

ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME By-Laws & Operating Procedure

As adopted and approved by the English Cocker Spaniel field trial hall of fame committee on December 6, 2011 and revised on January 14, 2012

(Nominations open June 1 and close September 30 of each calendar year)

The English Cocker Spaniel is one of multiple breed organizations that are part of the Bird Dog Foundation of Grand Junction, TN. The breed organizations include Pointer/Setters, German Shorthaired Pointers, Brittanys, Irish/Red Setters, Retrievers, and Springer Spaniels.

“The Bird Dog Foundation is dedicated to preserving the past and protecting the future for bird dogs including pointers, spaniels and retrievers most of which are involved in competitive field trial sports across the continent. The foundation houses and operates the National Bird Dog Museum, Field Trial Hall of Fame and Wildlife Heritage Center all under one roof at Grand Junction, TN.”

The Bird Dog Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, is independent of all other organizations, and is a tax-exempt entity. It houses the National Bird Dog Museum, the Field Trial Hall of Fame and the Wildlife Heritage Center. The National Field Trial Hall of Fame is the umbrella for all breed Field Trial Halls of Fame and the English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame has become one of these.

The purpose of the ECSFTHF is to create a legacy for the English Cocker Spaniel competing in field trials and serve as a repository of information, art, photography, and memorabilia reflecting its history in the USA. It will provide recognition of both individuals and dogs to be elected into the ECSFTHF and provide a place where the public can visit to learn more about the English Cocker Spaniel as a field dog.

Resolution to the Bird Dog Foundation Board: re: English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Selection Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the “English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Selection Committee (ECSFTHFC) constitutes a standing committee of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America (ECSCA) and shall constitute a standing committee of the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc., that such ECSFTHFC shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by an Advisory Panel and that the ECSFTHFC and Advisory Panel shall carryout their responsibilities in accordance with the following:

Composition of the Field Trial hall of Fame Committee

All people selected to the ECSFTHFC shall have extensive experience field trialing cockers. Committee members should be people who have been, or are currently involved with field trials and are knowledgeable of cocker's history in the sport. The ECSFTHFC shall consist of the following seven individuals:

- (a) One Member—shall be appointed by the ECSCA Field Trial Committee (FTC). This person shall be a current or former member of the FTC and shall serve as an AT-Large member and be the first Chair of the Committee for an initial period ending December 31, 2013; Thereafter, he/she shall be an elected member as described below for a term of three years.
- (b) One Member—shall be appointed for an initial term ending December 31, 2013 by the ECSCA (Parent Club) to serve as an At-Large member. Thereafter, he/she shall be an elected member as described below for a term of three years.
- (c) Four Members— shall initially be appointed by the FTC for the inaugural term ending December 31, 2014. They shall represent the four geographic areas East, Midwest, West, and South. Thereafter he/she shall be an elected member as described below for a term of three years.
- (d) One Member—shall be appointed by the FTC, as an At-Large member, for an inaugural term ending December 31, 2013. Thereafter he/she shall be an elected member as described below for a term of three years.

Each Committee member shall serve a term of three years (except for the initial appointment which shall be as stated above) with the seven such members belonging to two Classes, with staggered terms. The Classes are: Class I--Three At-Large Members, Class II-- Four Regional Representatives. Continuous service on the Committee by an individual is subject to the limitation that such individual is ineligible for re-election for a third or subsequent full three-year term.

All ECSFTHFC members shall become permanent Advisory Panel members after they complete their term.

ECSFTHFC Nominations and Election

Nominations of prospective members for the ECSFTHFC shall be submitted to the ECSFTHFC Chairman between June 1st and September 30th prior to the expiration of the class of membership stated above. Each nomination must be submitted on the ECSFTHF form provided by the ECSFTHFC. Nominations can be made by any individual who has a dog eligible to run in the NCC for the current year, as well as by any prior ECSFTHFC or FTC member. Nominees shall have extensive experience field trialing cockers

