Abridged Board Meeting Notes

Telephone Conference Call

Members Present
Chairman, Brett Williams
Steve McAvoy, ED
Terri May
Dale Smith
Todd Morningstar
Aaron Hughes
Ule James
Judy Hagan
Absent:
Robin Marion

1. The meeting was called to order by Brett at 8:09 p.m. Central Standard Time.
2. Brett nominated Judy to fill the vacancy for secretary created with Sue Rogers resignation. Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Height Cards – A person no longer has to present a height card at the beginning of the day. Ule will write an article in the NAFA news regarding this fact.
4. Technology - Aarons lights were discussed. Some problems were encountered at Dale’s tournament. Dale, Steve, and Aaron will get together and discuss what the problems are.
5. Todd has a shipping crate producer coming to look at the set of lights that we have purchased from Jason Serpa to see about getting crates made for them.
6. Our existing sets of old lights were discussed. We are aware that at least two of the old sets have broken sensors. Todd will let Dale know how many sensors need replacing. He will also get the numbers off of the sensors and send them to Aaron to see if he will be able to get the one type that we have not been able to find.
8. Rules & Bylaws – The new set of rules just sent out did not have the Double Elimination charts in them. Ule will put them in the next NAFA news.
9. Discussion was held on violation of the 4 month rule. It has come to the boards attention that Springloaded had not asked for a variance to the 4 month rule. Even though it is a new club it still needs to write the regulatory committee for a variance for dogs to run sooner that 4 months with a new team. Also one dog on the team was left on its old team (Frenzy from Hit Squad) and was not ran or moved to the new team until after the teams first tournament. Since this is a violation it was decided that all points for the dogs in need of a variance will be taken away, along with any dog racing with that dog. Also any placements and team fast times will also be taken away. Terri will write a letter to the team captain.
10. Discussion was held regarding Ken’s removal. At this time no one from the board has heard from Ken except for an e-mail letter saying that Glenn
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.

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Telephone Conference Call  
15 May, 2002

Members Present  
Chairman, Brett Williams  
Steve McAvoy, ED  
Terri May  
Dale Smith  
Todd Morningstar  
Aaron Hughes  
Ule James  
Robin Marion  
Judy Hagan

Chairman Brett Williams called meeting to order at 8:09 pm CST.

The Executive Director reported that the newly appointed RD in Region 2 has resigned. Replacement will be sought.

1. Judges & Guidelines - some judges have not received their judge’s pins. Todd will follow up with Val.

2. By Laws - Discussion was held about whether we will republish updated rules each year. Current copies of the rules were only sent out once to either a club owner, or judge.

3. Virtual Hall of Fame – Brett will put an article in the NAFA news.

4. EJS Update – Dale - Aaron and Dale still need to talk about light problems. Dale has talked to Jason Serpa and ordered another set from him. We will have in a month. A shipping case has been ordered for the other set.

5. Replacement board member – Brett recom-

Brett and Judy will work on definition of what it takes to be an affiliate club per the bylaws to present at the next board meeting.

12. Replacement for Sue’s position was discussed. Several people have been contacted but no one has been named at this time.

13. "Region 2" has requested a full financial report be issued in the NAFA News. We will publish last years 990 form in the NAFA news.

14. Motion to adjourn Ule. Second Dale. Passed Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Hagan, Secretary

Dog has a Napoleon Complex?  
Prove it!

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.
Sanction your Tournament

Contact NAFA:
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& Bunny Burton in regard to the petition.

Abridged Board Meeting Notes
Board Meeting, Chicago, IL
27 July, 2002

Members Present
Chairman, Brett Williams
Steve McAvoy, ED
Terri May
Dale Smith
Todd Morningstar
Aaron Hughes
Ule James
Judy Hagan
Robin Marion
Phil Taylor

Meeting was called to order 8:05 am. CST.

1. Minutes of the Mar. 2, 2002 meeting in Las Vegas, May 1, 2002 conference call, and May 15, 2002 conference call were reviewed.

Dale made a motion to amend minutes. Robin seconded. All in favor – Dale, Phil, Todd, Terri, Aaron, Robin, Judy. Opposed – Ule. Motion carried.

2. Minutes of the May 15, 2002 conference call were reviewed.

3. Minutes of the June 19, 2002 meeting were reviewed.

4. Minutes of the June 27, 2002 meeting were reviewed.

5. Minutes of the Aug 22, 2002 meeting were reviewed.

6. Letter from Katy Kaylor requesting input from RD’s in regards to new judges – Brett. The feeling here is that the RD is more stable and always there. Would be better if RD’s also had voice in approval of judges. Have space on sheet for them to fill out. Put a section at bottom of existing form. RD comments – 5 lines. Robin will do.

