

NAFA BOD Meeting Minutes - August 21st, 2026 9:00am CDT via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board Members:

- Jayne McQuillen, Chair
- Emily-Rose Allred, Vice-Chair
- Darcey Sare, Secretary
- Jacob Patrick
- John Forseth
- Mindy Trombley
- Paula Johnson
- Leerie Jenkins

Executive Director: Steve Corona

Guests: Karen Oleson

Late to Meeting: Dana Nichols, Treasurer

Jayne called the meeting to order at 9:02am CDT.

Officer's Reports:

Chairperson's (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

1. Question regarding Limited Draw tournaments.
 - a. Discussion: Jayne asks how the draws work. Leerie provides the following:
 - i. The limit is set for each class, and each class is its own draw and team # limits. The host club gets the first draw in each class. Co-hosts do not benefit from this feature. Regular draws first. Each club gets a team in, then they move to the second team and on until the limit is reached. Multibreed is the second draw with the same format. Open is next as the third draw with the same format.
 - ii. Teams can decline a team spot in any class, and the next available team can enter.

Jayne takes the board into executive session at 9:15am. Karen O. leaves the discussion.

Jayne takes the board out of executive session at 9:55am

The Board would like to state that NAFA values height dogs and believes that the withers measurement as it stands is fair to all dogs. Lengthy discussion on the part of the Board has occurred, and suggestions for change have not been moved off of the table without thorough discussion. The Board feels there has been substantial investment in determining that our current measuring system is fair to all. The Board has also taken into consideration the values that NAFA has to support all dogs including smaller breeds and mixes as true height dogs.

Executive Director's (Steve Corona) Report:

1. Report on FOWC Experience
 - b. Steve reports that the experience was incredible and Cambridgeshire Flyball outdid itself as the sole host.
 - c. Discussion ensues re: gathering information about next year's edition of the FOWC to allow for attending clubs to plan, etc.
2. Report on continuing conversations with other world flyball organizations and Conflict of Interest (COI) clarification.
 - a. FCI is drawing back as the European flyball "governing" body as they are focusing more on their principal directive of supporting purebred dogs - much like the AKC and CKC. Representatives from worldwide flyball governing bodies are coming together to create a new worldwide umbrella body for international competition, etc.
 - i. Possible names - International Flyball Federation (IFF), World Association of Flyball (WAF), World Organization of Flyball (WOF), International Association of Flyball (IAF), World Flyball Alliance (WFA, Federation of World Flyball (FWF), World Flyball Federation (WFF)
 - b. Steve and Leerie have reported that they are not in a position of COI as this will not be a competing organization to NAFA, but an inclusive organization of flyball associations with their own rules and policies. At this point, Steve, Emma and Leerie are involved in fact finding along with the other organization representatives.

Jayne calls a recess at 10:12AM CST

Jayne restarts the meeting at 10:19AM CST

Jayne motions to approve Leerie Jenkins, Steve Corona and Emma Hamilton to converse on behalf of NAFA during these exploratory discussions. John seconds. Leerie abstains. Discussion: The board discussed and agreed that this effort is not deemed a COI with NAFA as per our rulebook. No opposition. The motion carries unanimously with Leerie abstaining.

Jayne takes the board into executive session at 10:25AM CST. Karen O is asked to join the discussion.

Dana joins the meeting at 10:45AM CST

Jayne takes the board out of executive session at 10:57AM

The Board discussed the Border Crossing International Tournament to be hosted by Some Ruff Competition (SRC) in 2027. The Board has asked for further clarification as to how the Tournament(s) and Invitational portions of the event are to work. Steve and Karen are to work with SRC on this matter and possibly develop an FAQ for the event.

Finance Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. Dana sent out an email with the financial info from the last quarter. Dana lauds Crystal for her efforts. The reports are reviewed by the Board members.
2. Budgeting has been pretty much bang on for revenues with overall revenues being slightly ahead of budget.
3. Budgeting for next year's major purchases would need to be projected very soon, so Dana asks that the Technology Committee provide an estimate of their budget for the next year,

understanding that changes are myriad (website, database changes, and EJS development), and they will not be held at the amount.

4. Steve brings up that Annie Taylor has come to him regarding pins. An idea is brought forward to create a new 40 year participation pin to add to the existing long term participation pins, as well as have RDs work with participants for distribution as appropriate.

Leerie moves that the Board approve a new 40 year participation pin, and restock other participation pins at the estimated cost of \$12,000.00. Dana seconds. Discussion ensues. It is recommended that RDs announce to participants that these pins are available and to ask them for provision once they are made available. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carries.

Treasurer's (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. See Finance committee notes above.

