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NAFA NEWS

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NAFA 2002 Calendar

Next Board Meeting	08Mar03
Nominations for Regional Hall of Fame	31May03
Nominations for Clyde Moore Hall of Fame	31May03
Nominations for the Board of Directors Due	60 days before AGM
Delegate Votes Due	at the AGM
Annual General Meeting	TBA

From the Executive Director

Steve McAvoy

To begin I would like to welcome the new board members Brian Fay, Ken Eldridge and Sam Ford. I would also like to thank all of you that took the time to vote, it shows that you care about the sport.

In this issue you will see an ad for a new staff position, this is our initial step in our future plans to establish a NAFA office. I would like to thank Terry May, for the work she put in to formulate this plan. We are proceeding to the point of having an office with staff to operate the organization. Thank again Terry.

Those of you online will notice the new website, where we will be offering even more services available for you to use. I would like to thank the NAFA webmasters Dale Smith, Brett Williams and all the rest of you that have worked to develop the website.

Some discussion has been presented to me as to this policy on dog aggression. If a dog receives 2 reports of aggression, the dog will be suspended for a period of 1 year. After the dog has served its suspension the owner/handler may petition the board for reinstatement. — *In the event that the dog has only one report of aggression against it, the owner/handler may submit a request to have the report expunged. The request must come after the dog has participated in the*

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sport for a period of 3 years and must have completed a minimum of 10 weekends of NAFA tournaments after the excusal date. —ed..

As the year is at an end, and Christmas has past, I would like to wish everyone happy healthy new year .

-Steve

A New Website for NAFA

Brett Williams

Well the address hasn't changed, but everything else has. If you haven't been to NAFA's website in awhile, go and check it out. You can find us at www.flyball.org. The layout of the new website was done in an effort to create easier navigation and to help people find the information that they wanted. While it is not perfect yet, it is a huge leap from where we were.

You will also notice a "News Ticker", this is so that NAFA can put up important information and get it out to the public in the fastest manner possible. While it still requires that you come and look at it, it is at least a point that you can find the information. There are some controls on the "Ticker", you can pause the item you are trying to read by holding your left mouse button on it, and while doing this you can even scroll it up or down by dragging your mouse in the appropriate direction.

You will also notice new to the site is the section for NAFA Community. This is an area that we are working on to provide the Flyball community with an area to congregate and share information. There are several chat areas, broken down into different categories, we are still working on these. Sometimes you may find them working, and other times they may not. We hope to have all the kinks worked out soon.

Also, in the NAFA Community, you will find the NAFA Messageboard. This is a "Bulletin Board" style area that you can sign up for. This allows you to post and read messages regarding Flyball. This system has a lot of potential and I hope that it gets some use. Something that this system will give NAFA that we don't currently have is an official method to broadcast information, something that NAFA has not done in the past with the Flyball List. When you sign up, be sure to give us your e-mail address, we may use those to send out direct mailings in the future to notify the public of important events or information.

Please feel free to send us your comments regarding the site. We are looking to keep it evolving and turn it into your one-stop Flyball portal. Send all comments and suggestions to Flyball@flyball.org. And lastly, special thanks to Adam Flores for his expertise and dedication in helping to make this happen, we couldn't have done this without him.

-Brett

Getting a Plaque Soon? An Onyx Award?

Make sure your dog's name and your name are correct.

Check the Data Base!

If not correct notify NAFA.

GET NAFA PATCHES HERE!

Judy Hagan

NAFA is selling patches for all point titles. Just in are the patches for the new 40,000 to 90,000 points and also the Hobbes award. Patches are just \$5.00 US or \$6.00 CND. The following people are selling patches for NAFA:

Sharon Taylor – Border Patrol - Ontario
Amanda Brown – DogGoneFast – North Carolina
Linda Holland-Davis – Xtreme Flyball- Texas

Donna Lewis – KAOS – Manitoba
Brad Schneider – Need for Speed – Washington
Denise Delaney – Return to Sender – Pennsylvania
Sue Rogers – RPM DogSports - Michigan
Judy Hagan – Hawkeye Hustlers – Iowa

Patches can also be ordered by mailing a self addressed stamped envelope and money to:

Judy Hagan
1890 Cottage Grove Pkwy
Marion, IA 52302

- Judy

Timesheets Important

Dale Smith

Over the past several years, a number of people have started using computers to assist in the scoring of their tournaments. This has also lead to a wide variety of timesheet versions produced by these different programs. While the computer generated sheets save a lot of time for tournament organizers, some of them have created real headaches for NAFA's tournament scoring staff.

