

NAFA BOD Meeting Agenda – April 10, 2024 – 7pm CT

Officer’s Reports

- Chairperson Report
 - a. Proposal to combine Marketing & Communications Committees
 - b. Proposal to develop a HOF advisory committee
- Executive Director
 - a. CanAm Update
- Treasurer’s Report
- Secretary’s Report
- Election Committee – no report

Standing Committee Reports

- Judges Committee
 - a. David Stockovas - Provisional to Approved
 - b. Kalip Frasier - Provisional to Approved, with exceptions due to area
 - c. Alex Jeffries - Started judging program in Alaska - Due to remote area of Alaska, Judges committee recommending some adjustments.
 - d. Peter Guildon - Update on status of his Supervising application.
- Rules Committee
 - a. Revisiting request for change to the performance team rules.
 - b. Recommendations for issue of velcro on boxes during tournaments
- Finance Committee
 - a. Update on financial reporting
- Nominating Committee – No Report
- Marketing
- Disciplinary Committee
 - a. Baron 170266 Aggression Excusal

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date
Terry Griffin	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	09/21/2022
Whisper, 110704	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Prank, 140408	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Ripple, 120746	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Daisy, 120612	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
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 – no report

Special Committee Reports:

- Technology
 - a. EJS - Scoreboard Values
 - b. Light Tree (Thomas Tubes)
- Communications Committee

- CanAm Steering Committee
- Invitational Selection Committee - no report
- Junior Participant Committee
 1. Create a program of tracking "points" for Junior participants to work towards either annual or on-going titles/awards
 - a. ideally create an online solution for tracking - recognize that we are currently without a database lead which may delay or stall this option
 - b. possible bridge solution to have team captains collect and then submit data to NAFA annually - ?could a simple google doc work for this purpose?
 - c. points would be earned based on a variety of participation levels - incl but not limited to: shagging, props, box judging, running a dog
 - d. NOTE: Pins were generally liked but there is significant interest in title plaques or ribbons or something that builds on itself over time as the junior would earn more awards
 2. CanAM - ideas that came out of the survey was provided to Steve Corona
 - a. showcase top junior teams in championship ring on Friday - everything stops to watch
 - b. recognize all junior participants not just those running a dog
 - c. create a "Lend-A-Dog" program on the FB event page for CanAm - supplement and support what regions might already be doing
 - d. make more of a splash out of the awards ceremony for juniors
 - e. give out ribbons that could say " my first CanAm" or "Junior Participant - CanAm 2024" etc
 3. Create a template that would be distributed to RDs and general membership to complete and submit for consideration for Junior of the Month. each month one would be highlighted on the website and SM channels
 4. Sponsorship for Junior program - looking for a large sponsor that would support the junior program both at CanAm but annually/ongoing
- COI Review Panel – nothing to report
- NAFA 40th Anniversary Committee
 - a. 2 most popular Logo options – additional modifications will be made
 - b. Work with marketing committee - this could be our first product in new store?
 - c. Set up photo booth at CanAm with NAFA colors that is separate and apart from the usual CanAm photo booth. (Pretty easy to incorporate)
 - d. Solicit early pictures and video to create a shared archive of flyball over the years.
 - e. Social Mixer Thursday evening of CanAm with slide show

Dear NAFA BOD members,

Thank you for your ongoing service to the flyball community.

We are writing to you about the board's selection process for the NAFA Hall of Fame nominees and a suggestion on how it could be improved. We want to emphasize that we do not wish to diminish the nominees who have made the ballot or received the award.

SpringLoaded submitted nominations for Linda Sell's dog Rory for the NAFA Hall of Fame this year and last. For FY 2022, Rory was one of 5 dogs on the slate and was one of the top 2 finishers. But while the top two came close to it, neither reached the 35% vote threshold.

For FY 2023, we were surprised to hear that the BOD did not qualify Rory, only allowing 3 dogs when there can be up to 5 on the slate. The sadness was compounded, especially for Linda, by the fact that Rory passed away in 2022.

We are confused as to why Rory didn't make it to the ballot for FY2023, mainly because of the following reasons:

- She had qualified for FY2022
- She was in the top 2 finishers for FY2022
- Her nomination letter covered all the HOF consideration criteria in the rule book • _If any dog can be called famous/notorious, Rory fits that description, not only in her own region but NAFA-wide; she ran as a height dog at the most elite level on NAFA's biggest stage, CanAm, and helped her team win three world records

We'd like to suggest a possible way of making the selection process more standardized:

- Directors could be given a rubric consisting of each of the HOF criteria from the rule book
- They would score each dog against each of the criteria from a scale of 1 to 5 (for example)
- The results for all the criteria could be totaled up for each dog
- Any nominees not reaching a threshold could be eliminated
- The rubric scores could also be a way of ranking the dogs if there are over 5 nominations

We are not sure if Linda will want Rory to be nominated again, but we hope that using this rubric might reassure competitors that there is a method in place to ensure as much objectivity as possible is brought to the difficult process of nominee selection.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emma Mak and Kelly Price



NAFA 40th Anniversary Logo

R1 Option L



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R1 Option A