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NAFA Board of Directors Nomination

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I would like to nominate Jonathan Bescher for the NAFA Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of working extensively with Jonathan on the BoD in the past, and he is one of the hardest-working and most selfless people I have worked with.

Jonathan's dedication to the success of CanAm cannot be overstated. He is frequently one of the first people to arrive and get to work and one of the last to leave each evening. He consistently puts in the time and effort needed to make the event successful, without seeking recognition for himself.

Jonathan also brings a unique and valuable perspective to the Board. He doesn't race a dog himself, but instead has a passion for judging and for continuing to build and strengthen NAFA's judging program. He is committed to supporting and developing our judges and improving the program as a whole.

Jonathan is an excellent contributor and collaborator who is willing to put in the work to support the organization and the sport. Having worked alongside him, I know the commitment and perspective he brings, and I believe he would be an incredible addition to the BoD.

Please join me in supporting Jonathan for the NAFA Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

Cindy Henderson

Nomination for NAFA Board of Directors for Cindy Henderson

I am seeking election to the NAFA Board of Directors in 2026. I bring 27 years of experience in Region 13 as the owner/captain of Wicked Runners, service as a Supervising Judge and prior board experience from 2020 through 2025. Most importantly, I want to answer WHY I want to serve on the board again and WHAT I hope to do to help advance the sport.

WHY

- I loved my time on the board the first time around. I learned so much about the inner workings of the organization. I got to know some amazing hard-working people and develop friendships with them and would love to work with this group of individuals again.
- Right now, Region 13 is not represented on the board at all. I feel it is important to have diversity on the board with as many regions represented as possible and not too many people from one area.
- I have ideas to help the sport and more importantly believe I have an open mind to hear from others their suggestions to grow and advance the sport. If something isn't working, I am open to change and not just maintaining the status quo.
- I have recently semi-retired, giving me much more time and energy to dedicate to helping NAFA.

WHAT

- Growth: Flyball participation declined after the COVID-19 shutdown, and recovery has varied by region. Region 13 and other smaller regions would benefit from stronger NAFA support, including practical tools and shared guidance for forming new clubs and managing them successfully.
- Technology: We need to advance the technology utilized in the sport. There have been a lot of amazing advances in the past couple years, but we still have work to do. I would like to find ways to move this along faster.
- Financial: Kudos to the board over the past couple of years getting spending under control and tightening up the processes for collecting fees. NAFA now needs to find ways to grow our balance sheet so we can invest in technology and other areas to grow the sport
- Voice of the Competitor: I want NAFA to hear directly from competitors, beyond comments shared on social media. I would try to visit as many regions across North America as possible to learn what is working, what is not, and which new ideas should be consideration.

I would be honored to be selected to be on the NAFA board again. Thank you!

Board of Directors

Leerie Jenkins

To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to once again nominate Leerie Jenkins for a position on the NAFA Board of Directors. Leerie served as a board member from 2009-2015, 2017-2022, and 2024-2026, and as chairman of the board from 2010-2015. As chair, he was responsible for scheduling, helping to plan, and presiding over all board meetings.

During this time he worked tirelessly on behalf of NAFA and was an active member of every standing committee.

During his tenure some of his accomplishments include:

- Served on every NAFA committee (except nominating committee).
- Always willing and available to address questions and concerns from competitors in an extremely timely manner.
- Participated in a complete re-write of corporate bylaws with attorneys.
- Helped plan and run all CanAm Classic Tournaments from 2009 through 2019.
- Helped create "Line & Box Training" video.
- Helped work on design, testing, and implementation of new database.
- Helped work on design, testing, and implementation of new NAFAScore online scoring program.
- Helped create videos for new measuring system.
- Assisted in diagnosing, repairing, and maintaining US EJS sets.
- Helped design, test, and implement new CanAm website (nafacanam.com).
- Serves as the NAFA Webmaster.
- Counsels new tournament hosts.
- Trains and mentors new judges.

Leerie's broad business and technical skills are an asset to the Board of Directors. While completing these activities at the national level, Leerie continued to be an active member of the Fur Fun flyball club and is the Tournament Director for two historically very large (2-4 ring) tournaments, and one small, limited tournament. As a Supervising Judge, he mentors and trains new judges. In the category of self-improvement, Leerie successfully completed the "Dog Training Professional" program, and earned the designation of "Certified Training Partner" from the Karen Pryor Academy. I believe he has acted on the board as he has in the competition ring, with integrity and with the best interests of NAFA and the sport of flyball in mind. I hope you will join me in casting your vote for Leerie Jenkins in the upcoming NAFA Board of Directors election.

Respectfully submitted by:

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