Many seemed to agree they didn't want jumps lowered at this time and having some kind of study, re methods and heights, perhaps in conjunction with FCI would be a reasonable response /reason to NOT change anything at this time, or have a vote. As a board, it is our duty to do what is best for NAFA.

The other matter that was brought up was that maybe it would be prudent to wait on having a delegate vote on the issue until we have decided if the measuring apparatus is going to change.

A quick round table of opinions was taken regarding measuring devices. Most are in favor of NAFA fully exploring different measuring methods and felt it is important to settle on a method that gives a consistent result. Consider both measuring and jump heights in our decision of whether to put the jump height issue to a vote.

Dirk mentioned that the patent for the U-fli measuring device had been approved. The U-fli device is similar to the FCI ulna measuring device. It was suggested that we seek the advice of a patent lawyer to avoid any potential conflicts.

We will reconvene in a few weeks after we have had a chance to digest this discussion. Steve will arrange the next meeting.

Discussion adjourned at 7:53