

Minutes

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, May 25, 2021

Held via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

Attendees:

Board Members:

Jonathan Bescher
Steve Corona
Dana Hansen
Cindy Henderson
Leerie Jenkins
Emma Mak
Lynda Mantler
Jayne McQuillen

Kathy Haney was unable to attend

Executive Director: Neil Flood
Guest: Karen Oleson

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm CST

Officers' Reports

Chair's Comments:

1. Steve welcomed the board members to the meeting.

Executive Director's Comments:

1. CanAm update.
 - a. Neil reported that he has had contact with the fairgrounds, and AKC/ESPN regarding the 2021 CanAm competition.
 - b. The poll regarding expected attendance at CanAm is not closed yet with approximately 65% of respondents indicating they plan to, or may plan to attend.
 - c. Accommodations may be made, such as adjusting the date on which seed times are due to help competitors.
2. Neil has received feedback from judges relating to the absence of line and box judges. Judges feel a lot of pressure to do well. The benefit of having no line judge seems minimal and asking competitors to allow them space could work well to bring them back into the ring. Opinions regarding the absence of box judges was mixed. Neil suggests the rules committee should consider making box judges optional.
3. In region 3, the new Laser Measuring Apparatus was well received. No judges were certified to use the apparatus so no official measurements were taken. Some dogs were very nervous about the table as they associated it with grooming.

Treasurer's Report:

Dana discussed how new measuring equipment will be expensed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the March 22, 2021 board meeting have been approved and posted.

Election Committee: No report

Standing Committee Reports

Judges Committee: Jon

1. Status update of certification of judges on laser level measuring device.
 - Jon traveled to Iowa and worked with three judges demonstrating the laser level measuring device.
 - Jon mentioned that there are several judges in the training program that will need to wait until flyball begins again to resume their training.
2. The Judges Committee has received Supervising Judge applications from Dave Collett and Anthony Pirnat. Will start comment period online.
3. The committee shared that Cyril Edmunds and Elizabeth Theesfeld have retired from judging.

Rules Committee:

1. Proposed changes/clarifications to Board-ratified Special Measuring Committee recommendations.
 - a. The board discussed and gave feedback to the rules committee for the work they have completed on Measuring rules.

The board recessed from 7:18 to 7:30.

The board continued to review and discuss wording for measuring presented by the committee.

Based on questions received from competitors, the board recognizes the need to communicate news regarding the measuring rules to the NAFA community. Cindy will craft wording to help clarify the upcoming changes.

The board recessed from 8:42 to 8:56.

2. Review of NAFA COVID-19 Policies and Procedures.

Leerie moved to remove the facemask requirement by NAFA for vaccinated individuals. Jayne seconded.

A fulsome discussion followed.

Leerie amended his motion to include recommendations by the CDC and Health Canada.

Discussion followed.

Section 1: Transitional Flyball Requirements

2.Face masks are required at all NAFA events starting April 1, 2021 until further notice. See Section 3 Mask Mandate.”

Is changed to:

2.Hosts should follow guidelines published by the CDC and Health Canada.

Leerie amended his motion to add “effective immediately”.

Discussion followed regarding how to handle events which have already closed.

The Executive Director will reach out to Tournament Directors of upcoming events that have already closed.

Motion carried.

The board reviewed, edited and updated the NAFA’s Requirements/Recommendations for Host Clubs for Phase 1 (Transitional Flyball) document.

Finance: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Marketing Committee: No Report

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:

1. No excusals submitted for review.

Special Committee Reports

Technology Committee: No Report

Communications Committee: No Report

CanAm Steering Committee: See Executive Director Comments

Ad hoc Committee regarding procedures for Unsportsmanlike Charges: No Report

Special Measuring Committee: No Report

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

Lynda moved to adjourn, Leerie seconded. There was no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22pm