NAFA prefers to receive official C.2 timesheets from a tournament. NAFA will accept substitutes as long as they do not violate the following requirements:

- Timesheet type shall be no smaller than the official NAFA timesheet.
- The order of entries for each dog at the top of the sheet shall remain unchanged.
- The order of entries for each heat shall remain unchanged (from left to right - circled dog numbers, time, win/loss/tie)
- The fields at the bottom of the timesheet (division, placement and best time) must be present (and completed).

If any of these requirements are not met, NAFA may return the timesheets to the host Club for correction and charge the corresponding late fee. With the number of timesheets that are scored each month, we must insist on some consistency to streamline the scoring process. The scoring program allows entry of the data in the same order it appears on the timesheet. Having to skip around an unfamiliar format to find the required information can cause delays and errors.

While we're discussing timesheets its worth noting a couple other common issues. Please make sure that the fields at the bottom of the timesheet (Division, place-

ment and best time) are completed. Also please ensure that the one judge that should get credit for judging each division is evident on each sheet. If the judge's signature is completely illegible, print the judge's name beside the signature. Any missing information could also result in timesheets being returned to the host Club for correction.

Lastly, we are working to allow those Clubs that use computers as part of their tournament scoring the option to submit results electronically to NAFA. This would result in less re-keying and faster posting of tournament information. A data format has been defined and persons wishing to beta-test the capability should read <http://nafadb.flyball.org/scbeta.htm>. Questions can be directed to flyball@flyball.org.

- Dale

New Staff Position

Steve McAvoy

Position title: Assistant to Executive Director

Job duties detail: This position will report directly to the Executive Director of NAFA. It is a support position that will involve:

- Assignment of certified racing numbers
- New flyball club inquiries
- Mail distribution
- General inquiries
- Tournament sanctioning

The position is a permanent, part-time. It is estimated that the hours will vary between 6 - 10 hours per week.

Skills required: Strong organizational and communication skills needed to meet the requirements of this position. A knowledge of NAFA and the sport of flyball helpful, but not required. Computer skills a must.

This position is offered as a contracted position. Depending on skills, \$60.00 - 120.00 per week, based on 6 - 10 hours per week.

Application format: Applications will be accepted in writing only. Please send your resume to:

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- Steve

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Changing Clubs Rule Revised

Judy Hagan

At the November Board of Directors meeting a new rule was passed changing the 4-month variance rule to a 90 day No Variance rule (*Corporate Policies & Procedures Section 7.5-Changing Clubs*). There will no longer be any exceptions to the rule as of Jan. 1, 2003. The database will be programmed to kick out any team that has a dog that ran with another team in less than 90 days. The following is the definition of what the 90 days is considered:

The first day after the last tournament you raced with your past team will be counted as day one of the 90 days. You will be able to race the day after the 90th day. So if someone has a tournament that is one tournament over the weekend and their 90th day was on Saturday then they will be unable to race with their new team that weekend. If it is two one-day tournaments then they will be able to race the second day only.

If you have any questions concerning the 90 No variance rule please send an e-mail to flyball@flyball.org attn: Regulatory Committee or send a letter to the NAFA address in Chicago.

Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Telephone Conference Call
October 9, 2002

Board of Directors— Present: Brett Williams, Terri May, Ule James, Phil Taylor, Robin Marion, Judy Hagan, Aaron Hughes, & Todd Morningstar.
Absent – Dale Smith

Executive Director—Steve McAvoy

A – Chairman's Comments

Meeting called to order – Brett - 7:05 pm CST
Report from Executive Director – Request from Dog Sport Magazine in Guelph, Ontario would like our mailing list. Answer will be no like we have previously decided. We can direct them to Andrew Mouser and Kathryn Hogg. Also the tournament site would be a place to get addresses to send magazines to.

Switching Teams? Making a Team?

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B – Committee Reports

Vice Chairman/Finance – Has budget and business plan to Dale to review and is waiting for his response.

Regulatory – Requests are still coming in.

Judges & Guidelines – Todd proposed getting RD's and Supervising judges together. Is there a way to get them together. We still have problems with measuring. Articles on measuring. Possible everyone doesn't understand their jobs. RD and judges.

