

NAFA BOD Meeting Minutes - March 31, 2025 - 6pm CT via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board Members:

- Jayne McQuillen, Chair
- Emily-Rose Allred, Vice-Chair
- Dana Nichols, Treasurer
- Darcey Sare, Secretary
- Jonathan Bescher
- John Forseth
- Cindy Henderson
- Leerie Jenkins
- Paula Johnson

Executive Director: Steve Corona

Guests: Karen Oleson

Jayne called the meeting to order at 6:05PM CT. Emily-Rose Allred not present at outset, but joins later. All other members present.

Officer's Reports:

Chairperson's (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

1. Request to add Peter Wesdyk to the Technology Committee.
 - a. No opposition from the board. Jayne to inform Peter of his appointment.

Executive Director's (Steve Corona) Report:

1. CKC Title Recognition Update
 - a. Steve has contacted them and is arranging with them as per the AKC title agreement.
2. FOWC update
 - a. Our interest form closed March 30th. We ended up with 3 Canadian clubs (Spring Loaded, Some Ruff Competition, On the Fly), and zero American clubs.
 - b. NAFA could supply shirts for the competitors so the NAFA logo is shown at the event. The board is suggesting that we provide 7 shirts per club, with more available for purchase.
 - i. Discussion re: how this might work for national (Canadian) shirts in conjunction with the individual club logos? Do we also allow for the NAFA logo to be used on individual club shirts, as clubs tend to have special shirts made for this event and events like this?
 - ii. Do we consider just giving the clubs a stipend for getting their own shirts printed? \$200.00USD per club suggested
 - iii. Dana moves that we provide \$200USD per club (\$600USD total) for their own shirts and require each club to display the NAFA logo on said shirts. Leerie seconds. No opposition. Motion carried unanimously.
3. CanAm Update
 - a. April 18th is the deadline for AKC/ESPN to make a decision on covering the Championships in the Colosseum. We are waiting until that date. We will know more concrete info at the next board meeting.
4. Our NAFA trademark has been renewed in Canada for the next 10 years.

Treasurer's (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. Update under Finance Report

Secretary's (Darcey Sare) Report:

1. Minutes for the February board meeting were posted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Judge's Committee (Jonathan Bescher) Report:

1. Justin Ernst - Supervising Application
 - a. The Judge's Committee recommends Justin Ernst for promotion to Supervising Judge
 - b. Jonathan B. moves to promote Justin Ernst to Supervising Judge. Paula seconds.
 - c. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Curtis Smith - Supervising Application
 - a. The Judge's Committee recommends Curtis Smith for promotion to Supervising Judge
 - b. Jonathan B. moves to promote Curtis Smith to Supervising Judge. John F. seconds.
 - c. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Jonathan B. mentions that a number of new apprentice judges are starting up, which is good for NAFA as a whole.

Rules Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. Logos on Jump Baseboards
 - a. We need to update Section 2.3 Jumps (a)(i) regarding spacing for logos on jumps. The wording was not updated when the jump heights were changed and one inch slats were required such that baseboards are now six inches high, instead of the prior 7 and 8 inch baseboards.
 - i. Current rule:
 1. The jumps shall be white except for the uprights, which may be any color. The jumps shall have an inside width of 24 inches or 30 inches, with uprights not more than 36 inches high nor less than 24 inches high. Logos and/or lettering on the cross-boards will be permitted but must be located between 2 inches and 6 inches high and 2 inches inside of each upright. All jumps shall be either 24 inches, or all jumps shall be 30 inches for the entirety of the event.
 - ii. Proposed change to the underlined section above:
 1. *Logos and/or lettering on the baseboard is permitted and shall be sized such that there remains a white border no less than one inch in width inside of each upright and on the top and bottom of the baseboard.*
 - a. Discussion: there was discussion by Cindy re: the white border and language for proposed rule above. There is a suggestion to decrease the upper and lower margins on the 6" baseboard to 1".
 - b. There is a suggestion that a new jump image should be created and put into the rulebook alongside the rule. Darcey to engage a club member for this.
 - iii. Dana moves that we adopt the language for Section 2.3 Jumps (a)(i) as per item ii(1) above. Jonathan B. seconds.
 - iv. No opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

Emily-Rose Allred joins the meeting

2. Regional Overall Club Champion and Eligibility Requiring Good Standing
 - a. We recently changed Regional Champion rules to clarify that a club must be in good standing to place, not just be regional champions. This was to correct language that was not modified when we added placements for regional champions instead of just naming the champion for each region. This is a similar change needed for the Regional Overall Club Champions.
 - i. Current rule:
 1. Section 8.9 - Regional Overall Club (ROCC) Champions
 2. (b)Good standing. A club that is not in good standing at any time during the racing year is not eligible to be named Regional Club Overall Champion.
 - ii. Proposed change:
 1. Section 8.9 - Regional Overall Club (ROCC) Champions
 2. (b)Good standing. A club that is not in good standing at any time during the racing year is not eligible for placement in the Regional Overall Club Champion competition.
 - iii. Dana Moves to adopt the proposed change as above. Leerie seconds
 - iv. No opposition. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Regional Overall Club Champions - What to do in the event of a tie.
 - a. The current rules do not contain any form of tie breaker. This year one region had a five way tie for ROCC. The Committee reviewed the history of the award, prior ties, and how the award is calculated. Ultimately, the Committee decided that permitting ties did not in any way undermine the award. The award itself is based on participation and performance, therefore the Committee is not recommending any change to the rule and acknowledges that ties will occur.

Finance Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

Jayne took the board into Executive Session at 6:46PM CT

Jayne took the board out of executive session at 7:05PM CT.