7. Section 3.1(e) We need some limit on the number of classes a dog can enter over a weekend - Brett - With all the new classes (pee wee, veterans, etc) dogs are getting entered in all of them. At this time is it really a problem? We usually don’t have all these classes at once. At this time regular racing can be a lot. It was decided that at this time we are not going to do anything because it is not a problem.

8. Section 8.5(a) Conflicts with other wording in regards to leg wrapping – Brett -5.8 pg. 30 and 8.5. Pg 16. Remove the wording of Section 5.8(a) on page 16 and replace with the wording of Section 8.5(a) on pg. 30. Move Section 5.9 and re-number to 5.8. Robin motion, Terri seconded. Carried unanimously.

9. Section 6.2(c) Should we set some age requirement for Veterans, otherwise it is just another class to run dogs in and earn points – Brett – No second. Motion died.


11. Letter from Lisa Jeffery – Brett – Regarding delegate-earning structure. Tabled to board meeting in July. Will be dealing with related issues at that time – Terri will respond to her.

12. Letter from Ruth VanWert – Brett - Sent to flyball.org and printed and sent to Brett. Tabled to July meeting. Brett will respond.

13. Proposal from Glenn Hamilton regarding Height Cards – Brett -Failed for no second. Brett will reply.

14. Letter from Gail Armstrong/Ivor McTavish regarding FEO racing and placements in Multi Breed racing at Pure Gold tournament in May – Todd - No charges are being filed. They only wants to get it straightened out and get the points. Tabled to July meeting. Disciplinary committee will get letters in regard to this from the TD, RD, and judge. Todd will respond that we are looking into this.

15. Region 2 petition – Brett - Brett will write Dave

2. Report from Executive Director - Steve
   New Board Member Phil Taylor was welcomed. Report was given on light condition and tournaments without lights. Chris Knowlton has resigned from scheduling light shipping in Canada and Todd is taking over the job for now.

   Financial report was distributed and discussed.

Committee Reports

4. Vice Chairman/Finance - Terri
   Terri discussed the fact that we are a large organization and maybe we should have a central communication center/office. She presented two scenarios for thought. Discussion was held on what our direction should be. Also distributed was a Draft NAFA Business Plan.

5. Regulatory - Less requests for variances in last month.
   Need to put dogs that received variances on database for tracking. Dale will work on this.

6. Judges & Guidelines –
   Approval of following people from apprentice to provisional judge:
   Kim Kasserman, Lerrie Jenkins, Cyril Edmunds, Stephanie Doer, Brian Kack
   Approval of following people from provisional judge to head judge:
   Paul Ferlitto, Carla Mortenson
   Approval for Supervisory Judge:
   Todd Morningstar

7. NAFA Videos - Line and box judges one being worked on at this time.

8. Marketing, Promotions and Public Relations - Mexico is interested in getting started in flyball.

9. Championship Tournament - Nothing has progressed with this. 2003 racing year is when we want this to happen. Format needs to be in place before the new racing year starts.

10. Technology - Prioritize list of to do’s on web list.
    Web servers that are being offered to NAFA free of charge. The old IBM’s will be put at Brett’s and will be used as a backup system.

11. By Laws - Ule has updated the by-laws. They still need to get on web.

12. Hall of Fame/MVP - List of dogs submitted was reviewed. All meet the qualifications. Dale motioned to accept all submitted. Terri seconded. Phil and Aaron not present. Dale, Ule, Aaron, Judy, Terri, Todd & Robin approved. Motion carried.

Old Business

13. Virtual Hall of Fame - Adam Flores has volunteered.

14. EJS Update -
    Aaron showed pictures of his new lights. Discussion was held on when these lights will be available. We are in need of 7 sets of lights by the end of Aug. for tournaments in the US.

    Ule moved to order another set of lights (call today) from Jason with the usual financial arrangement to be available by Aug. 25th. Terri seconded. Discussion held. Condition of order is that he will deliver on or before the 25th of Aug. Aaron not present. Dale, Ule, Terri, Phil, Judy, Robin, Todd. Motion carried.

    At this time it looks like both light sets will cost $5000 each which includes shipping crate.

