

**Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference
March 26, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by President Juan Reyes

Present: Juan Reyes, Tim Gifford, Bob Wagner, Jeff Mundorf, Jimmy Walker, Randy Bradford, Anna Guthrie
Guest: Richard Brandon

Absent: Robin Nuffer Brown, Tom Blasdel

Tim Gifford moved to approve the minutes of 3/5/14 meeting. Motion seconded by Anna Guthrie and approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- The NCA currently has 213 members.
- Balance \$14,151

Old Business

- Finals
 - Jimmy Walker moved to adopt rules for the 2014 NCA Finals (see attached). Motion seconded by Anna Guthrie and approved unanimously.
- Tim Gifford moved to adopt a payout schedule for the 2014 NCA Finals (see attached). Motion seconded by Jeff Mundorf and approved unanimously.
- Board approved changing dog sponsorship to \$150.
- Tim Gifford moved to make the former Nursery trophy the traveling Open trophy. Motion seconded by Anna Guthrie and approved unanimously.

Next meeting April 15, 2014.

Jimmy Walker moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jeff Mundorf and approved unanimously.

2014 NCA Finals Rules

Entries and Substitutions

- A handler may enter up to two qualified dogs per class in the NCA Finals.
- Any dog (or team for the Intermediate class) is qualified to be entered if they have earned any NCA points during the qualification rounds.
- Among those dogs or teams entering, the top 50 dogs in the Open class, the top 30 dogs in the Nursery class, the top 25 dogs in the Horseback class, the top 25 teams in the Intermediate class and the top 10 teams in the Intermediate Horseback class will be eligible to compete.
- Those dogs or teams entering, but not eligible to compete, will be put on a waiting list to become eligible to compete if the Waiting list dogs are ranked in descending order of points earned.
- A handler may substitute a qualified dog for an entry at any time prior to the beginning of the Finals.
- Substitutions must be within class. However, if the substituted dog has not earned sufficient points to be eligible to compete, it will be added to the waiting list.
 - For example, if a handler initially enters Open dogs ranked 3rd and 27th among the entries, but then wishes to substitute a dog that would be ranked 55th, the substituted dog will not be eligible to compete unless and until there are additional substitutions.

Course Rules

- Course is points and time.
- Handler to send dog from and is free to move anywhere behind handler line.
- Time begins when cattle leave trailer or setout panels or when handler sends dog.
- The outrun will not be judged, and points will not be awarded or deducted based on the outrun.
- Must get one calf through each obstacle before proceeding to next obstacle.
- Handlers may retry any obstacle before moving on, but once it is obvious to the head scorer that a retry is being attempted, the points earned at that obstacle are forfeited.
- Handlers may retry obstacles as many times as they wish.
- After cattle have mixed, handler must either be retrying or moving to next obstacle.
- Runs will receive full time unless all cattle exhaust.
- Running on the course is not allowed. Violations will result in points for that obstacle being forfeited.
- A stock stick may be carried.

- *Handlers may not enter, reach into or put any object into obstacles. Violations affecting the outcome of the run will result in the run being forfeited.*
- *If cattle leave the course and the dog was not responsible, a rerun may be given at the discretion of the head scorer. If a handler is responsible, the head scorer may allow points earned to be scored with full time allotted. If the dog is responsible for the cattle leaving the course, the score may be given at the discretion of the head scorer.*
- *A handler may retire their dog for points earned and a maximum course time at any time during their run. Intention to retire must be indicated clearly to the head scorer.*
- *During their run, handlers may question scorer as to completion of an obstacle. Scorers will not provide information unless asked.*
- *If a dog appears out of control and is abusing the cattle, the head scorer may instruct the handler to retire. Dog will receive no point in the run and maximum time.*
- *Instructions given at handlers' meetings take precedence over these rules.*
- *Grievances must be directed to the course director. Course director may consult with scoring committee. Decisions of the scoring committee are final.*

Final Round

- *Top 40% of dogs in each class, based on sum of scores in 2 preliminary runs, will qualify for the Finals. In the event of ties, the dogs with the fastest combined times will be taken.*
- *Run order for the Finals will be from lowest to highest combined score.*
- *Champions will be determined by sum of scores in highest scoring preliminary run plus the Final run (cumulative scoring).*
- *Ties will be broken by:*
 - *Score in other preliminary run.*
 - *Placing in Final run*

2014 NCA National Finals Payouts

- *Day money: Open class: 1st - \$500 2nd - \$250*
- *Nursery, Intermediate, Open Horseback: 1st - \$400 2nd - \$250*
- *Intermediate Horseback: 1st - \$350 2nd - \$250*
- *Day money paid for both preliminary runs and for the final run.*

Finals Payouts

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Open	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$750	\$400	\$350	\$300
Nursery	\$1,700	\$1,275	\$850	\$425			
Intermediate	\$1,700	\$1,275	\$850	\$425			
Open HB	\$1,500	\$900	\$600				
Intermediate HB	\$400	\$250					