

**North American Flyball Association, Inc®.**

Annual General Meeting

Montreal, Quebec

Abridged Minutes

November 29, 2008

Present were: Executive Director Sam Ford  
Board of Directors Brian Fay,  
Nancy Garcia,  
Lee Heighton,  
Dana Nichols,  
Alisa Romaine,  
Scott Stein

Executive Director Sam Ford called the meeting to order at 9:20 PM EST. Kris Pickering was absent due to work obligations and gave her proxy to Dana Nichols. Lisa Peckham was absent due to family commitments and gave her proxy to Brian Fay. Dale Smith appeared by phone later in the meeting.

There were many guests in attendance .

Sam Ford welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Sam expressed thanks to Dogzworth for their hospitality and for hosting the tournament.

**I. Executive Director's comments**

Sam Ford introduced members of the Board of Directors who were present, including Nancy Garcia who recently filled Mike Smith's position. Sam expressed his thanks for Mike's service to the Board. He introduced board nominee Greg Stopay. Sam thanked outgoing Board meeting Brian Fay for his many years of service to NAFA®. Sam introduced visitor Kim Davis who currently assists with the web page, handles patches, and brochures.

Sam expressed thanks to Alisa Romaine for her incredible work in creating and disseminating new height cards after the new height change. The transition went very smoothly.

Sam thanked Marie-Emmanuelle Porlier of Dogzworth for her French translation services and helping encourage multi-lingual flyball growth in Quebec.

There was a last call for ballots.

Dana Nichols, acting as chair of the Election Committee in Dale's absence, left the meeting to compile election results. Nancy Garcia stood in as acting Secretary in her absence.

**A. Statistics**

Audience members competed in games to guess various statistics from the previous year. Some of the statistics used the in games were as follows:

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During the 2008 racing year (October 1, 2007 thru September 30, 2008):

- NAFA Clubs hosted 352 (342 last year) events attended by 8,681 teams representing 375 different Clubs.
- 3,480 dogs earned 6,241 new titles. 5,728 different dogs actually raced representing 156 unique breeds plus mixes.
- There were 41 new Clubs registered during the year in 22 different states and provinces.
- There were 1,199 new CRNs issued during the racing year and 1,100 dogs earned their first points last racing year.
- 161 events ran the Veterans class
- 244 events ran the Open class with 1308 teams competing representing 2488 unique dogs.
- 14,455,269 points were earned last year
- 490,453 points were earned in the Vets class
- 2,256,443 points were earned in the Open class
- 83,908 points were earned at this year's Cynosports event
- In what two states/provinces were the most NAFA points earned last year (location of the actual event)? Ontario with 1,745,441 and California with 1,051,016
- Points earned by state/province:

1745441 ON	1051016 CA	976077 MI	869676 BC
758300 IA	700948 PA	674624 TX	671624 MN
592260 VA	573755 AB	428340 WI	417568 CO
403026 SK	361092 FL	299980 MB	299220 NC
290213 NH	275468 AZ	273636 MD	253104 TN
237511 AL	231462 NE	192884 PE	185672 NY
183752 WA	183664 NV	180180 NB	169488 MA
145600 OH	132260 GA	128304 OR	112612 SC
78040 NS	76436 QC	69452 IN	63468 ME
63172 WY	44808 NM	40164 MO	20972 AK

**B. Board Meeting Announcements**

- Pins have been developed for 40,000 through 90,000 titles.
- There will be a new 2009 Junior Handler pin.

**C. Regional Champions**

Regional Champions and National Champions were announced:

<b>2008 NAFA Champions</b>				
<b>Region</b>	<b>States/Provinces</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>1st Runner Up</b>	<b>2nd Runner Up</b>
<b>Regional Champions - Regular</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>MI OH</b>	Slammers	Front Runners	Spring Loaded
<b>2</b>	<b>ON</b>	Rocket Relay	Unleashed	Border Patrol
<b>3</b>	<b>MN ND SD</b>	Animal Inn	Balls Out	HighVelocity

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4	IL IN KY WI	Bordering on Insanity-Midwest	Synergy	Milwaukee Dogs
5	AR LA OK TX	Top Dog Racers	Texas Heat	Lone Star Ruffnecks
6	AZ NV UT	Heat Wave	Flying Colors	Sedona Red Rockets
7	BC OR WA	The Flying Squad	Dogwood Pacesetters	Total Anarchy
8	MB SK	Holeshot Racers	Prairie P.D.Q Dogsports	Fylball N~R~G
9	NC SC VA WV	Blockade Runners	Carpe Pilam	DogGoneFast
10	NB NS PE	Fast 'n FURious	Lietash PUSH The Limits	F.A.M.E
11	FL	Ketch This	Sundogs	Florida Air Xpress
12	AB ID MT	Redline Dogsports	Northern Power Paws	Synergetic Surge
13	CT MA ME NH NY RI VT	Ruff Enuff	New England Trail Blazers	Boston Stragglers Flyball Club
14	AL GA MS TN	Fetchin' Frenzi	Music City Road Dogs	The Gamblers
15	DE MD NJ PA	Fur Fun	Flyball Dogs Anonymous	No Speed Limit
16	CA	Bark in the Park	Turn N' Spit	INXS
18	AK	N/A		
19	CO NM WY	D.E.O. Speedwaggin'	LAUNCH	Denver Speed Demons
20	ON QC	DogZworth	Paws on Fire	Burnin' Rubber
21	IA KS MO NE	Jammn' K9's	Omaha Speedracers	Hawkeye Hustlers

