

NAFA BOD Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2025 - 6pm CST via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board Members:

- Jayne McQuillen, Chair
- Emily-Rose Allred, Vice-Chair
- Dana Nichols, Treasurer
- Darcey Sare, Secretary
- Jonathan Bescher
- John Forseth
- Cindy Henderson
- Paula Johnson
- Leerie Jenkins

Executive Director: Steve Corona

Guests: Karen Oleson, Crystal Cappel

Jayne called the meeting to order at 6:03pm CST.

Officer's Reports:

Chairperson's (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

Jayne took board into executive session at 6:03pm CST

Jayne took the board out of executive session at 6:25pm CST

1. The board thanks Crystal Cappel for her massive effort putting together and presenting the current YTD (June) financial statement and the proposed budget for 2025-2026 racing year. Crystal leaves the meeting following the presentation.
1. Jayne has recruited Dede Crough to assist with website editing and transition as she has experience in those realms.
2. EJS Development Project Management
 - a. Darcey is taking this function on as he is part of the technology committee, and will work with Jon re: existing planning, etc.
 - b. The committee is going to try to fast track the development of new EJS components.
3. Discussed possible dates for AGM
 - a. Chosen date: December 19th (BoD - 10:00AM CST) and 20th (AGM - 12:00 CST)

Jayne took board into executive session 6:35pm CST

Jayne took the board out of executive session at 6:53pm CST

4. The board will be sending out messages to participants that have yet to complete their measurement requirements, and messages will also be sent out when CRNs are purchased re: measuring requisites. This will be tracked by region which dogs still require permanent measurements.

Executive Director's (Steve Corona) Report:

1. CanAm updates
 - a. Camping is open and the rush is past. We have no wait list currently.
 - b. Karen has contacted the equipment storage company.
 - c. Steve has met with the Fairgrounds re: chairs, fencing, etc. Crating map, etc all in process as entries are received.

- d. The fairgrounds will allow for a weekend parking pass that includes in/out privileges. These will be available for purchase from the fairgrounds directly at the entrance booths/parking kiosks. We will be providing a parking pass to all vendors.
- e. CanAm closes August 15th. Approximately 54 Saturday teams have entered to this point.
- f. May be a Jotform created for mat time fees for CanAm.
- g. Cindy discussed Japanese teams that have indicated interest in entering Westminster. As this tournament is a limited draw, they may not get in. Cindy has encouraged the requester to consider attending CanAm instead as they will be guaranteed entry.

Treasurer's (Dana Nichols) Report:

- 1. Update under Finance Report

Secretary's (Darcey Sare) Report:

- 1. Minutes for the June board meeting were posted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Judge's Committee (Jonathan Bescher) Report:

- 1. Alex Zdanowski promotion to Supervising Judge

Jon B. motions Alex be promoted from Approved to Supervising Head Judge. Darcey seconds. There is some discussion. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

- 2. Kailey Smith promotion from Apprentice to Provisional Judge

Jon B. motions to promote Kailey from Apprentice to Provisional Judge. Leerie seconds. There is some discussion. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

- 3. Jason Valdron promotion from Provisional to Approved Judge

Jon B. motions to promote Jason from Provisional to Approved Judge. John F seconds. Some discussion ensued. Overall response was good, and it was noted that he completed an additional judging assignment. Some additional discussion ensues. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

Rules Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

- 1. Drafting language for changes to judges from other flyball organizations migration program
 - a. Dana thanks John F for all of his work on this, and a separate subsection (Appendix D Subsection 2) will be added to the requisites.

Dana moves that Appendix D Subsection 2 be adopted to the rulebook as presented. Jon B seconds. Much discussion ensues. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

- 2. Whether teams declaring FEO may utilize warm up even when they do not race a team
 - a. Dana mentions that there isn't something that is in the rules to prevent this, but there is a concern re: this as regions are handling this differently. Clarification is asked for.
 - b. Forfeit vs. FEO was discussed.
 - c. The board also agreed that a forfeiting team may also warm up.
 - d. Jon B. to advise judges of the above for consistency of application.

Dana moves that no change to the rules be made, however, in order to increase consistency between regions, teams declaring FEO or are forfeiting shall be able to participate in warm ups. Leerie seconds. Some additional discussion ensues. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

Board takes a 10 minute recess at 7:52 pm CST.

Board reconvenes at 8:05 pm CST.

Finance Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. Change of US bank accounts
 - a. We have chosen Everbank as our US banking vendor.
 - b. We will also be ensuring that the ED, the Chair, and the Treasurer would be signatories on the US banking accounts, and that same group could make changes as required going forward.
2. Proposed budget
 - a. Dana recommends that the board adopt the proposed budget for 2026 as provided by the finance committee.

