

North American Flyball Association Inc.

Teleconference

October 5, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present were: Executive Director Sam Ford
Board of Directors Glenn Hamilton,
Lee Heighton,
Jeff Kinsley,
Todd Morningstar,
Kris Pickering,
Dale Smith,
Scott Stein

Called to order at 7:41 PM Central Time by Chairman Lee Heighton. Ken Eldridge and Brian Fay were unable to attend due to business commitments. Ken submitted his proxy to Glenn Hamilton. Brian submitted his proxy to Todd Morningstar until his arrival later in the meeting.

Opening Remarks

The special meeting was called to review immediate issues requiring discussion by the board.

Transfer of Treasurer's Position

Dale Smith tendered his resignation as Treasurer to Chairman Lee Heighton. Lee accepted Dale's resignation and expressed his thanks to Dale for his years of service as Treasurer to past and present boards. Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened. Dale nominated Scott and Glenn seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Scott was acclaimed as the Treasurer. Lee appointed Dale to the position of Special Projects Leader to assist Scott in the transition and closure of the current year's book. There was no opposition to the appointment. Scott and Dale will manage the transfer of the books of account to Scott by October 15.

Rulebook Updates

The amendments to the Rules of Racing have been published in the NAFA minutes and press releases throughout the year. With the start of the racing year on Oct. 1, 2005, those amendments have been collected into a new edition of the rule book by Glenn. There are changes still being made to the forms. The final version of the forms will be added as developed. Glenn agreed to expedite the delivery and publishing of the Rules of Racing.

Brian joined the meeting at 8:04PM.

False Start Definition

The Judges Committee reported that there was a discrepancy in the way judges were handling restarted heats interrupted for safety or outside interference when there was a False Start pending. Some judges were starting a new heat while others were retaining any earned False Starts on the restarted heat. There was some discussion about the merits of restarting a heat without penalty. After debate, the board unanimously agreed that when a heat is "blown dead" and is to be rerun, that the new heat is restarted anew. The false starts accumulated are not carried over to the rerun.

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Further discussion ensued discussing the differences between "restarted" and "rerun" heats as the terms appear in Rules 8.3(b) and (h). After discussion, the board agreed that, as a matter of policy, a heat called stopped due to a safety hazard or outside interference should be started from the beginning – "restarted" – with substitution of dogs an option, whereas substitution did not make sense when a heat is stopped for a false start and thus is "rerun" but not restarted from the beginning.

The wording of Rules of Racing, 8.3(b) and 8.3(h) was changed to provide that when a heat is stopped due to a safety hazard or outside interference, the heat is restarted completely and a team may change their line-up if necessary without penalty. This improvement eliminated the need for a team to forfeit a heat when a dog is injured or to run a dog that is creating an unsafe circumstance. A line-up change is not permitted, however, in the event of a false start.

Rules of Racing, 8.3 – The Heat

(b) False starts

(i) When any part of the dog's body, whether in the air or on the ground, or any part of the handler's body or their objects passes the start/finish line before the timing of the race begins, an infraction will be called by the line judge and the head judge and the heat will be rerun;

(ii) If a second such infraction is called against the same team for that heat, an infraction will be indicated and the dog must run again;

(iii) If a second false start is called coincidental with the opposing team's first false start, the heat is to be rerun.

(h) Safety Hazards/Outside Interference: If, in the opinion of the head judge, a safety hazard exists during the running of the heat, or Outside Interference has occurred, the heat shall be stopped and restarted. Lineups may be changed without penalty.

Scott moved that the wording be accepted as presented. Dale seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion. Wording passed.

Banking Issues with Canadian Cheques

Our bank has reported that Canadian cheques cannot be converted to US funds by merely writing in the phrase "USD". While this occurred in the past, computerized cheque clearing by banks has disabled this past practice. Cheques altered as such will be returned to the sender. Online CRN applications cannot be made in Canadian funds. Canadian credit card holders will have the fees converted from US Dollars at the prevailing exchange rate by their credit card institution. Appendix A – Schedule of Fees will be modified to reflect dual pricing of all products except NAFA tournament fees which will be reported at the daily rate by clubs.