Voting for the new ECSFTHFC members shall take place by ballot mailed to the owner of a dog eligible for the NCC in the year the class of membership ends. The owner shall receive one vote, regardless of the number of dogs qualified. ECSFTHFC members shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast. If at any time there is a vacancy in the post of Chair of the Committee, such vacancy shall be filled automatically by the ECSFTHFC from its current members. The Chair of the Committee shall serve for a period of 3 years and may be re-elected

for a maximum of another 3 year term provided they are a current member of the ECSFTHFC while serving as the Chair of the Committee. If at any time there is a vacancy in a particular post for a member of the Committee, for any reason, (including, but not limited to, a former member's death or resignation), such post shall be filled by the ECSFTHFC, selecting from the field trial community, a suitable person possessing the necessary skills and experience. This person shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election of class member.

Removal of ECSFTHFC members can be made if the members conduct or behavior is deemed to be in conflict or detrimental to the purpose of the group. Such removal shall only take effect if the group, other than the person being charged, votes unanimously to remove the individual from the ECSFTHFC.

Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel to the ECSFTHFC shall consist of (i) all living individual inductees to the ECSHF, (ii) all former members of the ECSFTHFC, (iii) all current members of the FTC, and (iv) all living handlers who have titled a National Cocker Champion. Any person currently serving on the ECSFTHFC is not eligible to serve on the Advisory Panel at the same time.

Nominations to the ECSFTHF

Nominations of dogs or people to the ECSFTHF shall be made by the Advisory Panel and will be accepted from June 1st through September 30th of each calendar year beginning in 2012. Nominations must be submitted to the chairperson of the ECSFTHFC on the form provided by the ECSFTHFC.

The ECSFTHF honors field trial dogs that have exhibited excellence in the field and made a significant contribution toward furthering the breed of English Cocker Spaniels in the field. Typically, these dogs are the ones that have been dominant in AKC field trial competition as demonstrated by multiple placements in various field trials nationwide. These dogs often will have produced pups that have gone on to become field champions.

ECSFTHF honors persons who have made significant contributions over their lifetime to the field trial game. Contributions can be in several areas, such as, but not limited to: Handler, Judge, Patron, Dog Owner, Gunner, Club Official, or through service on field trial committees, etc. All persons nominated should have served the Field Trial game for a lengthy period of time.

Dogs

A nominated dog must be an AKC Field Champion (FC). A dog should be considered based on performance during its entire competitive career. Winning a National Championship does not necessarily make a dog an eligible nominee and should not overshadow an entire career. Nor should the lack of an NCC Title eliminate a dog if it has other NCC placements and multiple field trial wins. The dog's ability to perform for different handlers and in different regions of the U.S.A., Canada and the U.K., would be considered an admirable quality, but, not make a dog automatically eligible.

The future of the ECS depends on dogs producing excellent progeny. Therefore, a dog's progeny and their quality should be a strong consideration.

Other items to consider when nominating a dog to the ECSFTHF are: consistent high placements in open and amateur AKC field trial events, high point ECS for a given year, or a winning of multiple NCCs and foreign field trial championships or foreign national championships.

Certain dogs, during the course of their trialing careers, have been recognized by the field trial community as the "dog to beat" whenever they competed. Such reputation might also be taken into consideration. Dogs must be deceased for at least one year prior to being nominated to the ECSFTHF.

Persons

People to be nominated and elected to the ECSFTHF should have an exemplary service record to the sport of field trialing ECS on a national basis for an extended period of time.

Individuals should be nominated based on the total contributions they have made of time, talent, or treasure to the ECS field trial game. All persons should be respected by their peers as unselfish givers and exhibited good sportsmanship. People demonstrating long term involvement with the ECS Field Trial game through service as a Patron, FTC or ECSFTHFC Member, Chair of NCC and local trials, Gunning FT and NCC, Judging FT and NCC, handling, training and owners of dogs that have earned titles (FC, AFC, NCC, CNFTC, ENFTC, etc). are qualities one looks for in nominating a person to ECSFTHF.

All people nominated to ECSFTHF must be deceased or 65 years of age or older. The intention is for the award to reflect one's entire lifetime achievement and although, some may still be active after age 65, it was felt the recipient need not be deceased to be recognized.

