



# NAFA NEWS

*The Official Newsletter of the North American Flyball Association, Inc.*

*March, 1998.*

## Delegate Votes Coming

A reading of the abridged minutes enclosed with this mailing will reveal that the Board of Directors have decided to put three long standing issues to a delegate vote.

- Delegates will be asked to vote on a "Height Card" proposal based on agreement among 3 judges, one of whom must be a NAFA® Supervising Judge.
- Delegates will be asked to vote two "Jump Height" proposals  
  
Lower the the minimum jump height to 6 inches.  
  
Lower the the maximum jump height to 14 inches.

Delegates are asked to consult with their teams to decide how to cast their ballots for the betterment of Flyball as a whole.

### RECENT MAILING PROBLEMS

I would like to explain what happened with the last mailing of delegate information and team updates. The packets were given to the company that does the actual mailing for me in the middle of December. At the beginning of January I had a couple of calls from people saying that they had not yet received their information. I phoned the company that did the mailing only to find out that she had in fact not mailed all the packets when I had given them to

her. I explained that the packets had time sensitive material and had to be mailed immediately. It is my understanding that all packets were mailed at the latest January 14th. If you have still not received your packet please let me know and I will re-issue any information you are missing. The board has voted to purchase a mailing machine so that this won't happen again. I apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.....Melanie McAvoy

## The Executive Director's Corner

Clyde Moore

Welcome to another year of great flyball competition. There are numerous new clubs out there and already many new tournaments are on the horizon. As of Feb. 2, I had already sanctioned 52 tournaments for 1998. I am proud to tell you that your fees have now purchased three sets of the new redesigned Judging Systems that come equipped with a much brighter Xmas tree. By the time this is read, we should have all 3 in our possession. One of the older sets is still available for emergency use.

To all the Canadian tournament directors make a note that Chris Knowlton is now in charge of the transportation of the EJS to and from tournaments. Chris can be reached at 519-740-8838.

Now, I would like to explain something to all those who belong to the flyball list. Late in January the rumor started that NAFA's Board authorized judges and RD's to file charges against teams caught holding their dogs back. This never happened. You should not let rumors get to you. A RD

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wrote to the Board asking it for guidance in handling a problem caused by a club repeatedly seeding their teams too slow, holding all their dogs back on the exchanges, letting their last dog go just in time to win the heat, and easily winning their division. The Board's instructions to RD's were to warn clubs that if this practice were repeated at future tournaments, they would be brought up on charges of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of flyball (Sec 3.1 of the rules and policies).

Most of the Board members have e-mail addresses, and would be more than willing to answer any questions that you might have. This would improve your chances of getting the right information. Also your Board members are very active in the sport and at most tournaments there is usually one or more in attendance, competing or judging. You should take this time to ply them with your input, suggestions, and I hope, congratulations for the sometimes thankless job they are doing.

**Judges Approved**

New Supervising Head Judges:

Darrel West and Phil. Taylor

**Telephone Calls To  
Melanie**

Those who feel it necessary to call Melanie McAvoy on her personal line are requested to do so during the following hours:

Mon-Fri: 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M  
Sat-Sun: 12.00 P.M. to 6:00  
P.M. Central Time

**Words from the Chairman**

Steve McAvoy

The NAFA Board of Directors meeting was held on January 24-25 in Chicago, IL. At this time I would like to thank the members of the board and Mr. Moore for their work at this meeting. We had a full day on Saturday meeting for 10 hours and then doing committee work on Sunday. Several items were up for discussion as you can see in the abridged minutes enclosed in this issue. Also in the enclosed minutes you can see a list of committee heads, if you have any questions about the committees and their duties please contact either myself or any board member. Presently we have 3 proposals going out for a delegate vote. First is the jump height card proposal, also included will be a vote on lowering the minimum height to 6 inches and a third to lower the maximum height to 14". Delegates, please take the time to look over these proposals carefully and most importantly vote for what you believe is the best for our sport. Also discussed at this meeting was NAFA's position on racing in livestock buildings. A clarification of this policy appears in this issue. In closing I had a concern relayed to me that the board won't listen or doesn't care what you think. In response to that, all proposals going out for a delegate vote were a direct result of letters being sent to the board for consideration. Any letter sent to the NAFA board will be read at the meetings and a reply will be given. Let's have a great year of racing with our friends and family and above all have fun. Until next time.....*Steve McAvoy*

**REMINDERS**

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS .....*MAY 31, 1998*

NEXT BOARD MEETING:.....*JUNE 20TH (if necessary)*

ANNUAL MEETING:.....*DEC 5TH, VANCOUVER, BC*

NAFA NEWS PUBLISHED:.. *MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPT, NOV.*

**Internet**

(Thanks to Ian Hogg)

**Flyball Home Page:** <http://muskie.fishnet.com/~flyball/>

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listproc@ces.com

Leave the subject line blank or put "no subject".

