



AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for January 2021

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

Welcome to the following incoming Board members:

- Robin Benbow, BC/VI
- Yanick Villeneuve, QC
- Meaghan O'Neill, AB/NWT

Robin is new to the BOD, while Yanick and Meaghan are returning to the BOD after a break.

1. The BOD approved *twenty-five new members*, representing eight AAC regions.
2. The BOD approved new members and/or Board Liaisons to the Standing Rules Committee, the Judges Standing Advisory Committee, and the Appeals Committee.
3. The BOD approved a change in dates for the 2021 Ontario West Regional event, hosted by the Red Barn Event Centre, from May 28-30, to July 2-4.
4. The BOD voted to accept the recommendation of the Nationals Steering Committee that, given the uncertainty of COVID-19 travel and gathering size restrictions, a National Championship event will not be held in 2021. With this in mind, the NSC also recommended that Regionals hosts be given flexibility in their choice of dates.
5. The BOD approved the sale of the Fun@Home league and NQTN courses. These will be available for download on the AAC website.
6. The following topics were discussed, but did not lead to any decisions:
 - A pre-Starters class similar to the AKC's ACT, virtual, live, or both.
 - Grandfathering of non-AAC trained judges.
 - Preliminary results of the competitor survey.
 - Allowing Regionals hosts some flexibility in accepting entries.
 - The possibility of "level Q's" to be earned on clean runs at 2021 Regionals.
 - How best to encourage judges and trial hosts to follow through with incident reporting.
 - The Junior Handler committee is looking at ways to allow Juniors to use legs earned while running under non-JH rules to count towards JH titles.
 - Extending early double drop status to other dogs in addition to the giant breeds. This has been passed to the Standing Rules Committee.