

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – February 15, 2011

Present: Buzz Benson (Chair/At-Large), John Dartt (At-Large), Dennis Joannides (At-Large), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West), Sue Wilson (South), Terry Oliver (East), and Kim Wiley (Mid-West)

Absent: None

Approved 2011 Field Trial Schedule: Buzz Benson

Buzz has emailed committee members the most current list of approved field trials for 2011. They are also posted on www.fieldcocker.com. Clubs who held trials last year, and who are not currently on the list, will be contacted by Buzz to see if they are planning a trial for 2011.

Field trial application procedure was reviewed: 1) Clubs email FTC Chair for approval 2) FTC Chair notifies ECSCA and AKC when the trial dates are approved.

NEW NCC Trophy: No new information; no updates.

FTC Committee Regions:

The FTC regions as outlined in the Oct 2008 FTC meeting minutes are listed below. All 50 states are included. We need to make sure that everybody is current on this and not using the previous versions - especially when voting for representation. The regions were set up to keep representation equally divided.

Midwestern: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin

Eastern: Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Southern: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

Western: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

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NCC 2010 Profit:

Dennis Joannides made a motion to create a Junior and Novice Grant, which would enable clubs to cover a FT entry fee for a worthy junior or novice participant as a way of growing field trial participation. Further discussion of the motion's exact wording was needed before a vote could be taken.

It was moved (Sue Wilson) and seconded (John Dartt) that reasonable expenses for the FTC Chairperson to attend the ECSCA Board Meetings are reimbursed by the ECSCA. The motion passed by a vote of affirmation. Buzz Benson will submit the request to the ECSCA Board at their next meeting.

2012 FTC Members At Large:

Members were asked to solicit names for At Large committee members from ECSCA members as they attend field trials this spring and fall. John Dartt & Dennis Joannides will have completed their first 2-year term and will be eligible for re-election in 2012. Buzz Benson will have completed his second 2-year term and is not eligible for re-election.

2012 NCC Judges:

Committee members are urged to encourage clubs to be thinking of possible NCC Judge Nominees, as we are planning to start the 2012 NCC Judge selection process in June/July this year with the intent of announcing the 2012 NCC Judges at the 2011 NCC banquet on October 27, 2011. The committee agreed to focus on an NCC judging criteria before the nominations and election.

Kim Wiley recommended criteria that required an NCC judge to be a "senior AKC judge" having judged 12 championship point events, either open or amateur or combination thereof, and having judged a minimum of (2) AKC cocker trials.

Miscellaneous:

Kim Wiley emailed committee members a list of awards currently recognized by the ECSCA.

Barbara DeFalco has suggested we consider introducing a "versatile cocker" award. Buzz Benson will check with ECSCA regarding the viability of such an award.

Thank you notes are being sent by the 2011 NCC FT Secretary, Bethann Wiley, to 2011 judge nominees. An email contact for Allen Gwynne is needed.

Our next meeting: Tuesday 3/15/2011 – 7:00PM CST

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wilson