Rules Committee (Dana Nichols) Report:

1. Discussion around the use of Canine Sports Hub and other flyball management softwares and the retention of timesheets for the requisite one year. A recommendation is made that the hosting club download the timesheets from the hosting software and retain for the requisite time.
2. Revisiting this item from March BOD Meeting: Adding language to the C.9 requiring submission with tournament results.
 - a. Rules committee to finalize language.
 - a. Final language as follows:
 - i. CHAPTER 6 - HOSTING A NAFA® SANCTIONED EVENT Section 6.1 - Requirements
(m) The following items will be sent to NAFA electronically within 14 days after the tournament:
 1. NAFA Recording Fees: a. \$25 USD per scored team for single day tournaments; 45 b. \$38 USD per scored team for tournaments lasting more than 1 day; c. When multiple tournaments hosted by the same club occur on successive days, the full fee is due for the tournament with the largest entry and \$13 USD per team may be deducted from each additional tournament.
 2. Completed Tournament Results Form (NAFA Form C.6);
 3. If applicable, any statements with respect to conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball;
 4. If applicable, any protest(s);
 5. A copy of the original C.2 (time sheets), either printed or electronic, must be retained by the host club for at least 1 year following the tournament;
 6. An electronic copy of the original C.9 (jump heights form). The original must be retained by the host club for at least 1 year following the tournament and the C.9 information must be entered into the NAFA database.

7. Motion to approve above language made by Leerie and Dana seconds.
No discussion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Dana exits the meeting at 11:29AM CST

Secretary's (Darcey Sare) Report:

1. Previous meeting minutes were posted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Judge's Committee (John Forseth) Report:

1. Judge advancements:
 - a. Daphne Tryhuk - Apprentice to Provisional
 - i. Some discussion ensued.
 - ii. John motions to advance Daphne to provisional. Leerie seconds. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carried
 - b. Becca Kreski - Apprentice to Provisional
 - i. Some discussion ensued.
 - ii. John motions to advance Becca to provisional. Mindy seconds. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carried
 - c. Ashley Brown - Apprentice to Provisional
 - i. Some discussion ensued.
 - ii. John motions to advance Ashley to provisional. Emily seconds. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carried
 - d. Christina Paugh - Apprentice to Provisional
 - i. Some discussion ensued.
 - ii. John motions to advance Christina to Provisional. Emily seconds. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carried
 - e. Alex Jeffries - Provisional to Approved.
 - i. Some discussion ensued.
 - ii. John motions to advance Alex to Approved. Leerie seconds. No further discussion. No opposition. Motion carried
2. Judges' reinstatement process word changing:
 - a. Requirements for Reinstatement of Approved Status
 - (c) Loss of status due to lack of judging assignments. Judges who do not meet the judging assignment requirements of paragraph 2.2(c)(i) to maintain their approved status in any one racing year, revert to provisional judge status and must do the following, within one (1) NAFA racing year:
 - (i) judge at least two (2) divisions of a tournament on two (2) different tournament weeks under the supervision of a NAFA supervising judge, and then judge at least one (1) division at two additional tournaments.
 - (ii) obtain a completed C.18 form for each of the four assignments and submit them to the Judges Committee for reinstatement as an approved judge.

(d) Loss of status due to losing measuring official status. Judges who do not meet the requirement to maintain their measuring official certification in paragraph 2.2(c)(ii) to maintain their approved status in any one racing year, revert to provisional judge status and must follow the requirements of Section 2.3 - Measuring Official Status (g) (CP&P).

John motions to add the above change to the rulebook. Leerie seconds. Leerie mentions that we want to avoid being unclear on requisites, and the former language was somewhat ambiguous. No other discussion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Jayne takes the board into executive session at 11:48AM CST. Karen O. leaves the discussion.

Jayne takes the board out of executive session at 11:54AM CST

John clarifies with the Board that there are some judges who would be affected by the change above, and their local RD(s) shall be notified.

Jayne calls a recess at 11:56AM CST

Karen O leaves the meeting at 12:05PM CST

Jayne calls the board back into session at 12:17PM CST

Technology Committee (Leerie Jenkins) Report:

1. Continued database improvements:
 - a. Awards - special character issues
 - i. Various examples are presented, and solutions have been found.
 - b. Ad hoc queries
 - c. Permanent measurement infrastructure
2. New website
 - a. Consequences of completely replacing the database are discussed.
 - b. Leerie demonstrates the new websites and features.
3. Accessibility
 - a. Canine Sports Hub and its use at CanAm. Some with vision issues have mentioned issues with using CSH and other software, and how those products may not play well especially with device specific vision assistance products.
 - b. NAFA social media. Those that use screen readers, etc have issues with pictures of text rather than actual text. An example may be tournament flyers, NAFA imagery, etc. Paula discusses what NAFA is now doing re: content to alleviate this problem as much as possible.
4. New EJS
 - a. Leerie discusses the current prototype testing and presents a video outlining the same. Leerie believes we will have a testable version by the end of the 2026 calendar year and will be looking to test in a live environment.
 - b. Leerie also discusses the lower per-EJS cost compared to the current systems and reckons that NAFA will be able to place more EJS systems in more locations in order to minimize transport and cross border challenges.
5. Red 2 has been refurbished and is now available for use after being unavailable for some time.