Appendix A – Schedule of Fees

Competition Racing Numbers (CRN) - \$15.00 USD or \$18.00 CDN.

New NAFA Club Registration - \$25.00 USD or \$30.00 CDN.

Height Card Applications - \$5.00 USD or \$7.00 CDN.

Duplicate Height Cards (due to loss) \$5.00 USD or \$7.00 CDN.

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Replacement Award Pins (due to loss) \$5.00 USD or \$7.00 CDN.

NAFA Approved Patches \$5.00 USD or \$7.00 CDN.

Recording Fee -\$25.00 USD per team that competes in a NAFA sanctioned tournament (payable by the Host Club). \$20.00 USD per team for scored and sent via email. When submitting in Canadian funds, the host club should report the exchange rate used on the NAFA Form C6.

NAFA Tournament Results and Fees that arrive to NAFA after 14 days have the following penalties:
15 plus days late, a fee of \$50.00 USD or \$60.00 CDN will be charged.
One calendar month plus, a \$100.00 USD or \$120.00 CDN late fee will be charged.
Disciplinary action will be taken for results received any later than two calendar months late.

Prefer Charges for conduct prejudicial to the sport of Flyball - \$100.00 USD or \$120.00 CDN (refundable if charges are sustained).

Checks returned for Non-Sufficient Funds - \$25.00 USD or \$30.00 CDN. If a check received for a CRN is returned NSF, the team will not receive points for races run by dogs without a valid CRN.

Copy of timesheet - \$2.00 USD or \$2.50 CDN per timesheet.

Failure to ship out NAFA EJS:

Failure to ship out NAFA EJS the next available day after the tournament - \$100.00 USD or \$120.00 CDN.

Failure to ship out NAFA EJS the next available day after the tournament and failure to do so affects the next tournament - \$250.00 USD or \$300.00 CDN.

Kris gave her proxy to Scott as she needed to leave the meeting for business reasons. Kris left the meeting at 8:55PM.

Regional Affiliations

A club filed its change of regional affiliation past the cutoff date and asked for an exception to be granted so that it could change its regional affiliation after the start of racing year 2006. Since the information had been published initially in a Press Release in mid-August and was then reiterated on the NAFA web site several days before the cutoff, the exception was not granted. Dale will respond to the club.

The following clubs have requested a change in Regional Affiliation:

Club	Home Region	Designated Region
DogZworth (452)	13	2
Fur Fun (171)	15	9
Heat Wave (471)	16	6
Lock 'N Load (637)	13	15
Panhandle Supersonics (649)	11	14
Silver Streaks (411)	6	16

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Jump Height Proposal

The proposed wording for the Jump Height Proposal Ballot is as follows:

A proposal has been made to change the minimum jump height from 8" to 7".

A vote for this proposal shall instruct the Board to make all required changes in the rule book to change the minimum jump height allowed to 7" effective October 1, 2006.

A vote against this proposal will cause no change in the current 8" minimum jump height.

A proposal has been made to change the maximum jump height from 16" to 14".

A vote for this proposal shall instruct the Board to make all required changes in the rule book to change the maximum jump height allowed to 14" effective October 1, 2006.

A vote against this proposal will cause no change in the current 16" maximum jump height.

Scott moved that the wording be accepted as stated. Brian seconded the motion. Balloting will be handled electronically or by paper ballots after the 3 month comment period has passed. There was no opposition to the motion.

Signature Gear

We have 9 sets of Signature Gear EJS's in our possession with the 2 remaining in transit to Dale. Four sets are in active service at this time but they require hand carrying in absence of the final shipping cases. Cases are under construction but have not arrived yet. The remaining sets will be in service by October 31.

Final disposition of the existing sets will be discussed at the AGM in November.

There has been discussion about locating systems in individual regions to minimize the damage caused by shipping and to curb shipping expenses. Lee requested that Sam contact his RD list to discuss their concerns about managing the systems in their region. A proposal is being developed to improve the management of the system trafficking and will be discussed at the meeting before the AGM.

NAFA News

The NAFA News will be published with the candidate biographies by October 12, 2005. Postage and labels have been sent by over-night courier to the Editor. Printing and mailing will be completed on their receipt.

Glenn moved that we adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded. There was unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41PM Central.