

NAFA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting January 14, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom Teleconference

Jayne called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm CST
Approximately 27 people in attendance.

Chairperson Comments

Jayne McQuillen thanked Neil Flood for his work and his family for supporting him during his tenure as Executive Director. Having worked with him as a board member, RD and now as chairperson she has seen first hand the thought he has put into every decision he has made. A lot of the decisions were difficult but he has kept participants and playing the sport at the top of his priority list.

Executive Director Comments

1. Welcome, introduction, trivia question

Welcome to our third virtual AGM. Questions will be answered at the end of the meeting. If you have questions during the meeting, please send them to Lynda Mantler during the meeting.

Introductions:

Neil Flood, ED for the past eight years, Minnesota, Region 3

Board Members:

- Jonathan Bescher, North Carolina, Region 9
- Leerie Jenkins, North Carolina, Region 9 (not in attendance)
- Emily Rose Allred, North Carolina, Region 9 (not in attendance)
- Kathy Haney, California, Region 16/6
- Meagan Langs, Arizona, Region 6
- Cindy Henderson, Massachusetts, Region 13
- Jayne McQuillen, Iowa, Region 21
- Emma Mak, Ontario, Region 2
- Lynda Mantler, British Columbia, Region 7

Neil posted the Trivia question: It is themed around the board members rolling off.
What is the total number of dogs registered since Neil became ED on January 13, 2017?
The winner will receive a \$50 gift card from Chewy.
The tiebreaker question is how many divisions has Leerie judged?

2. Flyball stats from 2022 season

Here are some stats for the 2022 season with comparisons to 2021

- 253 events hosted; up 158 events
- 30 different states/provinces hosted events; 17 the previous year
- 4562 teams that raced across 236 clubs, up over 3000 teams over the previous year and up by 70 clubs
- 2300 dogs earned titles; up by 1500
- 3125 dogs earned points; up 1200 dogs earning points
- 14,073,442 points earned; up 11,000,000 points
- 117 different breeds earned points; up 17 from the year before

NAFA is making great progress coming out of COVID.

3. Election Results

Executive Director, Steve Corona, Region 5

Board of Directors:

Jonathan Bescher, Region 9

Dana Nichols, Region 19

Cindy Henderson, Region 13

The Board of Directors elected the following officers to the Executive Committee:

Jayne McQuillen - Chairperson

Dana Nichols – Vice Chair

Lynda Mantler - Secretary

Cindy Henderson – Treasurer

Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame.

It was a close election; however, no dogs received the minimum 35% required votes to be elected.

Judge of the Year:

Amy Brubaker Stewart, Region 9

REGIONAL MVPs:

REGION 4

- Rudy - Border Collie - Janis & Phyllis Martin - BC Boomerangs

REGION 5

- Ranger - Mix - Ashley Stricklin - Alamo Racing Canines

REGION 6

- Zoom - Mix - Kathy Haney - Surf City Flyball

REGION 7

- Maddie - Mix - Jessi Pierce - Stumptown Racers

REGION 8

- Mystic - Border Collie - Karen Machin - Diamonds in the Ruff

REGION 9

- Shady - Labrador Retriever - Donna Shelton - Fur Fun

REGION 10

- Grip - Border Collie - Diana Murphy - Fast 'n FURious

REGION 11

- Phantom - Border Collie - Lucy Meyo – Barkaholics

REGION 12

- Sydney - Jack/Russell Terrier - Tam Ha – Aftershock

REGION 13

- Henry - Mix - Kathy Allen - Patriot Flyball

REGION 14

- Worth - Australian Shepherd - Jane Kline - Music City Road Dogs

REGION 15

- Lexi - Mix - Dawn Adler - Obsessed K-9's

REGION 16

- Freedom - Mix - Michelle Largent - Pacific Pups

REGION 18

- Ricochet - Mix - Cindy Rabe - Alaska Dogs Gone Wild

REGION 19

- Rusty - Jack Russell Terrier - Rob & Mindy Trombley - Bad Company

REGION 21

- Holmes - Border Collie - Carol Freeman - Mutter Chaos

2022 NAFA Champions – Regular

Skidmarkz, Region 21, with an average 6 fastest times of 14.60

2022 NAFA Champions - Multibreed

Fur Fun, Region 9, with an average 6 fastest times of 17.004

4. CanAm Updates

October 20, 21, & 22, 2023 are the upcoming dates.

We partnered with AKC TV and ESPN again to televise the championship races. It was a beautiful set up in a new building.

The whole event this year will be in a new building that is still under construction.

Camping reservations will be opening later this year.

If you can come this year, it would be great to see you there.

5. Updates from Board Meeting

- The NAFA community lost a really great competitor this year, Emily Getty. She helped make CanAm run smoothly since CanAm II, working tirelessly behind the scenes putting together, awards, welcome bags and prizes. In honor of Emily, the CanAm Multibreed trophy will be renamed the Emily Getty Cup. We were able to let Emily know of this and she was very appreciative.
- A new RD Handbook has been updated and will be published soon.
- New Multibreed 40,000- & 50,000-point pins and 30-year participant pins were approved. They will be created and sent out to RDs for distribution.

6. Q & A

No questions submitted in advance or during the meeting.

Question from Paula Johnson:

Is there a time frame for the invitational planning?

Neil:

Last Friday we received the date and location for the invitationals; February 25 & 26, Ocala, Florida. It's not a lot of lead time. There was a push to have the event held in the first part of the year as viewership is up at that time of year. The selection committee prepared a list of teams to be invited and hopefully, within the next week the attending teams can be announced.

Question from Paula Johnson:

What was the criteria for invitational participation?

Neil:

From memory, briefly:

- NAFA standing; would the teams be good representatives of NAFA on the public stage
- Regional standings
- NAFA standings
- CanAm results
- How fast have they been running lately
- Is the club hosting and attending events
- Looking to have regional diversity and teams from Canada and the USA
- Proximity to the venue to keep costs down

The section committee proposal and invitation criteria were published in the September 12, 2022 board meeting minutes.

7. Trivia winner

Answers to Questions

- Dogs registered since Neil became ED on January 13, 2017
Answer is 3763 dogs. The closest answer is from Curtis Smith who submitted 4900.
- Tie-breaker: How many divisions has Leerie judged.
Answer is 387. The closest answer was 340 from Paula Johnson.

8. Meeting Close

Neil thanked Leerie for his service on the board. Leerie has been a tremendous resource, friend, sounding board, offering support and advice. He participates on a high level as a supervising judge, working at CanAm, work on the NAFA website.

Neil gave thanks to all the board members he has worked with.

Thanks to Steve and Jayne for being great partners to work with.

Steve Corona thanked Neil and Leerie for all their mentorship. The depth and breadth of information and history that they have is incredible. They have worked tirelessly to support NAFA. He is looking forward to continuing to make NAFA a great flyball organization.

Jayne thanked Terry McClean, Curtis Smith, Kathy Haney and Lynda Mantler and Emma Mak who contributed to making sure nominations and elections went smoothly.

The meeting minutes from yesterday will be published when available and meeting highlights will be posted shortly.

Thank you to all attendees, Neil and Leerie as they leave their positions and all candidates that ran for positions on the board. We appreciate your enthusiasm and the desire to help this organization be better.

Jonathan moved; Lynda seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm CST.