Marketing, Promotions and Public Relations – Plaques & pins and patches discussed

Championships – Waiting for info from Dale.

Championship Tournament – Proposal to be presented at AGM.

Technology – The two sets of Aarons lights that were used 3 weeks ago worked fine. No problems in Washington. 4 sets will be ready by end of week. Two at Dales, 2 in Seattle, Washington, one in Aarons shop and one in Leftbridge. Right now one new set in Canada. Need two more in Canada. Ron E. is holding sets right now waiting to see where to send them for repair. Old sets are to be retrofitted so two sets from Ron E. will go to Aaron. Old sets will be made into new. Also crates will be made. One set of prototype sets are out there that Aaron wants back.

By Laws – Ule has not gotten changes made. He has them all but needs to type them up.

Hall of Fame/MVP – Ready to send out with ballots.

C – Old Business

“To Do List” from previous meetings.

D – New Business

Letter from Jill Guterrez regarding classifications for disciplinary actions – Cover in November Meeting.

Dale joined at 7:58

Letter from Springloaded – Sept. 3, 2002 from Howdy. Letter that was originally sent was read and also a letter received from Howdy was read. Letter to go to Howdy that we are going to keep our original decision.

Dale left at 8:06

Clubs not using official forms – Mayeda are getting time sheets that are not standard. Everyone needs to be using the one in the rulebook.

Changing a breed to a mix – Letter from Cindi Corriveau regarding changing her dog from a breed to a mix. Brett will respond and say that we do not do that.

Age of dogs for warm-ups – All dogs on the rooster must be able to compete. Nothing at this time Ule made motion to Add to chapter 7 (d) “be eligible to compete” Brett seconded. Approved unanimously.

Tied Votes for general election – Look in Roberts Rule of Orders – Terri to research.

PetSmart contract has been terminated. Remove from site.

Abridged minutes to go on web site.

Ule made motion to adjourn
Aaron seconded
Adjourn at 8:50 p. CST

Next Conference call on Oct.30th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hagan, Secretary

Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Telephone Conference Call
October 30, 2002

Board of Directors – Present - Brett Williams, Terri May, Dale Smith, Ule James, Robin Marion, Judy Hagan, Todd Morningstar
Absent - Aaron Hughes, Phil Taylor
Executive Director – Steve McAvoy

A – Chairman’s Comments

Meeting called to order – 7:02 pm CST

Report from Executive Director – Talked about filing for the officers with the State of Michigan. Matching forms need to be filed with IRS. Need to inform Dale after this is taken care of. Someone else handles trademarks. Acting RD’s – NE – Scott Stein. We have 17 regions. Acting RD for Calif. is Doug May. Eunice Morgan has resigned. Steve is acting RD in Hawaii.

B – Committee Reports

Vice Chairman/Finance – Still waiting on Dale for budget and business plan. Dale is busy with ballots and searching for 990 forms and also getting delegate assignments will be coming up.

Treasurer – We are not delinquent on our taxes. In 2001 we filed on time and it looks like this year we will be on time but if we aren’t we will file for an extension. We have several people that have volunteered to help with some of the bookkeeping requirements. Dale has been looking at QuickBooks and is getting ready to move to it. Assets are tracked.

Regulatory – Lots coming in. Agenda item

Judges & Guidelines – 3 people have applied.

NAFA Videos – Judy has been trying to get ahold of Val to find out what is going on here.

Championships – Waiting on 4 tournaments to be scored. Should be done by Nov. 1. Dale will run the reports and ship to Ule.

Championship Tournament – Brett and Terri have worked on. Need to spend some more time on it before the AGM.

Technology – We are having problems with Aaron’s new set. Ran at Judy’s tournament. Still have early

pass problem yet. Looks like it might be a problem with the stands. Might need to rebuild. Aaron modified some of the dimensions. Doug used them in Chula Vista. Jason’s lights also have red light problems. Very rare. Jason’s lights are also displaying 3 digits.

By Laws – Done except Ule has in his notes that someone will be doing provisional judge form. Got form from Terri for Supervisory judge. He is waiting on forms.

C – Old Business

Virtual Hall of Fame – Adam is not being responsive. Looks like we will go to someone else that has volunteered. Brett has worked on updating old site.

