

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Phone Conference  
July 18, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President Jeff Mundorf.

Present: Jeff Mundorf, Bob Wagner, Jimmy Walker, Anna Guthrie, Campbell Forsyth, Richard Brandon, Jennifer Quinton, Steve Wight. Steven Rosvold

Not Present: Tom Blasdell

Campbell Forsyth motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2016. Tim Gifford seconded; approved.

**President's Report**

- Jeff Mundorf made a statement that Board members need to feel OK about voicing their opinions or presenting an opposing viewpoint. We can disagree without being disrespectful.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Some money from Finals has not yet been deposited, and we are still owed a bit. We currently have \$33k in the account.

**Old Business**

- Finals Review
  - Jeff Mundorf asked each Board member if they had anything to say.
  - Steven Rosvold, Steve Wight, Anna Guthrie, Tim Gifford, and Campbell Forsyth all had nothing new to say that was not covered in the President's Report.
  - Richard Brandon said that we all know that the cattle were an issue, so in future we need more control of them. Suggested that rather than printing courses in the program, we have a list of obstacles that may be used. He also suggested that we have a member survey to discuss the way Finals are awarded—keep the system as it is, complete cumulative (all three runs added together), or clean slate on Final day. He also suggested that tweak the double lift and simplify and standardize courses.
  - Jimmy Walker said that where the cattle were housed created a domino effect, and that all the issues hinged on that.
  - Bob Wagner said that Mary Cannot do both the sheep trial and our Finals, so she will step down from our Finals. They are working on finding someone to take over that position. The Meeker people felt that there were communication issues between them and the Board. Decisions were made that they had no input on. They felt we were not concerned with the event as a whole, but just with the trial. We need to stick to our schedule. The town liked us, however. There will be a meeting in Meeker on the July 26.
  - Jennifer Quinton felt it was disorganized and that it was a "Meeker event" and asked why they had any input in decisions.
  - Bob Wagner answered that it was because Meeker can put on a large event, and we do not have the wherewithal to do that. He also said that they paid almost \$30k. He also asked what we should have done to make it "more NCA."
  - Jeff Mundorf suggested more NCA banners, etc.

**New Business**

- Tresea Briggs' salary
  - We need to start paying her more and reduce some of her duties.
  - Richard Brandon suggested perhaps using \$1 from each sanctioning fee.
  - Jeff Mundorf proposed a straight increase. Currently she gets \$2500 a year with a \$200 bonus annually. Jeff suggested an increase to \$500 a month plus the \$1000 bonus. Tim Gifford made the motion; Anna Guthrie seconded. There was some discussion, and then the motion was approved.

- Regional Finals Applications: We have the following:
  - Tim Gifford - Midwest
  - Campbell Forsyth - Canada
  - Steve Wight - Mountain
  - Jennifer Quinton - West Coast
  - Randy Mooney - South East
  - Jimmy Walker - South Central
- There was some discussion of moving the Regional Finals more toward open field trials and coordinating so that they are all in the spring shortly before National Finals. This would make for simplification of points toward Regional Finals.
  - Campbell Forsyth said that it might be possible to move the Canadian to spring.
  - Jennifer Quinton said that with calving and branding, spring is a busy time.
  - Bob Wagner said that it would simplify by every region using the same qualifying year as National Finals.
  - Tim Gifford said that he is locked in for Grand Island (coming soon), but that it could become a stand-alone trial with Regional Finals being a bigger deal (and hence, better).
  - He suggested maybe using the various associations to help build up the Regional Finals. Campbell Forsyth agreed that they should be a bigger deal. Steve Wight also agreed.
- Jeff Mundorf said that we have about \$33k and that perhaps some of that could be used for Regional Finals.
  - Tim Gifford suggested that perhaps we could pay the National Final entry fees for the Regional Champions.
  - Steven Rosvold suggested that perhaps some amount could be given to each region toward their payouts.
  - Campbell Forsyth suggested it could be used for each region's stock fees or other expenses.
  - Jennifer Quinton said that at sortings they all get a jacket.
  - Jeff Mundorf said that we have 7 regions, with only 6 Regional finals, so perhaps each region could get \$1000.
  - Jimmy Walker suggested that we let each region decide how to use the money. It was decided that no decisions or actions needed to be taken at this point, but the issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Open points for Nursery aged dogs
  - A motion was made by Steve Wight that we change this rule as it currently stands (Nursery dogs who place in Open get points in Open and those points also in Nursery) so that points will now count only for the class in which they are earned and to make it retroactive back to the beginning of this qualifying year. Steven Rosvold seconded.
  - Some discussion ensued. Campbell Forsyth suggested taking it to the members for their input.
  - Bob Wagner said that the Intermediate people are having a hard time getting Nursery points because of this rule.
  - The motion stood as presented. The motion was passed 6-3 in favor, with one abstention.

- Tim Gifford said that it goes back to when we had a hard time getting enough Nursery dogs for Finals, but that it was not needed now.
- He suggested giving a separate award for the Nursery dog that shows well in Open, and that this is more incentive for Intermediate handlers to move up to Open.
- Bob Wagner said he feels this is best for the NCA.
- Anna Guthrie said that taking away points already earned is not fair.
- Campbell Forsyth asked if we could amend the motion, but the motion stood as presented originally.
- The vote was split, with six ayes (Steve Wight, Bob Wagner, Steven Rosvold, Jimmy Walker, Jennifer Quinton), and three nays (Campbell Forsyth, Richard Brandon, Anna Guthrie), and one abstention (Jeff Mundorf), and so passed.
- Incentive for Intermediate handler to move up to Open?
  - Jeff Mundorf asked how forcefully we want to make this happen.
  - Currently the top two point-earning handler/dog teams (not Horseback; only the Champion Intermediate Horseback must move up).
  - A suggestion was made for some kind of total lifetime points, or National Finals appearance to move handlers up.
  - Jimmy Walker said we need more emphasis on Regional Finals, and then bring a certain percentage of the class from each region to National Finals.
  - Jeff Mundorf suggested that we all keep thinking on this and see what ideas we can come up with.
- Facebook administration
  - We need a person who will be 100% supportive to NCA and positive in attitude for an admin.
  - Perhaps one person from each region?
  - Some names were thrown out, but Bob Wagner suggested we take some time to consider this. We don't want to ask for people to do this and then turn them down.
  - A Facebook admin team will be looked into.

Next meeting: August 22, 2016.

Campbell Forsyth moved to adjourn; Jennifer Quinton seconded; meeting adjourned.