## Regional Champions - Multibreed

1	MI OH	Spring Loaded	Slammers	Wooferines
2	ON	Rocket Relay	Ballderdashers	DOG-ON-IT
3	MN ND SD	High Velocity	SuperNova	Nose to Nose
4	IL IN KY WI	Synergy	All Ruffed Up	Milwaukee Dogs
5	AR LA OK TX	N/A		
6	AZ NV UT	Flying Colors	N/A	N/A
7	BC OR WA	N/A		
8	MB SK	N/A		
9	NC SC VA WV	DogGoneFast	Carpe Pilam	Beltway Bandits
10	NB NS PE	N/A		
11	FL	Ketch This	Sundogs	W.O.F.F. "Watch Our Fur Fly"
12	AB ID MT	N/A		
13	CT MA ME NH NY RI VT	Ruff Enuff	Jump Masters	Granite State Racers
14	AL GA MS TN	Music City Road Dogs	Birmingham Bandits	Chattanooga Chomp
15	DE MD NJ PA	Fur Fun	Flyball Dogs	Release The Hounds

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<b>NAFA Champion - Regular</b>		
	Rocket Relay	
<b>NAFA Champion - Multibreed</b>		
	Spring Loaded	

**D. Questions**

Sam opened the floor for questions. He explained that some regions did not have first and second runner ups in multibreed because there were not enough clubs that met the minimum qualifications under the rules.

There was a question from the floor asking if 2008 was scored correctly. Sam answered with affirmative.

Sam talked about open class and how it has benefited NAFA®.

There were questions about the 2009 Championship Tournament. There was a question about whether it would be held in Arizona? Sam indicated that there will be a Championship tourney in 2009, but that the location has yet to be determined.

Dana returned to the meeting.

There was a question about whether Dale Smith will receive help. Sam reported Annie Taylor will be assisting with electronic scoring. Dale will still be responsible for scoring tournaments with errors. Regional standings and other database functions are dependent on all tournaments being scored.

There was a question regarding EJS Maintenance and a report that some of the cases have had damage. Sam indicated all of the EJS are being run through a very expensive maintenance program. Clubs can assist by letting NAFA® know about problems with EJS. Send an email through flyball.org or directly to the US Coordinator Jamie Smith or to the Canadian Coordinator Greg Stopay. Don't pass the problems on to someone else, let us know so we can fix them.

**E. Election Results**

Results from the election were announced. There were six spoiled ballots received.

700 total ballots returned (43.32%)

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Board of Directors:

Candidate	Total	Percent
<b>Kris Pickering</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>88.71</b>
<b>Nancy Garcia</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>83.86</b>
<b>Greg Stopay</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>77.43</b>

Clyde Moore Hall of Fame (Only two get inducted):

Candidate	Total	Percent
<b>Bizzz-Quick - Border Collie</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>41.43 Qualifies</b>
<b>Ripper - Jack/Parson Russell Terrier</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>40.71 Qualifies</b>

Warden - Dutch Shepherd	281	40.14
Snap - Mix	153	21.86
Roxanne - Border Collie	107	15.29

Regional MVPs (only winners are listed with the region in brackets):

Candidate	Total	Percent
Rukus - Mini Australian/N American Shepherd [2]	61	77.22
Emma Jo - Labrador Retriever [4]	27	62.79
Tri-Hard Top Gun - Mix [5]	28	96.55
Jenna - Mix [6]	22	81.48
Bea - Border Collie [7]	30	65.22
Del - Miniature Pinscher [8]	26	76.47
Janie (Rescue) - Black Mouth Cur [9]	24	88.89
2-way TIE - Darby - Irish Setter [10]	17	40.48
2-way TIE - TKO - Boston Terrier [10]	17	40.48
Shadow 'lazer brain' Wilkes - Border Collie [11]	15	55.56
Jetta - Border Collie [13]	25	52.08
Sonic - Mix [15]	24	41.38
Cody - Golden Retriever [16]	46	100.00
Timber - Mix [18]	5	100.00
Digit - Border Collie [19]	22	47.83
No Clownin' Around - Mix [20]	17	47.22

The meeting was recessed for executive session at 10:10 p.m. EST.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 p.m. EST.

Present were: Brian Fay, Nancy Garcia, Lee Heighton, Dana Nichols, Alisa Romaine, Scott Stein, and Sam Ford. Lisa Peckham was unable to attend and provided her proxy to Brian. Kris was unable to attend and provided her proxy to Dana. Dale appeared by telephone.

Lee moved we enter Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 11:02 p.m. EST.

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:15 p.m. EST.

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The following officers were elected:

Chair – Lee Heighton

Vice Chair – Scott Stein

Secretary – Dana Nichols

Treasurer – Nancy Garcia

Brian moved to adjourn. Lisa seconded (by proxy). The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m. EST