

**Minutes NAFA<sup>®</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, January 11, 2025,**

**12:00 p.m. Central Time**

**Held by Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Board Members:

Jayne McQuillen, Chair: (2024-2026)  
Emily-Rose Allred, Vice Chair: (2022-2024)  
Meagan Langs, Secretary: (2022-2024)  
Cindy Henderson, Treasurer: (2023-2025)  
Jonathan Bescher (2023-2025)  
Leerie Jenkins (2024-2026)  
Paula Johnson (2024-2026)  
Dana Nichols (2023-2025)

Executive Director:

Steve Corona (2023-2025)

New Board Members Present

Darcey Sare, New Secretary: (2025-2027)  
John Forseth (2025-2027)

Jayne resumed the meeting to order at: 12:04 p.m. Central time. All present except for departing board member Kathy Haney who was unable to attend because she was teaching beginning flyball class with her teammates.

**Summary:**

The meeting was the annual general meeting (AGM) of NAFA, chaired by Jayne McQuillen. Key highlights included the introduction of board members, financial reports, and awards announcements. Steve Corona, the Executive Director, presented significant statistics showing 269 events hosted across 35 states and provinces, with 8,103 teams participating. The board ratified election results, welcoming new members John Forseth and Darcey Sare. Financial officer Cindy Henderson reported that NAFA was striving to be fiscally responsible last year and going forward. She highlighted that CanAm broke even this year. Major announcements included new CanAm dates for 2025-2027 and the Flyball Open World Cup dates in the UK. The meeting concluded with trivia contest results and board member farewells.

**Jayne McQuillen, Introduction and Board Member Introductions:**

Jayne McQuillen opened the meeting, introducing herself as chairperson from Region 21. Board members introduced included: Emily-Rose Allred (Vice-Chair) from Region 9, Meagan Langs (Secretary) from Region 6, Cindy Henderson (Treasurer) from Region 13, Dana Nichols from, Paula Johnson from Region 2, Jonathan Bescher from Region 9, Leerie Jenkins from Region 9, Steve Corona (Executive Director) from Region 5.

Jayne turned the meeting over to Steve Corona the Executive Director:

### **Executive Director's Report and Trivia Contest Announcement:**

Steve Corona explained meeting protocols and introduced the trivia contest with a \$50 Chewy gift card prize. He thanked Kathy Haney for her six years of service and Meagan Langs for her three years of service. He presented key statistics from the previous year, including that NAFA had 269 events, 8,103 teams, 235 clubs represented. The total number of club entries was 2507. The number of teams entered by class in Regular Division was 2000, in Multibreed there was 436 teams in Open had 2745 teams, and in Veterans there were 24. There were 4,777 new titles earned with 3632 dogs earning those titles. 125 different breeds were earning points in 2024. We also had 817 new dogs registered.

The question to win the \$50 Chewy gift card prize was: What was the total number of points earned for the 2024 racing year for all dogs?

### **Election Results**

Steve announced election results, welcoming Emily-Rose Allred (returning), John Forseth, and Darcey Sare to the NAFA Board. Hall of Fame dogs Elphaba and Vimy were recognized, and Mike Smith from Region 5 was named Judge of the Year.

### **Election of New Officers**

Dana Nichols will be the new Treasurer, Darcey Sare will be our new Secretary, and our returning Vice-Chair is Emily-Rose Allred. Our returning Chairperson is Jayne McQuillen.

### **Jayne McQuillen announced the Regional MVPs**

**Regional MVP for:**

Region 2: Snickers from K-Thunder  
Region 4: Rosie from Outrun  
Region 5: Raider from Lone Star Roughnecks  
Region 6: Arrow from K9 Outlaws  
Region 8: Sophie from Diamonds in the Ruff  
Region 9: Toast from Fur Fun  
Region 10: Kannon from Fast 'n FURious  
Region 11: Maggie Mae from Tampa Bay Barkaneers  
Region 12: Bob from Synergetic Surge  
Region 13: PITA from Fire & Ice  
Region 14: Jesse James from Queen City Road Runners  
Region 15: Cal from Manic Menagerie  
Region 16: Ella from Bay Racers  
Region 18: J.A.R.V.I.S. from Alaska Dogs Gone Wild  
Region 19: Gracie from Agents of Chaos  
Region 21: Rush from Skidmarkz

### **Jonathan Bescher announced the Regular & Multibreed Regional Champions**

#### **Regular Regional Champions for:**

Region 2: Spring Loaded  
Region 3: High Velocity  
Region 5: Quantum Leap  
Region 6: Surf City Flyball  
Region 7: Run Free  
Region 8: Diamonds in the Ruff  
Region 9: Fur Fun  
Region 10: Fast 'n FURious  
Region 11: Celtic Mayhem  
Region 12: Northern Power Paws  
Region 13: Mass Chaos  
Region 14: Woodlawn Woofers  
Region 15: Kinetic  
Region 16: Silver Streaks  
Region 19: LAUNCH  
Region 21: Skidmarkz