Message must read only:

subscribe flyball *your real name*

e.g: subscribe flyball Jane Doe

## NAFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, 24 January 1998

(Abridged version of the minutes)

**Members Present** Steve McAvoy, Alan Weiner, Val Culpin, Judy Hagan, Katy Kaylor, Dale Smith, Sue Rogers, Bob Long & Marion Brinkman - also present Executive Director: Clyde Moore

Reports were made by the Executive Director and the Chairman

Steve noted the sad passing away of Dr. Don Newton DVM. Don was a member of the Rocket Relay Flyball team and a great supporter of Flyball. The Board extends its sympathies to Don's family and friends and team mates.

The committees assignments for 1998 are as follows:

Vice Chairman/ Finance	Alan Weiner
Secretary	Marion Brinkman
Treasurer	Katy Kaylor
Regulatory	Alan Weiner & Dale Smith
Judges & Guidelines	Val Culpin & Marion Brinkman
Marketing, Promotions & Public Relations	Judy Hagan & Sue Rogers
Hall of Fame	Katy Kaylor & Bob Long
Championships (National & Regional)	Katy Kaylor & Bob Long
Technology	Dale Smith, Bob Long & Sue Rogers
By-Laws	Judy Hagan & Dale Smith

**Suspensions** The Gateway Flyball Association has had its NAFA privileges suspended until such time as they pay in full the amount owing to NAFA.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**EJS - US/CDN Shipment** Clyde shipping the US-EJS; Chris Knowlton the CDN Set. To contact Chris phone (519)740-8838

**EJS - Standardization** Technology Committee will write a criteria for Board approval.

**Height Cards** The proposal for Height Cards will be put to a delegate vote as presented with one minor change "One of the three judges ..." changes to "At least one of the three judges must be a NAFA designated supervising head judge".

*A motion was made by Dale that the Height Card proposal go out for voting at the end of February, the return date be set for 31 May 1998 and that, if voted in favour, the applications for height cards would be come available by 1 July 1998. - seconded by Alan - the motion passed unanimously.*

**North American Shepherd** NAFA will, in the future, recognise N.A. Shepherds as Miniature Australian Shepherds

**Prong Collars** letter - Joan McMillan; letter - Bark in the Park A debate about the whole issue ensued.

*A motion was made by Dale to rescind the ruling made by NAFA at the last Board meeting - seconded by Sue. In favour - Sue, Dale, Bob & Judy Opposed - Marion, Val, Katy & Alan. Steve as Chairman had to break the tie and voted against the motion, so the motion did not pass.*

*A motion was made by Dale to send out the question to the delegates. There was no second so the motion died.*

*A motion was made by Sue to have the regulatory committee consider exceptions to the prong collar policy on a case by case basis pending further investigation. - seconded by Val. In favour - Marion, Val, Judy, Bob, Alan and Sue - Opposed by Katy - Dale abstained. The motion was passed.*

Alan to respond to Joan McMillan's letter letting her know that the Board will extend the temporary exemption until the regulatory committee concludes its investigation. Sue will investigate. Steve to respond to Bark in the Park.

**Under-age Dogs** The Regulatory committee will write an article for the Judges News reminding judges to watch out for obviously under-age dogs and excuse them from the tournament.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Letter from Connie Austin** Steve to respond

**Letters from Steve Morris** Dale and Bob are responding

**Letter from Susan Garrett** Susan asks the Board to consider lowering the max. and min. jump heights to 14" and 6" respectively. The Board, following a discussion, decides it's time to put it to a vote once again.

*A motion was made by Dale to include the 2 additional items in the same package as the Height Cards for the delegates to vote on. 1) lower the minimum height to 6 inches from 8 inches using the same measuring criteria and 2) lower the maximum height to 14 inches from 16 inches using the same measuring criteria. The questions are to be asked separately to allow delegates to vote for one or both parts. Seconded by Alan - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy*  
The ballot package to go out by 28 February and returned by 31 May 1998. Should the delegates vote in favour of one or both, the

effective date was set for 1 October.

**Letter from Brian Fay** Marion to respond

*a motion to award pins as well as plaques for the Onyx and FGdCh levels - seconded by Val - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy*

**Letter from Chris Knowlton** Marion to respond

*a motion to change the application time from 120 days to 90 days before closing required to sanction a limited tournament - seconded by Sue - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy*

The change is effective immediately.

**Letter from Ivor McTavish** Ivor's letter requests that Regional Directors be given the power to do something about teams that consistently seed themselves in divisions that are too low. As Ivor suggested the authority is already in place and the board feels that at this time the Regional Directors have the right to put on notice any teams displaying poor sportsmanship and may prefer charges against them if necessary. Clyde will write an article for the NAFA News reminding teams that it may be considered poor sportsmanship to consistently seed themselves to low.

