

**Nomination of Scott Stein to the
North American Flyball Association's Board of Directors
July 19, 2007**

This letter serves to nominate Scott Stein to the North American Flyball Association's Board of Directors. Scott has been involved in Flyball since 1994 and I have had the pleasure of learning from as well as participating and working with him since 1999 when I joined the sport. Scott truly enjoys and cares about flyball and brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the sport which is critical as a member of the NAFA Board of Directors.

First I would like to highlight some of Scott's accomplishments in the sport of flyball throughout the years. Over the years Scott, with his club, has hosted many successful and enjoyable tournaments in Region 13. Scott has been a NAFA Approved Judge since 1999 and became a Supervising Judge in 2004. Scott became the Regional Director of Region 13 in 2002 and served the region for 4 years in that capacity. Scott did a great deal for Region 13 during his time as RD including helping the region grow, bringing in new judges, and providing support and training advice to new participants in the sport. Scott just recently stepped down from the Regional Director position to focus more of his time and efforts to his Board of Director responsibilities. Scott has been a member of the NAFA Board of Directors since 2004 and has served on the Rules, Judges, Disciplinary and Finance Committees and has served as the Treasurer of NAFA since October of 2006.

I have learned through many conversations and through witnessing his actions that Scott truly believes flyball is for everyone and that the rules created by NAFA should benefit and apply to the entire NAFA population and not just to a single division of competitors or a single region. While each region can bring its own unique style to flyball in things such as training techniques and tournament themes and amenities for example, Scott believes there must be consistency among all the regions concerning the rules and in judging. As a member of the NAFA Board of Directors it is critical that a person can understand the needs and wants of as many of the participants as possible – in all regions and divisions of competition. Throughout his years in flyball Scott has traveled across North American participating, judging, and simply talking to individuals in many different regions and in various divisions of competition in the Regular, Multibreed and Veterans classes. This gives him an understanding and appreciation of the issues and ideas and to the unique nature of flyball within each division and region throughout all of NAFA flyball. This broad perspective gives him the ability to serve the interests of the entire NAFA flyball community not only the region he lives in or the division he may currently participate in.

The NAFA Board of Directors has accomplished much during Scott's tenure and he has been directly involved and instrumental in many important improvements to our sport. Some of the items he has accomplished while on the NAFA Board of Directors are:

- Worked with the Finance Committee to streamline NAFA's billing and payment processes
- Worked with the Finance Committee to create processes that ensure NAFA's finances are reviewed by an accountant on a yearly basis
- Worked with the Finance Committee to bring NAFA into compliance with IRS regulations for not-for-profit corporations
- Updated NAFA's book-keeping system
- Worked with the Judges Committee to create a new judges training program
- In the process of creating a continuing education program for existing judges
- Worked with the Rules Committee to establish the veterans class and the corresponding rules governing the class
- Currently working with the Rules Committee to create the rules for pick-up teams
- Worked with the Judges Committee to establish a non-punitive atmosphere whose goal is to fix judging problems through training and instruction versus punishment

As is true of any organization there is always room for improvement. I have had several conversations with Scott regarding his ideas and thoughts on additional improvements that can be made. Some of the areas he identified for additional improvements are:

- Continue to improve the communication between the NAFA BOD and the entire flyball community
- Increase the exposure of flyball to the general public
- Expand youth participation in flyball as they are the future of the sport
- Continue the growth of flyball through expansion and marketing of flyball to regions with few teams and/or tournaments
- Finish creating and then implement the judge's continuing education program
- Encourage more individuals to participate in the judges training program and become approved judges especially in new and developing regions
- Establish a more quantitative method of promoting judges to supervising status

Scott will seek out and bring new ideas to the table in the above areas and any others that may arise and more importantly will be willing to take action towards implementing the ideas for the overall betterment of flyball.

The NAFA Board of Directors needs someone with the understanding and enthusiasm for the sport but also with a willingness to do the work necessary to get things done. It is one thing to talk about what needs to happen and it is another thing to take action and get something accomplished. Scott has demonstrated through his years of service to the NAFA Board of Directors thus far that he is action oriented and willing to do the work necessary to get something accomplished.

The sport of flyball has grown and evolved tremendously over the years. When I first joined the sport 8 years ago my region was very small and there were very few tournaments. Through the efforts of Scott and others, our region has grown tremendously. There are other regions in this same situation now and it is critical for their success and for the overall success of the entire sport of flyball that we have a NAFA Board of Directors that can recognize these changes and can continue the growth and evolution of the sport for the betterment of everyone involved. This means not only bringing new ideas to the table but also being willing to listen to others with an open mind. Scott has shown the ability to think into the future and see how we can improve and also to listen to others ideas and suggestions.

Due to the qualifications and accomplishments listed above I whole heartedly believe Scott is a perfect candidate to serve the flyball community. Therefore, I respectfully nominate and endorse Scott Stein for election to the North American Flyball Association's Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

Cindy Henderson
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