#### **Multibreed Regional Champions for:**

Region 3: Animal Inn  
Region 5: Texas Twisters  
Region 6: Arizona Supercharged  
Region 9: Fur Fun

Region 11: All Reved Up  
Region 14: Queen City Road Runners  
Region 15: Manic Menagerie  
Region 21: Skidmarkz

**Emily-Rose Allred announced the Regional Overall Club Champions (ROCC)s**

**Regional Overall Club Champions for:**

Region 2: DOG-ON-IT  
Region 3: High Velocity  
Region 4: Canine Dirt Diggers/Outrun  
Region 5: Quantum Leap  
Region 6: Arizona Supercharged  
Region 7: Run Free  
Region 8: Breakaway Flyball  
Region 9: That's So Fetch  
Region 10: Maple Leaps  
Region 11: Celtic Mayhem  
Region 12: Northern Power Paws  
Region 13: Mass Chaos  
Region 14: Queen City Road Runners  
Region 15: Scallywags  
Region 16: Marin Running Riot  
Region 19: LAUNCH  
Region 20: DogZworth  
Region 21: Skidmarkz

**Steve Corona announced the NAFA Regular and Multibreed Champions**

**NAFA Champions for Regular:** Run Free from Region 7

**NAFA Champions for Multibreed:** Fur Fun from Region 9

**Cindy Henderson presented the Financial Report**

Cindy Henderson presented the financial report. She highlighted the fact that NAFA has been working hard to cut costs and ensure we are operating as fiscally responsive as possible. NAFA brought in revenue of approximately \$273k and had total expenses of \$254k producing Net Income of \$18k which is an increase over the prior year. We saw a 14% increase in CRN purchases. Tournament fees are down just slightly but we hope to see that

increase. On the expense side we have made some investments in equipment with new Thomas Tubes and some things to go along with the EJS. The report presented shows CanAm crosses two fiscal years for NAFA so the numbers listed in the CanAm columns are not always for one CanAm year. Some of the expenses are from the prior years. Overall expenses are down almost 6%. NAFA's Balance Sheet shows total liabilities and assets is about \$265,000.00. We have started to build back up since the COVID years when we had to shut down for a period and as a result saw a decline in our balance sheet.

The CanAm Committee looked at expenses and the revenue coming in and worked to try to bring in as many sponsors and vendors as possible. We looked to keep the costs under control and CanAm broke even this year. Our goal is to make CanAm a profitable event going forward. We are striving to be fiscally responsible and hope that will allow us to further invest in technology and other areas as we go forward in the sport.

### **Steve Corona announced CanAm and FCI, Flyball Open World Cup dates:**

#### **CanAm dates:**

CanAm will continue to be held in the Indianapolis Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana

October 10-12, 2025 (Fall Creek Pavilion)

September 18-20, 2026 (West Pavilion)

September 17-19, 2027 (West Pavilion)

#### **Flyball Open World Cup (also known as FCI World Cup) dates:**

May 30-31, 2026, in Norwich, UK

#### **Q&A**

Paula Johnson asked on behalf of someone else;

1. Will the invitational and/or division championships all still be located in the Coliseum vs the main building that most of the racing takes place in?

Steve Corona answered stating that most likely those races will not move because that building is rigged correctly for TV production. He acknowledged the fact that the many competitors liked having the two rings set-up side by side and the feel of the races when they were held in the same building as the multiple rings but said that it is not something that would likely change because of our agreement with AKC and ESPN and the Coliseum works better for them.

Jayne McQuillen pointed out that if we are back at the West Pavilion it will be a lot closer to the Coliseum and easier for competitors to go back and forth. Jonathan

Bescher pointed out that you could leave your dogs in the West Pavilion and would not have to transport them all over to the Coliseum.

2. Why do we want to be back into West Pavillon over Fall Creek?

Steve explained that there is more room in the West Pavillon. It gives competitors and vendors more space and there is no stairs. He also stated NAFA would be reaching out to let clubs that historically host in September, October, and November to know about the change. He feels they need to know when planning their tournaments over the next few years.

The dates of CanAm are also posted on the home page of the NAFA website.

Paula Johnson announced the answer to the trivia question:

Total number of points earned was 7,971,368, and the winner is Shannon Santa Cruz from Region 6 with Crazy Train with a guess of 7,800,000.

Steve Corona reminded everyone that the departing board members are asked to close the meeting and thanked them for their years of service to NAFA

Meagan Langs made a motion to close the 2025 AMG meeting. Emily Allred seconded.

Jane closed the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m. Central Standard Time.