

Minutes

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, September 26, 2020

Held via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

Steve Corona called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

In attendance:

Jonathan Bescher

Steve Corona

Leerie Jenkins

Dana Hanson

Cindy Henderson

Kurt Johnson

Emma Mak

Lynda Mantler

ED: Neil Flood

Recorder: Karen Oleson

Kathy Haney was unable to attend.

Officers' Reports

Chair's Comments:

- Welcome
 - Steve welcomed everyone and thanked the board for making the time to attend meetings via Zoom.
- Formation of Special Measuring Steering Committee
 - Steve received an expression of interest to be on this committee from a non-board member, John Forseth who would like to be on the committee. Steve asked for board member volunteers to serve on the committee.
 - Volunteers:
 - Cindy
 - Leerie
 - Kurt
 - Emma
 - Lynda
 - The opportunity to volunteer will be sent out to Kathy as well *See addendum 1 below

Neil suggested invitations be extended to a couple of RDs, preferably in areas that do not have board member representation on the committee.

- The board was in favor of having non board members on the committee.
- Leerie reminded the board that the chair makes the committee and the board votes to approve.
- Steve will finalize the committee members.

- Plans for Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - Plans for the AGM were discussed regarding how and where to have the meeting.
 - Specifics regarding the logistics for a virtual AGM were discussed.
 - There was support to get feedback from club owners to get expected attendance numbers and questions before the meeting to limit the need for a live Q & A.
 - Having an idea of how many people would attend would help to plan what technology would be needed

Jon moved to hold the AGM via Zoom due to the pandemic. Lynda seconded. Motion carried with no opposition.

- The meeting will be held via ZOOM and broadcast via the internet. The meeting date is yet to be determined.

Executive Director's Comments:

- NAFA Tournament Timetable for FY 2021
 - To be discussed under Old Business.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the August 22, 2020 meeting have been submitted for final approval.

Election Committee:

Steve has been in communication with BigPulse regarding the balloting process for this year and is waiting for the contract as we have fewer categories for this year's elections.

Standing Committee Reports

Judges Committee:

- Judges Requirements for FY 2021
 - The judges committee noted that we have already lost three months of the 2021 racing year and the board needs to remain cognizant that judges need to be informed of what the requirements will be in FY 2021 to maintain judging status for FY 2022.

Rules Committee:

- Iron Dog virtual point for FY 2021
 - Emma reported that the Iron Dog calculator has been updated to correctly calculate Iron Dog eligibility.

Finance:

- Dana reviewed expenditures and the current balance sheet with the board. He expects to be able to offer a more streamlined and organized chart of accounts in the upcoming months. Full financials will be available after the end of the 3rd quarter.

Nominating Committee:

Nominations close September 30, 2020.

Marketing Committee:

- Contest for CanAm apparel design.
 - Angela Graczyk and Elizabeth Theesfeld submitted the winning CanAm apparel designs. The designs have been submitted to MyLogoShop and apparel items will be available for purchase in October via the MyLogoShop online store.



- Hosting a CanAm vendor fair on NAFA Facebook page.

- Seventeen vendors wish to take part in the virtual CanAm vendor fair. NAFA expects to hold a sneak peek of items available the week prior to October 9-11, 2020 and showcase the vendors taking part in the virtual vendor fair during the weekend of October 9, 2020. *See addendum 2 below

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
Moon, 160714	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
Mumble, 160230	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:

Nothing to report.

Special Committee Reports

Technology Committee:

Nothing to report

Communications Committee:

Nothing to report

CanAm Steering Committee:

There was a brief discussion regarding when planning will begin for CanAm 2021 and what action items will be taking place in the coming months.

Ad hoc Committee regarding procedures for Unsportsmanlike Charges:

A draft proposal was submitted outside of the board meeting and the committee is making adjustments to the plan based on feedback.

Old Business:

- Rulebook wording for maintaining Judge's status.
 - There was a request that this be reviewed by the Measuring Steering Committee.
- It was noted that once racing is scheduled to resume, the rulebook should address how a shortened racing year will impact judging assignments and awards such as Iron Dog.
- A rulebook will be published on October 1, 2020 to include rule changes as of that date.

New Business:

- Re-Opening
 - The board discussed how some states and provinces are currently less restrictive than others. Some areas have seen very few new cases of COVID-19 in the past few months.
 - Leerie suggested suspending sanctioning month-to-month rather than for an entire quarter. There was general support for this.
 - Dana recommended that before racing resumes, the board should make decisions regarding eligibility for awards such as Regional Champions, ROCC and NAFA Champions.
 - Leerie suggested coming up with a collaborative document to collate ideas for any additional requirements or suggestions at events when sanctioning re-opens.
 - Emma volunteered to start a collaborative document and collate ideas from board members.
- In-Person board meetings were discussed. While it is felt that there is a lot of value in face to face meetings, to be safe and fiscally responsible, the board discussed having only one in-person meeting per year. There was general agreement that this appears to be a good choice as everyone is becoming accustomed to Zoom meetings and are getting better at using them.

Leerie moved to extend the suspension of sanctioning events through January 31, 2021, Cindy seconded. The motion carried with no opposition.

Leerie moved to adjourn, Cindy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Addendum:

1. Kathy H. also offered to volunteer after being contacted post-meeting.

2. The administrators of SISE UNLEASHED! Online Expo Facebook shopping page have offered to take on administration of the whole event. As their group is having an online event October 10, the earliest that we could have this take place is the weekend of October 24 & 25. There will be no fee to NAFA or the vendors to have this event run by SISE UNLEASHED! Online Expo.

Invitations have been sent to CanAm vendors to take part in this event.