Tie-breaking for voting – Roberts Rules looks like you would have to resend out ballots to people. What we need to do is put something in bylaws. What is needed is have people put 1, 2, 3, etc. for choices. Roberts Rules is very detailed on this. Can’t do anything now. Need to do it for the future. Old Business item for meeting.

Use of official NAFA forms – Dale would like to see us approve forms that people use. Mayadas are having trouble with some timesheets. Electronic submission is coming. Half dozen people have inquired about using it. Dale will write an article for the NAFA news concerning problems with timesheets.

Select NAFA travel agent – Terri has an agent that she works with. Set up an account with this person in case someone wants to use them and doesn’t have a credit card. Terri will handle.

Supervisory Judge Form – Form is completed and sent out to board. Todd made motion to approve. Robin seconded. Approved unanimously.

D – New Business

Shipping standard for EJS systems – Signature required would be hard to obtain. Insurance might be worth it. If we lose a set of lights every two years that would pay for the insurance. Brett made motion to insurance lights for \$6000 with UPS. Insurance would cover damage also. Insuring for \$6000 will cost us \$20.00 more. Seconded Terri. Approved – Dale, Terri, Judy, Robin, Todd. Motion carried. Opposed – Ule

Letters regarding re-alignment of regions – Letter from Jim Spitzner. Same as what we did except we didn’t split the state of Virginia. Can’t split a state with the

system. We did it for Thunder Bay but it is hard coded into the system. Brett will respond. Jim Spitz letter.

Requirements for 3 team division from Sam Ford - How are they taken care of normally? Proposal - added to division adjacent to it. Ule seconded. Pg 31 of rules. G (i) should say with an adjacent division. Approved unanimously. Brett to respond.

Letter regarding Cruizin Canines tournament from Pat Lavalley - Cruizin released one year to Fast Antics. If they release it for two year then Fast Antics would be the owner. Ule will respond since he has handled previously. Need to get it documented.

Recertification of old EJS systems - Flying Colors have been contacted about getting his cadence fixed. Should take a month. Steve Morris will contact Dale when done.

Letter regarding use of e-mail redirectors from Steve Forbes - Dale likes idea but has some reservations. Some e-mail will work out ok. Idea is dropdown box with subject. Will discuss at AGM.

Letter regarding aggression write-ups from Maureen McKernan - Dog has one write up. Judges decision will stand.

4-Month Rule - Teams disbanding and reforming in order for a dog to run without waiting. Brett made motion that 4 months is 4 months. Motion withdrawn. Will address at AGM meeting.

4-Month Rule in regards to Snow Birds - It is OK for people to go north or south for season. Will get one variance but have to wait a year for another.

Ule motion to adjourn. Robin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 CST p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hagan , Secretary

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Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Winnipeg, Canaca
November 15, 1002

Board of Directors - Present: Brett Williams - Chairperson, Terri May - Vice Chairperson, Judy Hagan - Secretary, Dale Smith - Treasurer, Ule James, Phil Taylor, Robin Marion, Aaron Hughes, Todd Morningstar

Executive Director - Steve McAvoy

A - Chairman's Comments

Meeting called to order @ 8:03 am by Chairperson Brett Williams

Report from Executive Director Steve McAvoy. He reported on getting paperwork that was done for the State of Michigan to be active. Talked about the number of tournaments for the upcoming year.

B - Committee Reports

Vice Chairman/Finance - Terri She would like to see continuity to things that are going to get passed down from board to board. She handed out a NAFA Business Plan Draft, Budget proposal, and est. of man-hours used presently on things. Steve submitted an idea about hiring a paid Chief Executive Director and doing away with the ED position. This would mean we would give that person a budget to work with. Eventually the Director would be able to hire a staff but at first it would probably only be the director. We are going to write up job descriptions. Dale made a proposal to hire someone for 6-10 hours per week to do CRN's, new clubs, distribute mail, handle inquires, and do tournament sanctioning. Steve will probably do the actual hiring.

Dale **motion** that we begin the process of looking for a person that is willing to spend 6-10 hours per week that will be paid \$10-\$12 US per hour on a contracted basis to perform the top five on man hours list plus new clubs. Initially the offer will go out in the NAFA news. (Flyball community will get it initially). Terri seconded. Discussion. Opposed - Aaron, Robin, Ule, Todd, Phil In Favor - Dale, Terri, Judy. Motion failed.

Ule motioned that we create a budget for the ED to hire contracted staff. Fail for lack of second.