1. During executive session the board discussed overdue accounts and implementing an annual review of accounts. The board is recommending that NAFA move to an online payment system only. This will allow us to more accurately keep track of accounts in real_time and will also give us the ability to have a consistent way to tell if a club is in good standing. The Finance Committee recommends that when the new tournament fees go into effect on October 1, 2025, that NAFA no longer accept cheques. Tournament fees would need to be paid online. Teams now have the ability to pay by ACH withdrawals from accounts (US), Interac e-Transfer (Canada), and by several different credit cards.

Emily-Rose Allred left the meeting.

2. The finance committee has been testing online payments successfully, and is ready to recommend that starting October 1st, 2025 that NAFA no longer accept cheques and payments via postal mail. All fees would now be paid online. Clubs now have the ability to pay by ACH withdrawals from accounts (US), Interac e-Transfer (Canada), and by several different credit cards. We have been able to integrate this function into our accounting software. Also, starting October 1st, 2025 the treasurer will be posting in the minutes any clubs that are no longer in good standing with NAFA since the last board meeting.
 - a. Dana moves that the above be adopted by the board. Jonathan B seconds.
 - b. No opposition. Motion passes.
3. Microsoft M365 Business Suite adoption update
 - a. NAFA is a non profit company, but we are not a charitable organization under US tax laws for 501(c)(3) companies, so we are looking into what pricing structures would be available to us.
 - i. Darcey to look into pricing for non-charitable NFPs in the USA.

4. Budget Process

- a. We would like to get back to the procedure of having an annual budget to be able to present to the Board so we can keep track of how our current year compares to past years. This will also give us greater information to properly assess spending. The Committee has been working on getting the new online payment process operational and taking care of outstanding accounts. The budget is in process, and will be our next priority.
 - i. We do not yet have the Q2 financials (Q2 ends today), but will have for the next meeting.
 - ii. Projections provided by Crystal show that we are doing well YTD.
- b. CanAm and NAFA have separate budgets currently. This may change with the CanAm date change.
 - i. Steve mentions that that may not be possible due to invoices coming in in October.
 - ii. Dana notes that there may be some value in moving CanAm to a standalone event so as to track finances more accurately in the future.

Election Committee Report:

1. No report

Nominating Committee:

1. No report

Marketing Committee (Paula Johnson) Report:

1. Update on Merch Store.
 - a. Printful is an option for online store Paula has investigated. Payment would go to NAFA directly, and NAFA is charged by Printful. The difference is NAFA's profit. They do ship to both Canada and the US and have regional fulfilment centres in each.
 - b. Do we want this to be a profit driver? Or do we want it to be done as a service?
 - i. Quality of product will matter
 - ii. Paula has used them for small order and the shirts came to about \$28.00CDN each all in.
 - iii. Turnaround was 3-4 weeks.
 - c. Dana mentions that making a small profit would be good. CanAm made approx. \$2300.00 on shirts last year.
 - i. CanAm shirts were based on commission per unit, so profit margin is unknown.
 - d. How do we want to platform this? NAFA site? Directly in Printful? Shopify store? Etc.
 - i. Dana mentions ease of use being paramount. Paula suggests we use an external link.
 - e. Paula will have this mapped out in the next 2 weeks and provide to the board.
 - f. It was suggested that available items be restricted to basics at this time - shirts, hoodies, hats, bags, etc.
 - g. Steve mentioned NAFA logo could maybe use the full name underneath? We may have one?
 - h. Paula to discuss possible taglines, etc at the next Marketing committee meeting.

Disciplinary Committee (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

1. No report.

Current Board Actions:

Name/CRN	Type	Description	Effective Date
Lisa Chavez	Probation	One year probation for conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	01/10/2025
Lisa Chavez	Suspension	Executive Director suspension through March 31, 2025 for conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball. Ratified by the Board 1/10/25.	01/04/2025
Terry Griffin	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	09/21/2022
Whisper, 110704	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Prank, 140408	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Ripple, 120746	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Daisy, 120612	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Marion Brinkman	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Mike Mattos	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Janet Nelson Morris	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Dave Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Cheryl Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Jennifer Nelson	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
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Review Panel Report:

1. No report

Special Committee Reports:

Technology Committee (Jonathan Bescher) Report:

1. Steve B. and Chris C. are having bi-weekly meetings. Things are progressing, and they may be able to start moving on items that need to be worked on.
2. Darcey volunteers to project manage the various components. Change management as well.
3. Monitors and scoreboard displays. Region 11 and Region 2 needs new ones. The cost from FarmTek is \$2000USD per ring. There is discussion about possibly testing using monitors as displays. Work has been done for getting data from the EJS to the TVs.
 - a. Pros Farmtek: they work, they have good cases, and we have lots of them. Cons: price
 - b. TVs: transport is a challenge. Tripods are available, so that's not an issue.
 - i. Storage and transport can be a challenge.
 - ii. Ambient light in venues or glare at outdoor venues may be an issue with TVs.
4. Leerie to look at possibly repairing the current FarmTek displays as it may just be a diode or a board replacement. Jonathan mentions talking to Dave Thomas re: replacement parts.

Emily-Rose Allred returns to the meeting

CanAm Steering Committee (Steve Corona) Report:

1. Starting to make a large list of potential judges for CanAm.
2. Jonathan B. has been mentoring John F for CanAm judge management.

Invitational Selection Committee:

1. No report

NAFA Blog Committee:

1. No report

Junior Handler's Committee:

1. No report

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. Jayne asks the board to consider booking the next meeting now.
 - a. Dana suggests June 2nd, August 4th and September 29th (if needed) at 6PM CT as extra CanAm items may need finalizing. Dana suggests an in-person meeting at CanAm on the Thursday night after the judges meetings (Oct 9th). Those meeting dates are set and will be published on the web page.

Jonathan B. moves to adjourn the meeting. Leerie seconds.
No opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM. CT