**Letter from Brett Williams** Bob to respond

**Letters from Al Champlain** Steve to respond

**Mike Smith** Val will write to Mike

**www.Flyball.org** NAFA has acquired Flyball.org as a domain name.

**Interference** Bob would like a policy written out stating that following 3 interferences calls on a dog; that dog would be excused from the tournament. The Board feels that many judges are already letting competitors know that their dog is not ready to compete and the dogs are usually pulled voluntarily. Alan will, however, write a note for the NAFA News and Val for the Judges' News.

**Tournament Scoring/Software forms** Dale is developing software to score tournament sheets

**Annual Meeting** The annual meeting is set for Vancouver on Saturday, 5 December 1998.

**Tournament Grounds Clarification** The definition of tournament grounds as it pertains to the prong collar rule 6.15(d) will be clarified to include the racing lanes, the spectator areas and the crating areas.

**Supervising Judges** Darrel West and Phil Taylor are appointed as Supervising Judges.

**Financial Statement** The financial statement is to be included in the this issue of the NAFA News.

**Flyball in Florida** Judy has been corresponding with Flyball people in Florida and reports that things are coming into place to hold their first tournament. Judy will continue her offer of help to get things set up.

*A motion was made by Val to adjourn the meeting- seconded by Judy - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*

The Judges and Regulatory Committees met at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 25 January

The Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 9:25 a.m. Sunday, 25 January. The Executive Director and all Board members were present except Katy Kaylor.

**Ballots** It was decided that the ballots will be mailed separately from the NAFA News.

**The Livestock Barns & Arenas** (re: letter from Connie Austin) following a committee meeting to clarify the definition of Livestock buildings

*A motion was made by Alan to rescind the previous policy change "NAFA will not sanction future tournaments in buildings that house cattle, swine, or poultry" - seconded by Val - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy*

*A motion was made by Alan that "Tournaments will not be sanctioned by NAFA where a permanently covered dirt racing surface is commonly used for housing cattle, swine or poultry. All racing surfaces must be free of apparent contaminants." - seconded by Val - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy*

This new policy change is to be inserted into Section 6.13(c) after the sentence "Where sod, dirt, grass or similar surfaces are available, matting shall not be required."

*A motion was made by Val to adjourn the meeting- seconded by Judy - the motion was passed unanimously by the members present; one absent - Katy Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.*

## Canadian EJS Shipments

Chris Knowlton  
519-740-8838

## Team Captains

Please don't forget to submit your team's

**"TIME"**

before tournament closing dates.

# 1998 NAFA® DIRECTORY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Chairman : Steve McAvoy (96-98)**

Val Culpin (96-98)  
Marion Brinkman (97-99)

Alan Weiner (96-98)  
Sue Rogers (98-00)

Judy Hagan (97-99)  
Bob Long (98-00)

Katy Kaylor (97-99)  
Dale Smith (98-00)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF

**Executive director : Clyde Moore (98-00)**

Statistics and CRN #'s : Melanie McAvoy

Sanction tournaments : Clyde Moore

## REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Clyde Moore Region #1 MI,OH,PA  
Ivor McTavish Region #2 ON,NY  
Toni Osojnicki Region #3 MN,WI,NE  
Steve McAvoy Region #4 IL,IN,IA,MO  
Alan Weiner Region #5 TX,KS,LA

Katy Kaylor Region #6 CA,NV,AZ  
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# Green & Giustini

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## REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF  
NORTH AMERICAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

We have reviewed the balance sheet of North American Flyball Association Inc. as at September 30, 1997 and the statement of excess and members equity for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the company.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(signed) Green & Giustini

Cambridge, Ontario  
January 23, 1998

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**NORTH AMERICAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year ended September 30, 1997**  
**(Unaudited)**

## REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

**Balance Sheet**  
**Statement Of Excess and Members Equity**  
**Notes To Financial Statements**

## STATEMENT

**A**  
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**C**

North American Flyball Association Inc.  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 As At September 30, 1997  
 (unaudited)

	1997	STATEMENT A 1996
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Bank	\$ 7,345	\$ 6,203
Accounts Receivable	3,045	3,964
Inventory	<u>1,809</u>	<u>1,809</u>
	12,199	11,976
<b>Capital Assets (note 2)</b>	17,153	10,549
<b>Other Assets (note 3)</b>	<u>8,951</u>	<u>7,864</u>
	<u>\$ 38,303</u>	<u>\$ 30,389</u>
<b>SURPLUS</b>		
<b>Members Equity</b>	<u>\$ 38,303</u>	<u>\$ 30,389</u>
	<u>\$ 38,303</u>	<u>\$ 30,389</u>
<b>STATEMENT B</b>		
<b>Fees</b>	\$ 50,240	\$ 47,055
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	2,888	1,705
Amortization	3,498	3,400
Awards	2,068	1,739
Barrk Charges	106	61
Meetings & Travel	11,074	10,592
Newsletter	1,196	1,202
Office Supplies	6,509	6,033
Professional fees	1,022	4,973
Promotional Tapes	-	450
RLntal & Repairs - Equipment	1,984	1,660
Rulebooks & NAFA Paraphernalia	150	3,194
Shipping - Equipment	6,863	5,958
Telephone	<u>4,768</u>	<u>4,907</u>
	<u>42,326</u>	<u>45,874</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>	7,914	1,181
<b>Members equity, beginning of year</b>	<u>30,389</u>	29,208
<b>Members equity, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 38,303</u>	<u>\$ 30,389</u>