Dana rejoins the meeting at 12:37PM CST

Election Committee Report:

1. Elections are open.
2. BigPulse has been engaged and paid.

Nominating Committee:

1. No report

Marketing Committee (Paula Johnson) Report:

1. Online store update
 - a. Paula reached out for some assistance to bind to the payment site, but is having issues with the vendors. Paula is looking for someone that has direct experience with Square and Printful and integrating them.
 - b. There is a desire to match the new NAFA site in look and feel.
2. Social media accessibility issues

Disciplinary Committee (Jayne McQuillen) Report:

1. No report.

Current Board Actions:

Name/CRN	Type	Description	Effective Date
Ellen Telleen	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Krysta Telleen	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
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
705 RF Revolution	Suspension	Failure to pay tournament fees	Indefinitely
1050 InFocus Flyball	Suspension	Failure to pay tournament fees	Indefinitely

255 Pawdemonium	Suspension	Failure to pay tournament fees	Indefinitely
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Review Panel Report:

1. Gunner 240298 Aggression Excusal
2. Ragnar 230352 Aggression Excusal

Special Committee Reports:

CanAm Steering Committee (Steve Corona) Report:

1. Steve informs the Board that the college student group that was to come and do extra video, etc has unfortunately had to decline coming out this year due to changes in administration and funding shortfalls.
2. AKC.tv will broadcast the event again this year, and AKC has added CanAm coverage to their YouTube channel this year in addition to their app specific service.
3. There will be 6 photographers available for this year's CanAm.
 - i. Adam Short - Ambient Exposure
 - ii. Nicole Hrustyk - Pawtraits by Nicole
 - iii. Jennifer & Finn - Bad Dog Photography
 - iv. Ash Hill - Split Second Photography
 - v. Cayley Bridges - Cayley Bridges Photography
- b. There will be portrait times available on Thursday and Friday.
- c. There is a request to photographers for mat time to be photographed as well. This idea was well received, and is still in process.
4. Friday daytime, evening and Saturday evening mat time details are discussed and will be released ahead of the event.
5. Jayne reports that Large Group Camping was well received. It does take some effort to organize camping groups, but it did seem to ease demand when general camping opened as well.
6. Emily Rose to organize an event for Thursday for vendors, pin/sticker trading, and other items of whimsy.
 - a. Emily has prizes sourced
 - b. Information being finalized for distribution
 - c. Friday night sticker trading will be available.
 - d. A plain black backdrop and banner will be available for a photo booth.
7. A Memorial Run will occur on Saturday.
8. We will be adding a Parade of CanAm Retirees on Sunday while we set up for Finals. Thank you to Tracy Sklenar for this suggestion. Many competitors retire dogs at CanAm and this is a special way to highlight those dogs.
9. The breakout time in Regular and Multibreed classes at CanAm on Sunday ONLY will be reduced from 1 second to 0.3 seconds. The breakout time for all classes on Friday and Saturday, and for Open class on Sunday are unaffected.
10. John is continuing to reach out to judges for relief judging at CanAm.
11. Teardown/clean up coordinator has been identified and will be taking this off of Karen's plate.
12. Mindy presents a report on sponsors and vendors.
13. Gate access information will be distributed closer to the date.

Invitational Selection Committee:

1. No report

Junior Handler's Committee:

1. Ongoing: Paula is to gather the committee and create a sort of passport for Juniors as a fun activity during the weekend to earn prizes of some sort.

Paula departs the meeting at 1:06PM CST

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Proposal from Veronica Mayorga (attached). This item has been addressed in the Rules Committee section above.
 - a. Jayne will respond personally re: the above.

Next meeting dates are set for:

1. October 5th, 2026 @ 6:00PM CST

John moves to adjourn the meeting. Emily seconds. No opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourns at 1:28PM CDT.



Letter to the North American Flyball Association

Dear NAFA Board,

We are submitting the enclosed proposal regarding revisions to the current dog measurement process used to determine jump heights. For the reasons outlined in our proposal, we believe that if the ulna method is implemented, the result will be improved fairness, fun, and well-being of our beloved dogs. In addition to our proposal, we are also submitting the signatures of individuals throughout the flyball community who support moving toward a more consistent and dog-welfare centered measurement method. We thank you for consideration of our proposal and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

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