    Dale motion that we get the 2 sets (does not include prototype) from Aaron by Aug. 25th and remaining 4 by the end of Oct. If he is unable to get the 2 sets by the Aug. 25th then we will not be ordering the remaining 4 from him and our commitment ends with him at that time with the 2 sets and he needs to refund the rest of our money. Todd seconded. In Favor – Dale, Phil, Todd, Robin, Terri, Judy Opposed – Ule. Motion carried.

15. History of Ken Eldridge w/ response to Glenn Hamilton - Ule put together list of things from past history of Ken and presented it to the board. Discussion was held on the things that were presented. Some things were brought up that were not in the minutes.

16. Motion made by Ule to reinstate Ken E. to his judging status but put on probation. Failed for lack of
second. Brett will write letter to Ken E. reiterated his reason for removal. Glenn Hamilton will get a copy.

17. Updating NAFA Forms C.12 - Form implies that the reason for excusal was for aggression. Todd motioned that the form be signed by owner. Terri seconded. Opposed – Ule & Robin. In favor – Dale, Phil, Todd, Terri, Aaron, Judy. Ule motioned to make a 4th copy of form for owner at next run of form. Aaron second. Unanimously passed.

18. Definition of requirements for clubs - Dale motioned to amend the bylaws to remove the reference to competing and amend the policies and procedures to require that clubs compete in at least one event per racing year in order to get delegate vote(s). Terri seconded. Opposed – Ule & Robin. In favor – Dale, Phil, Todd, Terri, Aaron, Judy. Ule motioned to make a 4th copy of form for owner at next run of form. Aaron second. Unanimously passed.

19. Letter from Lisa Jeffery - Motion died for second. Dale will write letter in regard to delegates to Lisa.

20. Letter from Gail Armstrong regarding FEO racing and placements at a tournament - Phil will contact Gail and Ivor McTavish and Lisa Bertram to see what the placements would be if the placements were done correctly at the Solid Gold Tournament. Motion by Ule to update the Rules of Racing, Chapter 6(e) that once a team declares FEO they are ineligible for placement and be placed in the lowest seed for any elimination runs. Terri seconded. Unanimously passed.

21. Proposals from Melissa Harmis - False start rule. Change number from one per heat to one per race. Failed for lack of second. Lower maximum jump height from 16 to 15. Failed for lack of second.

22. Chris Peach - E-mail from Chris's husband John Senger was discussed. Original letter to Chris regarding removal of points and when dogs are eligible to race against their own team even though they have members standing around when they are racing. Failed for lack of interest.

23. Spring Loaded - Terri has handled. Points will be removed along with placements, and fast times.

**New Business**

24. Forfeiting of races - What are valid reasons for forfeiting a race. Should a team be able to forfeit for lack of members to race dogs against their own team even though they have members standing around when they are racing. Failed for lack of interest.

25. Support of states, provinces outside of the North American Continent - US, Canada, Mexico are to be considered part of continent. People wanting information from Hawaii will be referred to Steve.

26. Procedures for handling missed breakouts - Letter from Darrel West. Rewording of rule. This is already covered in rules. Wording is ok. Robin to respond.

27. Letter from Doug May regarding Iron Dogs and South Bark tournaments - Steve will address all issues. All will be contacted regarding problems.

28. Robin motion to have seeding & format sent minimum of 10 days before a tournament to RD. Dale seconded. Unanimously passed.

29. Letter from Mike Mattos regarding his suspension - Needs to appeal in person to the board in order to get his name removed. Judy to respond.

30. Letter from Sam Ford regarding US EJS #3 failure at his tournament - Letter to go to Sam that we will not pick up extra cost. Lights may have not been in good condition but failure to work was due to sets were mixed up and Sam received one box of set 1 and one box of set 3. Lights are not interchangeable. Dale to respond.

31. Walter Davis' request for access to electronically submit tournament information to database - This has been granted. Walter has been informed.

32. What are the approved formats for racing? - Up to RD.

33. Process for determining issuance of EJS to tournaments - Lights are determined by everyone gets one and the second set goes on a first come first serve basis. Todd will talk to him.

34. Identify and eliminate "unwritten" rules/policies - Supervisory judges measuring own dog for height card (look and see if there is something in the minutes). Changing dog breeds. Dale motioned to document in policy and procedure to be able to change breed before it has raced. After the first race it can go from mix to breed. Robin seconded. In favor - Dale, Phil, Todd, Ule, Robin Aaron, Judy. Opposed - Terri. Motion carried.

35. Terri motioned that once a breed has been designated and has been run in its first tournament the breed cannot be changed. Brett seconded. Opposed - Todd, Phil, Robin, Dale, Judy, Aaron. Ule abstained. Motion defeated.