Phil motioned we authorize the ED to obtain a contracted person who is required to spend 6-10 hours per week that will be paid \$60-\$120 per week to perform the top five on man hours list plus new clubs. Initially the offer goes out in NAFA News and to the flyball community. Dale seconded. Favor – Terri, Dale, Robin, Phil, Aaron, Judy Opposed – Ule Motion carried.

Steve will make up job vacancy announcement and send to Brett to put on web site. Steps of process. 1) job description 2) posting 3) Contract drawn up (contract on yearly basis, performance clause, out clause) Judy will contact John Tucker 4) Applications to Steve who will review. Short list of 5 to board to review. Brett proposed that we have a deadline by the end of Jan. for the next meeting. Applications to go to Chicago NAFA address and flyball.org address.

Secretary – Judy. Approval of July 27, 2002 meeting minutes, Oct 9 & 30, 2002 conference call minutes. Brett motioned to accept as amended. Terri seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer – Dale. We are current with all IRS filings. We have not filed late recently. We have met all requirements. Last year 990EZ was filed on time. To the best of our knowledge we do not have to file anything with the state of Michigan that we know of.

Regulatory – Robin and Darrel West, Dale, and Judy - A lot of variances being are being asked for. Multiple dogs being asked for. Hard to keep track of.

Judges & Guidelines – Todd, Robin and Aaron - Provisional to head judge. A). Lee Resig B). Mike Dembeck

Three people that did not fulfill judging requirements for the year 2002. Joel Houlton, Cathy Duguid, Jim Fathers. Todd will write letter telling them.

Supervisory judge application: Carle Lee Dembeck – Discussion on application. Board felt they didn't have enough experience with her to know if she would be a good supervisory judge. Ule motion to approve. Fail for second. Motion didn't carry. Not approved.

Supervisory judge application: Denise Delaney – Discussion on application. Robin motion to approve. Dale second. Favor – Robin, Aaron, Ule, Phil, Dale,

Terri Opposed – Judy & Todd. Motion carried.

Marketing, Promotions and Public Relations – Judy and Todd – Judy will talk with Logo Etc. and see if they would be interested in doing NAFA items for royalty.

Championships 2002 – Ule and Judy

Region 1 - Regular - Rude Dogs. Multi – Rude Dogs.

Region 2 – Regular - Border Patrol Multi – Some Ruff Competition

Region 3 – Regular -Balls Out. Multi – Balls Out

Region 4 – Regular - DART. Multi - DART

Region 5 – Regular - Top Dog Racers. No Multi

Region 6 - Regular - Touch N Go. Multi – Touch N Go

Region 7 – Regular - Total Anarchy. Multi – Total Anarchy

Region 8 - Regular – Allsorts Dog Sports. Multi Allsorts Dog Sports

Region 9 - Regular - Blockade Runner. Multi – Hairier Jump Jets

Region 10 – Regular - Fast N FURious. No Multi

Region 11 – Regular - Ketch This. No multi

Region 12 – Regular - Spectrum Speed. Multi – Spectrum Speed both

Region 13 – Regular - New England Trail Blazers. Multi – New England Trail Blazers

Region 14 – Regular - Birmingham Bandits. No Multi

NAFA Champion – Top Dog Racers from Texas
NAFA Multi-breed Champion - Rude Dogs

Championship Tournament – Brett, Terri, Robin and Val Culpin - Went over proposal for Championship tournament and made some changes. Terri has changes and will send to Judy.

C – Old Business

“To Do List” from previous meetings covered. Brett made motion to let judge sign for height card for any dog including dog on their team. Todd seconded. In favor – Ule, Phil, Dale, Terri, Todd, Aaron, Robin. Opposed – Judy Motion carried.

Virtual Hall of Fame & Website Update– Adam Flores says he is almost done with the site. Brett says there are a couple of problems with small things but has told Adam to wait to fix the small things until later. We just want to get the site up and running.

EJS Update – 3 of 4 old sets have gone thru Dale for fixing. Serpas lights have 3 digits need to go to 2. Fly-

ing Colors need to go to 2 digits. Aaron's lights have problems. Problems in sensors possibly. Old lights we might want to sell some of the gray sensor ones. 5 sets to sell.

Tie-breaking for voting – Amend the bylaws to a preferential voting system for NAFA. Need to have in place for next year's elections.