Procedure

After nominations are received for both dogs and individuals, the ECSFTHFC will meet to discuss and vote on each dog and person nominated. The members of the ECSFTHF Committee will take the entire list of dogs and people nominated and select three dogs and three people to be combined on the "short list". The short list will then be discussed and voted on by ECSFTHFC Members. Each dog or person will be voted on individually in an open ballot. The two dogs and two individuals receiving the most votes, providing they received at least 4 (four), will be voted into the ECSFTHF. In the event that more than two dogs or people receiving 4 (four) or more votes are tied, there will be a runoff vote for dogs or persons tied in the first ballot. Each ECSFTHFC member will only be permitted to cast one vote in the runoff. The dog or person receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped so that only a maximum of two dogs and two people will be elected each year, but there shall be no requirement to elect any minimum number of dogs or people. In the event that no dog or person receives four or more votes, then no dog or person shall be elected for that year.

If a dog or person is nominated to the ECSFTHF and is not elected, that dog or person will be added to a list of past nominees that have not been elected. This list will be combined with the new nominees to form the complete list of nominees to be considered by the ECSFTHFC for election into the ECSFTHF for a given year. If a dog or person is on this list for three years and is not elected to the ECSFTHF, or a nominated dog or person does not receive at least one vote, that dog or person will be removed from the list, but can be re-nominated.

Certain Limitations on Eligibility

Neither a ECSFTHFC member (nor a member of his/her immediate family), nor a dog owned or handled in competition by such member (or an immediate family member of such member), shall be eligible for selection to the ECSFTHF at any time while such person serves on the ECSFTHFC. Immediate family member shall include spouse, significant other, mother, father, children, including adopted children. The names of person(s) or dog(s) proposed shall be cumulated by the ECSFTHFC and included in the first Initial List of possible inductees that is circulated to all ECSFTHFC members after such person(s) steps down from the ECSFTHFC. There shall be no limitations applicable to members of the Advisory Panel. However, no person shall be permitted to serve as an Advisory Panel member at the same time as serving as a member of the ECSFTHFC.

Induction Process

All breeds in the Gun Dog Field trial hall of fame hold their Induction Ceremonies at the Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, TN. This event is held on the weekend prior to the second Monday in February. This is a big festivity for all attending, and includes a brochure with pictures and information on all inductees.

Amendments

These by-laws are meant to stand the test of time. However, it may be found that portions of the by-laws are unclear or do not properly serve the English Cocker Spaniel field trial community and need to be amended. Any member of the ECSFTHFC can propose an amendment. If the amendment is seconded, following discussion a vote will be taken and if the amendment receives five (5) votes in favor it will pass, otherwise the amendment will fail.

Definitions

AKC	-	American Kennel Club
AKC AFC	-	American Kennel Club Amateur Field Champion
AKC FC	-	American Kennel Club Field Champion
AKC NCC	-	American Kennel Club National Cocker Championships
CNFTC	-	Canadian National Field Trial Champion (Foreign Title)
ECS	-	English Cocker Spaniel
ECSCA	-	English Cocker Spaniel Club of America (Parent Club)

ECSFTHF		English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame
ECSFTHFC	-	English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Committee
ENFTC	-	English National Field Trial Champion (Foreign Title)
FC	-	Field Trial Champion (AKC Title, U.S.)
FT	-	Field Trail(s)
FTC	-	ECSCA Field Trial Committee
NCC	-	National Cocker Championship

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***Amendment to HOF By-Laws regarding dog nominations passed unanimously by roll call vote April 4, 2013: *"We may accept a foreign dog that has not earned an AKC FC title, but did make a significant impact on the blood lines in the USA. For a foreign dog to be inducted into the ECSHOF it must be by unanimous vote of the ECSHOF Committee Members and no less than five of the seven members must be present either in person or by conference call. "*

***Clarification on voting procedure for Hall of Fame committee members (minutes August 22, 2013): *Ballots will be sent to each owner of a dog who has qualified for the NCC of that year. If there are two owners for one dog they get just one vote. An owner of qualified dogs receives one vote only. No owner may vote twice.*