36. Hobbes Award - Proposal for the new plaque for 100,000 for Hobbes was presented and it was decided what to purchase. A letter from Gail Armstrong was read regarding the naming of the 100,000 points for the first dog to get it which should be Hobbes owned by Gary Mueller. Phil seconded. Opposed – Aaron, Ule. In favor – Todd, Phil, Terri, Robin, Dale, Judy. Motion carried.

37. 40,000 – 90,000 award plaque – Judy presented a sample plaque. Some change in wording was done. Todd motioned to go ahead with. Dale second. Unanimously passed.

38. Inappropriate/illegal behavior of club at tournament
- Some things that have been happening at tournaments was discussed. Steve will send a letter to those involved.

39. Issuance of fines for not shipping EJS on time – Todd - Motion to tell tournament hosting teams that they are to ship lights first UPS shipping day after their tournament. $100 fine if not shipped day after the tournament. $250 fine if late shipment affects next tournament. Robin second. Unanimously approved. Effective immediately.

40. Repair of old EJS – No one in US to check out sets for repairs. We are in need of someone. Steve will see if he can find someone. Dale is willing to do for awhile.

41. Some identification that a time was "estimated" to prevent use in determining placement – Dale motion - In event of interference a judge will assign an estimated time to the team that was interfered with. The time will be marked as estimated and will not be used to determine tournament placement. Robin second. Unanimously approved.

42. Various questions regarding actions of judges – Judges need to read measuring stick themselves and not have someone else do it for them. Judges will not let a non judge stand in to judge in tournament so they can race.

43. Letter from Marti Fuquay regarding minimum jump heights – Lower minimum jump height from 8 to 6. No second. Terri will respond.

44. Review compensation for board members - Terri made a motion to up money to $25.00 per day. Failed for second. Dale motioned to up money to $60.00 for weekend and $80 for three day weekend. Robin and Ule opposed. Todd, Phil, Terri, Dale, Judy, Aaron approved. Motion carried.

45. Letter requesting explanation of abridged minutes versus regular minutes from Lisa Jeffery – Brett will respond to Lisa about the difference between the abridged minutes and the regular minutes.

46. Letter from Lisa Jeffery regarding past actions of Ken Eldridge leading to his dismissal – Brett will respond that this is between Ken and the board and he is to talk to Ken about this.

47. Nomination committee - Dale will appoint since both Terri and Brett are up for election this year.


49. Letter from Sam Ford regarding holding back - Robin. No second. Failed for lack of second.

50. Letter from Nickie Hughes regarding amount of racing - Too much racing in Alberta. Steve will talk to Linda Smith, RD for the region to see what is going on and will handle it.

51. Unusual EJS system expenses - Unusual expenses such as motel bills have been submitted. Only approved extra bills. Dale will respond.

52. Regional realignment Steve

Steve made the following proposals:

Dale motioned and Todd seconded for the following changes:

Region 9—So. Carolina, No. Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 13—New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island

Region 14—Alabama Mississippi, and Tennessee

53. Dale motioned. Todd – seconded for the following:

Region 6 - Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, & Utah

Unanimously approved.


55. Approval of Region 2 Regional Director Lynda Verna - Todd - Motion to approve. Phil second. Unanimously approved.

56. Changes to judges form – C.16 – Return address incorrect. Also TD or RD should return.

57. Increase in staff allocation - Dale motioned to increase Steve’s quarterly staff money allocation from $1500 to $2000. Robin second. Unanimously approved.

58. Phil – interfering with self. Glossary term needs to be changed. Add term that this does not include interference on own team.
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 people are on Probation:

Kristy Schultz on Slammers until November, 2003 for Conduct Prejudicial to the Sport of Flyball.

The following dogs have been suspended for aggression:

Tucker

Disciplinary Actions

40,000 Point Plaques
Judy Hagan

Many of you have gotten your new 40K+ plaques and some of you are still waiting to get them. This new plaques covers awards from 40,000 points to 90,000 points. Some people have been wondering about the blank plates that have been put on spaces where new plates will someday go (hopefully). Once you attain your next level NAFA will have a new plate made up and this will be sent out to be awarded to you. You take the old plate off and replace it with the new one. You do not need to return the blank plate to NAFA. Some may wonder why it was done this way. Well this is to eliminate you from having to drill your own holes and line the new plates up on your own. Also the plaques didn’t look right with empty spaces. Hopefully this will clear up any questions you might have on these new plaques.
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Judy Hagan, Secretary (01-03)  Ule James (02-04)  Phillip Taylor (01-03)

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