Letter from Jill Guterrez regarding classifications for disciplinary actions—She would like to see us put disciplinary actions in categories. Disciplinary will look at making categories. Ule will work on and write letter to Jill.

Rules (Process) for tournament sanctioning –Ule discussed the way that Connie and him used to do sanctioning and how they determined who got priority on a weekend (who had had it in the past 2 years). You can give your weekend up one year and still get it back the second year but if you give it up two years in a row then it is no longer your weekend. Ule will write up description for the new person.

E-mail Re-Directors – Routing e-mails. Frequently asked questions to put on site would be good. Will work on redirects that will go out to proper people. Brett will figure out alias. Aaron will also help on this.

Adjustment of NAFA fees – Letter from Pam Koons from On the Rebound concerning expenses. Dale suggested giving a break to people that are electronically submitting their tournament results because in the long run this will save us money. At this time we will not be reducing fees because of future plans and needs of NAFA.

Education of RDs and Judges in regards to measuring – Phil will make up a proposal for Supervisory judges for next meeting.

4-Month Rule -Discussion of problems with 4-month rule was held. People are looking for ways around the rule and it is hard to track. Different options were talked about. Brett made motion to change our current 4 months to 90 days with no exemption effective Jan. 1, 2003. Robin seconded. In favor – Robin, Phil, Judy, Ule, Terri Opposed – Dale, Todd, Aaron. Motion Carried.

Executive Session started: 10:50 am
One item covered
Executive Session Concluded: 11:04 am

D – New Business

Proposals regarding approval of Regional Alignments – Letter from Barb Skalka. Steve to respond. E-mail from Marg Henderson. Died for lack of second. Terri to respond. Letter from Barb Craig. Died for lack of second. Terri to respond.

Executive Session entered: 1:22 pm
One item covered
Executive Session Concluded: 1:56 pm

Entering a tournament after closing – Teams without team numbers are entering tournaments. Will be able to purchase on the web soon. Ule made a motion that in order to enter an event a club is required to have a NAFA club number prior to closing of the tournament effect Mar. 1, 2003. Phil second. Unanimously approved.

Letter from Susan Weber regarding recognizing the NSDR breeds – Only dog presently recognized by the NSDR that is not recognized by another registry is the McNab. Failed for lack of second. Terri to respond.

Changing registered breed on CRN(s) – Needs to be a way to change from breed to mix. Need proposal for a process for doing this.

Proposal to host next AGM from Paul Perrin – Ule seconded. Discussion held. Aaron tabled until we are able to check prices and logistics and discuss at next board meeting. Aaron will respond to Paul.

Trademark status in Mexico – Letter from Sue Rogers regarding trademark read.

Jump slate approval – Sample of jump slates from Hot Diggity Dogs reviewed. Corrugated taped plastic and Teflon. Dale motion to disapprove Corrugated plastic, Todd seconded. Unanimously disapproved. Robin Moved to approve Teflon boards. Todd second. Unanimously approved. Dale to reply.

New accounting software – QuickBooks will be a better fit for our business. He will transfer info this current year.

Letter about ballots from Texas Heat – Dale had letter that Rick York sent in May. This letter asked if this could be done but did not ask that it be done. Dale had responded but did not get an answer. Dale will answer.

Supervising head judge form – Reviewed clause at the bottom of the form. Should some of the clause be added

to other forms for judges? Should we add completed in full? Apprentice form and provisional form need signature line on them.

Steve asked for approval of Scott Stein as RD in region 13 and Doug May as RD for Region 16. Unanimously approved

Mark DeFoe has gotten 2 CRN numbers on the same dog. Thought he needed to since he has determined that the dog is a pure breed. We will cancel second CRN as it is not needed and change the CRN number that is listed as a mix to a breed.

Next meeting will depend on outcome of election.

Aaron made motion to adjourn. Phil second. Approved unanimously
Adjourn at 6:25 pm

AGM Minutes

AGM called to order Nov. 16, 2002 at 6:47 pm by Steve McAvoy.

Steve thanked the host club Allsorts Dog Sports and the Hughes for hosting AGM.

Introduction of the board was done before call to order

Steve made the last call for ballots at 6:55 p.m. He introduced the election committee headed by Carla Mortensen and dispatched them, and board member Dale Smith, to proceed with the ballot counting.

