

Minutes

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, February 21, 2022

Held via Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Emily Allred
Jonathan Bescher
Kathy Haney
Cindy Henderson
Leerie Jenkins
Meagan Langs
Emma Mak
Lynda Mantler
Jayne McQuillen

Executive Director: Neil Flood

Recorder: Karen Oleson

Jayne called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm CST.

Officers' Reports

Chair's Comments:

1. Welcome to new BOD members:
 - Jayne welcomed new board members Meagan Langs and Emily Allred to the board. They are encouraged to participate and ask any questions they have.
2. Committee Assignments
 - Committee Assignments were sent to the board earlier today. Jayne asked the board to approve the assignments.

Leerie moved to accept the committee assignments presented. Cindy seconded.

Discussion: Jayne introduced a few of the names new to committees.

Steve Branin is in R21 and involved in software programming, hardware creation, he has built his own EJS and has experience with high-speed manufacturing equipment. Neil noted that he has known Steve for many years and thinks Steve will be a great addition to the Technology committee.

Mackenzie Maidl, from Minnesota is tech savvy and very adept at social media.

Crystal Cappel from Nebraska was approached to participate on the Finance committee for her experience with QuickBooks. Crystal is an accountant and specializes in helping businesses clean up their books and improve their financial outlook.

Cindy asked if Bob Hall should be added to the Technology Committee. There was a brief discussion as Bob is developing software for purchase. Approval was given for the committees as presented. Bob could be added later. Jayne will discuss with Bob to see if he's interested in serving on the Technology Committee.

There were no objections. The committees are accepted as listed below.

Executive Committee

Jayne McQuillen - Chair
Emma Mak - Vice Chair

Finance Committee

Cindy Henderson - Co-Chair
Emma Mak - Co-Chair

Marketing Committee

Lynda Mantler - Chair
Meagan Langs

Lynda Mantler - Secretary
Cindy Henderson - Treasurer

Disciplinary Committee

Jayne McQuillen - Chair
Kathy Haney
Leerie Jenkins
Emily Allred

Election Committee

Kathy Haney – Chair
Lynda Mantler
Terry McClean *
Curtis Smith *

Kathy Haney
Dana Hanson*
Crystal Cappel*
Karen Oleson *

Judges Committee

Jonathan Bescher - Chair
Leerie Jenkins
Meagan Langs
Cindy Henderson
Lynda Mantler
Dave Collett*
Kurt Johnson *
Chris Carr *

Kathy Haney
Kim Davis *
Lisa Daum *
Patricia Howell *
Curtis Smith *
Marsha Almond *

Rules Committee

Emma Mak - Chair
Jonathan Bescher
Kathy Haney
Leerie Jenkins
Meagan Langs
Karen Oleson *

Nominating Committee

Terry McClean * - Chair
Kim Davis *

Special Committees:

Review Panel

Neil Flood - Executive Director
Jayne McQuillen - Chair
Jonathan Bescher - Chairperson of Judges

NAFA Blog Committee

Emma Mak - Chair
Jayne McQuillen
Emily Allred
Mackenzie Maidl*
Dede Crough *

Technology Committee

Dale Smith * - Chair
Leerie Jenkins
Emma Mak
Steve Branin*
Kim Davis *
Gord Mak *
Dave Thomas *

Communications Committee

Steve Corona* – Chair
Emily Allred
Meagan Langs
Neil Flood
Kathy Haney
Mackenzie Maidl*
Kim Davis *
Dede Crough *

* Non-board committee members

** NOTE: Jayne McQuillen, as Chair, is a default member of all committees.

3. Wider Jumps report from a tournament

- Jayne's club went to an event where 30" jumps were used. She states that they did not notice a difference in the way the dogs ran. One club felt their dogs lined up for the box differently by skirting the jump sides. One person thought the jumps were knocked over more often.
- Kathy added that she attended an event with 30" jumps and for her club the wider jumps did not seem to make any difference.

Executive Director's Comments:

1. Update on potential AKC/ESPN collaborations

- Since CanAm, we've had feedback from AKC. ESPN is very happy with the viewership response when the CanAm footage was broadcast. They would like to film an additional event, such as an invitational in the spring. There will be no cost to NAFA to produce and film this event.
2. Disciplinary excusal from R21
 - There was an excusal in R21 which occurred during mat time during an approved break in racing (within the racing day). The dog that was excused did not have a CRN. Neil asked the board if they would like dogs using mat time during the racing day be required to have a CRN.
 - Leerie indicated he did not feel we should require a dog to have a CRN to participate during mat time.
 - A few members discussed the lack of frequency in which an excusal is warranted during mat time and mentioned how their region handles mat time.
 - Neil asked the chair to refer the subject to the Rules committee.
 3. Awards update
 - All awards are current, have been produced and shipped.
 4. Canadian Bank Transfer update
 - NAFA is now able to transfer money from our Canadian bank account(s) to the US bank account(s). Due to the acquisition of our former US Bank, NAFA had not been able to transfer money from the Canadian bank accounts to the US bank accounts. Neil thanked Lynda, Emma and Karen for their work on this.
 5. Use of mouth pry training device in ring
 - Neil received an email from a board member Leerie, regarding the use of a bite release bar. The board member observed a competitor using a bite release bar get the ball out. Neil supported the board member's stance that this should not be allowed as this type of device and action does not look good and will show NAFA Flyball in a bad light. It would be a disservice to flyball to allow it. Neil asked the board if the Rules committee would like to address the device. Leerie cited wording in the current Rule Book that covers this type of action. The board did not ask the Rules committee to address the device.
 6. A very recent request was received from a competitor for an exception to Rules of Racing Chapter 3 – Dogs, Teams, and Time Sheets, Section 3.2 (h) (ii) and to Chapter 7 - Standing Rules of Competition, Section 7.6 (a) (ii).
There was not support by board members to grant an exception. Board members did mention that it is advantageous for club owners, team captains and competitors to familiarize themselves with the NAFA Rules of competition.
 7. Neil received a request from Jayne McQuillen to be replaced as Region 21 RD. Neil asked the board to approve Luke Montgomery to be a co RD with Jayne.
Leerie moved to approve Luke Montgomery as co RD for Region 21. Jon seconded.
The motion carried with no objections.
 8. Neil will be researching the possibility of making changes to Region 4, specifically moving Kentucky to a different region.

Treasurer's Report:

The transition from Dana to Cindy as treasurer continues. Profit and Loss statements will be provided quarterly rather than at each meeting.

Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes of the January 21 BoD Meeting and January 22 AGM were approved on February 21, 2022.

Election Committee:

Standing Committee Reports

Judges Committee:

1. Projections for Measuring Certification of all Judges.
 - As of this meeting, it does not look like there will be enough judges approved on the laser measuring device to proceed to Phase 2 on April 1, 2022. It has been slow approving judges on the new device due to fewer events and the slow rate at which judges are attempting to be approved.
 - Some regions will not have events before April 1, 2022.
 - Jon will send a communication to judges outlining the requirements and tips on how to accomplish becoming certified.

Rules Committee:

1. Feasibility of April 1st Measuring Timeline.
Emma moved to delay the start of Phase 2 measuring. Cindy seconded.

Discussion: The board discussed the possibility of allowing the laser to be used as a device for events only and not for a permanent measure. There is concern that some competitors may feel that the ruler is not accurate. There is a suggestion to the chair to put together a special committee for immediate action to solve the ruler issue.

The motion carried with no opposition.

Emma moved that as of April 1, 2022 the laser measuring device can be used as the official measuring device for a NAFA sanctioned event only. Leerie seconded.

Discussion: Cindy voiced her concerns with accuracy due to issues with the rulers. It was mentioned that the laser measuring device can only be used at events when the judge measuring is certified to measure using the laser measuring device.

In favor: Emily, Jonathan, Kathy, Leerie, Meagan, Emma, Lynda. Opposed: Cindy
The motion carried.

Cindy moved to communicate that mandatory measuring is delayed until all regions are playing flyball and an adequate number of judges are certified on the new device. Leerie seconded.

The motion carried with no opposition.

The board recessed at 8:00 pm for 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 8:10 pm.

Finance:

1. Status of the transition from Dana Hanson to Cindy Henderson
 - The Finance committee will review who has access to accounts and Amex cards.
 - The Finance committee continues to search for a US Bank that will better meet NAFA's needs.

Nominating Committee:

Marketing Committee:

Disciplinary Committee:

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date
Bonnie Szoka	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	05/01/2020
Grizzly, 160097	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Preacher, 140875	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Snickers, 150646	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Strut, 110221	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
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
Envy, 120477	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Scout, 110222	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Torch, 100047	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Zonda, 090536	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Style, 090142	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Tonka, 080349	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Cash, 140545	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	04/25/2015
Tommie, 100016	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	06/08/2014
Taj, 090259	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	05/04/2014
Tux, 100191	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	10/29/2013
Roxie, 051102	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	8/22/2011
Gimli, 040608	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	11/17/2008
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

Review Panel:

Special Committee Reports

Technology Committee:

Communications Committee:

CanAm Steering Committee:

1. 30" jump usage.

The board discussed replacing the 24" CanAm jump bases with 30" jump bases. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$250/ring and will include bases and jump slats. One board member mentioned that clubs in their region will not attend an event without 30" jump bases. There was general support and no opposition. Neil will pursue the purchase of 30" bases and slats.

2. Framework for CanAm Committee overview.

Lynda has agreed to work with Volunteers, Cindy will work on sponsorships and vendors. Jon will work with judges. Steve Corona will be involved and will act as RD during the event. Jayne will be involved prior to the event, however, will be running teams during the event. Leerie and Emma will be assigned tasks as needed. Emily indicated that she will be there.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds is currently taking camping reservations for the week of CanAm. People can book their reservations now.

Special Measuring Committee:

The Chair discharged the Special Measuring Committee.

Old Business:

New Business:

Jon moved to adjourn. Lynda seconded.
Meeting is adjourned at 8:38 pm.