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

**b) Capital Assets and Amortization**

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost Amortization is provided using the straight-line basis at the following rates:

Racing Equipment 20%

**c) Other Assets and Amortization**

Other assets are recorded at historical cost Amortization is provided using the straight-line basis at the following rates-

Incorporation Costs 5%

Trademarks 5%

**2. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	<u>1997</u>			<u>1996</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Racing Equipment	<u>\$25,095</u>	<u>\$ 7,942</u>	<u>\$ 17,153</u>	<u>\$ 10,549</u>

**3. OTHER ASSETS**

	<u>1997</u>			<u>1996</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Incorporation Costs	\$ 500	\$ 82	\$ 418	\$ 443
Trademarks	9,332	799	8,533	7,421
	<u>\$ 9,332</u>	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 8,951</u>	<u>\$ 7,864</u>

**4. CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

The company is organized upon a non-stock basis and has applied with the Internal Revenue Service for Non-Profit status. The corporation was formed and incorporated in the State of Michigan to teach and train its members in the sport of Flyball Financing is obtained through the imposition of dues and membership fees on the corporation's members and the corporation is organized on a directorship basis.

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## Help Wanted

There is a long-standing problem in NAFA concerning how to fairly accept entries to limited tournaments that take place in areas where such tournaments usually fill very quickly. The existing rules were made long ago before excessive numbers of entries became a real concern. The NAFA Board is soliciting ideas on how this problem might best be resolved in a fair and equitable manner for competitors and organizers alike. Please think through your suggestions carefully, then put them in writing to the attention of Clyde Moore.

### NAFA Head Judge's Discretionary Authority

by Alan Weiner, Regulatory Committee

Most issues that come up while racing in a Flyball tournament are clearly spelled out in the NAFA Official Rules and Policies. There are, however, a number of circumstances that require a judgment call. Allowing a dog under one year of age to run in a tournament is an area that is left to the Head Judge's discretion. The policy was intentionally written to allow for this. Dogs mature at different rates. Some dogs, particularly the larger breeds tend to mature slowly. The impact of jumping and hitting the box may result in injury due to their soft growth plates. Conversely, many dogs are closer to their adult proportions at an early age and may not have a problem with this. Even within a breed there may be a wide range of difference; dogs with a lot of substance maturing more slowly than fine boned dogs.

The point of the policy is not to disallow a dog from running that may be a few days shy of one year. It is a mechanism that permits judges to prevent a dog from getting injured. Attempting to run a dog in a tournament at a very young age indicates that it was being trained for several months prior to that. Judges that I've spoken with feel the one year time frame is working well to prevent injury.

Another area of judge's discretion is asking the handler of out of control dogs to pull them from the line-up. While interference or aggression may not be occurring, having a dog continually run towards the other lane and around the course or beyond is inappropriate. Proposals have been made to excuse these under trained dogs but judges have been doing a good job using their discretionary authority to deal with this problem. After issuing a warning to the handler whose dog has "run amok" (usually two or more times), the Head Judge may ask a handler not to run their dog if it is out of control.

From a training standpoint, it can be detrimental to a dog to continually let it choose to chase other dogs. A tournament is not the place to work this out using other teams as a distraction. It is not fair to the other teams and training in the ring is not permitted. Some teams try to practice with other groups prior to tournaments to solve this. It is also permissible to set up jumps and boxes away from the racing area, where others won't be distracted to train.

#### Section 6.4 - Code of Ethics

(b) Training and exhibiting shall be carried out by such methods that keep in the best interest of the dog and Flyball.

(c) Abuse or severe disciplining of a dog is not in the best interest of Flyball. Abuse may include the running of dogs that are not one (1) year of age in a sanctioned tournament..

#### Section 6.6 - Judges Guidelines .....

(e) The rules and policies are a basic guide. They should not be considered a manual containing explicit direction for every possible situation. Judgment calls should be based on the experience, good character, and fairness of the judge. The intelligent application of discretionary authority demands that a judge exercise common sense, fairness, and initiative. Above all else, the safety and well being of the dogs and exhibitors shall be foremost.