Discussed the new lights, new club number purchases coming soon. Also electronic submittal of tournament results is being worked on. New big displays were also talked about along with the way that the lights will be able to be hooked to a computer and the information. What do we want to see on the new displays (lap time, total time, what)?

Brett talked about National Championship tournament that is being worked on. Terri, Brett, Val Culpin have worked on details. Top 12 teams will be invited to participate in this tournament in both multi breed and regular. March 2004 will be the first one to be held for the year 2003 racing year. More work to still be done on this.

4-month rule has changed to 90 days, no exemptions. Starts Jan. 1, 2003. Discussion was held to see the input from people about what they thought about the new rule. Discussion included the tracking problems

that were going on because of the present system, how clubs were finding ways around waiting for 4 months to race, and various other things.

Also discussed was the fact that as of Mar. 1, 2003 when you enter a tournament you have to have a club number for the club entered before the closing date of the tournament.

Communications with NAFA were discussed. Timeliness of getting info out to people. Also problems with lights at Kaos tournament and letter that was sent to board that was unanswered were discussed. New position that is going to be created was talked about. What is reasonable time to get a response? E-mail usually gets a responses within a couple of days. If you haven't received a response by us within a reasonable amount of time, get ahold of us on it.

NAFA news not getting out. Ule talked about this problem. It is up on the web site before it goes out in the mail.

Delegates for teams were discussed. How they are earned.

Timing systems. What is the timeline for all the new systems? How is distribution of these systems going to be? Old systems are showing wear and tear but we will still use them until the new sets are working properly.

Increase of NAFA fees? We have discussed decrease but at this time will not do because of future plans that are being put in place as far as getting a contracted person on board to do some of the work. Talked about what we are looking at for the future and possible marketing of products.

Do we sell television rights? That would actually be the clubs right unless they were using NAFA logos, etc. Maybe at nationals would be a place to sell rights. Purina challenge and Outdoor games were not NAFA but were good exposure.

Regional directors – do people have a say in who is getting chosen. This is not a popularity contest. If you have a complaint about an RD then take the complaint to ED and if not satisfied with outcome then bring it to the board. It was expressed by someone that there should maybe be a time limit or they should be elected.

Marketing – we are looking into licensing for other people to do it some marketing of NAFA items. It is too hard, at this time, for NAFA to carry an inventory of items.

Regional Winners were announced.

How close is National Championship tournament? Talked about the proposal and the dates that we are using. Concern was brought up about expenses that a team would incur in order to go to National Championship. Talked about how we currently do national championships. We will also still have Regional Championships even if we got that the National Championship tournament.

Talked about the future of multi breed racing. Multi-breed seems to be back to growing in popularity.

Measuring dogs. It was expressed that they don't understand the problem. The problem is that people are bending the rules. Small percentage that are out there are bending the rules. We are dealing with cases on a case-by-case basis. How dogs should be measured is in rulebook.

The election committee returned election results:

556 ballots returned. 1056 sent

Regional MVP

Region 1 Sam

Region 3 Jazz

Region 4 Kaiser

Region 6 Higgins

Region 9 Sydney

Region 10 Comet

Region 11 Casey

Clyde Moore Hall of Fame: Higgins & Jazz

Board Election Results:

Brian Fay 239

Ken Eldridge 232

Sam Ford 227

Brett Williams 205

Terri May 192

Don Moore 192

Jeff Kinsley 75

Donna Lewis 46

Gwen Dingee 69

Rob Joubert 39

Steve adjourned AGM to executive session at 8:21 pm. to elect officers.

Meeting adjourned:

Exit executive session at 9:38 pm

New officers for 2003:

Chairman: Phil Taylor

Vice Chair: Ule James

Secretary: Judy Hagan

Treasurer: Dale Smith

Respectfully Submitted,

**Avoid the lines at Measuring
GET A HEIGHT CARD!!**

Avoid the hassle of measuring in the future... if your dog has raced in NAFA sanctioned events for at least a year, apply for a height card application for only \$5.00 US.

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Remember, if it doesn't have a Seal it's not NAFA.

Disciplinary Actions

The following people are Suspended Indefinitely and are not affiliated with a team:

Marion Brinkman	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Mike Mattos	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Janet Nelson Morris	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Dave Mueller	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Cheryl Mueller	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.
Jennifer Nelson	For Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.

The following dogs have been suspended for aggression:

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Executive Director: Steve McAvoy (02-04) Tournament Sanctioning: Denise Delaney

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