Dana moves that the board approve the proposed 2025/2026 budget projections as provided by the committee. Jon B. seconds. Discussion ensues. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Updating schedule of fees.
 - a. The committee proposes that the schedule of fees be visited each year to ensure they are appropriate for the upcoming year.
 - i. There was some question re: exchange rates.
 - ii. No recommendation to change current CRN fees, or new club fees.
 - iii. Replacement title pin costs would be raised to \$7.00USD/\$8.00CAD pin to reflect increased shipping costs.
 - iv. Replacement HOBBS pins will be at current market value as they contain GOLD.
 - v. NAFA Title patches are to be discontinued.
 - vi. Excusals Appeals fees are to be increased to \$100.00USD. Excusal appeal fees to be refunded if the appeal is confirmed.
 - vii. Recording fees payable to host club being raised as per prior approval. Dana suggests we remove the language "when tournaments are scored electronically" as all are scored in such a fashion currently.
 - viii. Late scheduling and seeding recording fees. Tournament hosts are subject to penalties when submitting schedules and seeding to their RD late. This will now be enforced.
 - ix. Tournament fees payments should be easier to enforce once due to new online payment methods are adopted in the 2025-2026 racing year.
 - x. Conduct prejudicial to flyball penalty will remain the same at \$100.00USD
 - xi. NSF cheque fees will be increased to \$50USD. This should be less of a challenge due to electronic payment.
 - xii. EJS shipping/usage non-shipment fees shall remain the same.
 - xiii. Tournament fees have already been approved for change and go into effect October 1, 2025.

Dana moves that we make the above changes to the schedule of fees as per the finance committee report. Leerie seconds. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Printing and mailing of certificates
 - a. Recommendation that we consider having self printing title/regional placement/etc. certificates.
 - b. Could make the certificates an option to be sent upon request.
 - c. Discussion ensues about the value we would be adding or removing by making a change to this item.
 - i. The board elects to defer this item until next year.
5. Update on online payment of fees
 - a. This has been working well overall with few bumps. Some clarification language to be made to mitigate.
 - b. Have another reminder out to clubs that starting Oct 2025, cheques will no longer be accepted for tournament fees payments. Could perhaps be sent to RDs for distribution to clubs.

Election Committee Report:

1. Contacted BigPulse for this year's election.

Nominating Committee:

1. No report

Marketing Committee (Paula Johnson) Report:

1. Online Store
 - a. New optional NAFA logo designs for clothing were viewed and discussed.
2. CanAm Promotion
 - a. Anthem singers to be found via "NAFAs Got Talent"-style submission as per Steve. Paula to create post for website/socials.
 - b. Rainbow Memorial Run details to be finalized. Steve C to work on this. Propose Saturday directly following racing. Final details to be announced prior to CanAm.
 - c. CanAm Judge profiles to be supplied to Paula for posting.
 - d. Paula has someone lined up for supplying media during CanAm for posting as she will not be attending.
3. T-shirt and Junior Participant Update
 - a. The pins have been finalized and ordered.
 - b. T-Shirts design has been finalized, and vendor has been provided with files in late July.
 - c. Paula to announce design winners once final electronic versions of designs have been provided.

Disciplinary Committee (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

1. Committee recommendation for removal of Excusal Record for Magic 160678

Jayne moves that the excusal for Magic be rescinded as the criteria for removal has been met. Dana seconds. No opposition. Motion carries unanimously.

Current Board Actions:

Name/CRN	Type	Description	Effective Date
Lisa Chavez	Probation	One year probation for conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	01/10/2025
Terry Griffin	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	09/21/2022
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 Report:

1. Lily 240627 Aggression Excusal
2. NOx 160764 Aggression Excusal
3. Luda 150875 Aggression Excusal

Special Committee Reports:

Technology Committee (Jonathan Bescher) Report:

1. Meeting with Dave Thomas and EJS Update
 - a. Meeting last Monday night with Jon B, Dave T, etc, as to what he needs to continue asap. He is hopeful that he will continue very soon. Tech documents have been sent out to the committee for evaluation/reference. Jon explains a number of functions of the new system.
 - b. Discussed opportunities to test this equipment. May need NAFA permission to complete some of the testing.
2. Emailed measurement alerts.
 - a. Jon B. has started discussions with Steve B., Chris C., and Dale S. as to how best to facilitate this.

CanAm Steering Committee (Steve Corona) Report:

1. No report

Invitational Selection Committee:

1. No report

Junior Handler's Committee:

1. No report

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. Notice of Excusal C.12 forms. The Chair has been informing owners of their right to appeal, but has a difficult time due to poor handwriting.
 - a. Can rules committee address maybe how to clean this up?
 - i. Leerie mentions that there is little room on there for any more info.
 - ii. It appears there is no requisite for a secondary letter to be sent to the owner regarding appeals, as it's already on the C.12
 - iii. Dana proposes we just alert the owner that we have received and accepted the C.12 form.

Dana advises that the filled out C.12 forms be sent to judge, RD, owner/handler and flyball@flyball.org. Jon B to send alert to judges re: this. Leerie also mentions that there is no printed name area on the current form. This item to be sent to the rules committee for review and changes as necessary.

Cindy moves to adjourn the meeting. Paula seconds.
No opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at TIME 9:30pm CST.