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ECSCA Field Trial Committee Minutes

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America Field Trial Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Time: 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time- 9:30 p.m.

Attendance--Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Keith Meissner, Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart Special guest Chris Dartt
Absent: Vicky Thomas, Pete Rizzo,

I. **Call to order** --was made at 8:05 pm

II. **Elections--**Terry made a motion and Mike seconded the motion to approve Keith Meissner as our Recorder of the minutes and Dennis Joannides to edit and format minutes. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Dennis is working on formatting the letterhead document and asked for help from the committee or the field on how to keep the formatting throughout all devices, be it phones, tablets, or computers. Terry suggested using an Adobe Acrobat might work and he will lend his hand on formatting as well.

III. **Approval of Minutes & amendments--** A motion was made by Dennis to accept the December 13th minutes as distributed and Mike seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

IV. **Agenda--**There were no additions or changes to the agenda and it was accepted as written.

V. **Unfinished Business**

A. **NCC 2016--**Chris Dartt the NCC 2016 Chairwoman joined the meeting to give the FTC a financial review of the of income and expenses for 2016 NCC.. Chris stated that she felt that the event was held without any problems and was a great event. Chris felt that it was a very successful national and made a profit of \$1618.56. Chris wanted to thank Tom Calabrese for sponsoring the NCC photographer and Orton Plantation for the Gun Team for sponsoring.

There were 90 dogs entered making this one of the largest NCC event in its history. Chris also felt that the care shown the volunteers in terms of gifts, meals, etc., helped ensure that the trial ran smoothly. In reviewing the budget and expenses, Dennis noted that the money spent on gifts and meals to platinum members seemed out of line with other sponsor levels and it needed to be revisited for future years. On another subject, Keith asked what amount of profit should we budget in future. Chris felt that \$4000 would be a good number to help ensure a profit or break even in the event of a disaster or unseen expense. Chris stated that she, and or future NCC chairs, could cut expenses for volunteer's gifts, guns gifts, etc., if there was a shortfall that needed to be reconciled. Chris was under the impression that profits from the NCC go to the general fund of the ECSCA and therefore we should try to run at break even. Dennis indicated he was under the impression, from talking with Karen Spurlin, ECSCA treasurer, that although all profits from the NCC are comingled with the general funds of the ECSCA, it is earmarked in the ECSCA accounting as a separate line item for use by the field group to fund future events and grow the sport. It is not put into a general fund for the ECSCA for use by the bench and show groups.

B. Gunning Committee – Since Vicky Thomas and Pete Rizzo were not present it was determined that we should wait until our next meeting to vote on Gunning Committee nominations. It was decided that the FTC including the present Gunning Committee would take a closed vote on the Gunning Committee Nominations. Each region will have 1 Gunning Committee representative. It was noted that there are no nominations from the West or the East at this time. The Rocky Mountain Region has 1 nomination, The Mid-West has 2 nominations, and The Mid-East has existing members on the Gunning Committee.

C. 2017 Cocker Calendar – update with either Open or Amateur events. The FTC looked at the calendar for Cocker Trials for the year. The FTC requests the field trial secretaries to let the FTC know if any of the dates are incorrect. The Cocker Field Trial Calendar is attached to these minutes. Terry stated that he would like to have Northeast Ohio Bird Dog Association Trial on October 7 & 8. This date appeared to be available and the date will be reserved subject to formal application to the FTC by NOBDA.

D. 20 Amateur stakes to be held in 2017 – This gives us enough Amateur trials to petition the AKC to hold an Amateur National in 2018. All of the other criteria has been met. Deb & Vicky will contact the AKC in regards to the paperwork associated with getting the 2018 NACC organized. Mike stated that they are looking at grounds to host the 2018 NACC in anticipation of approval.

VI. **New Business:**

A. FTC scheduled meetings – Deb polled the FTC about the best schedule for FTC meetings. Dennis felt that once a month, a 1 ½ hour meeting the second Tuesday of every month should be adequate. It was agreed by all that we adopt this schedule. Dennis further suggested a motion that all FTC members must participate in a minimum of 70% of the monthly scheduled meetings to be eligible to run for a second term on the FTC. Keith stated that we might have a hard time filling the positions that we have and it might be difficult to find more people that are willing to serve, although he also wishes that everyone made the meetings. Dennis felt that meetings twice a month gets to be too much and the FTC can do a lot of this work through emails. Mike restated Dennis' motion and Terry seconded the motion. A vote was

called and all were in favor. All FTC members will now be required to attend at least 70% of the meetings, which will be held once a month on a date agreeable to the majority of the FTC members.

B. Field Trial Submission Form__ Fillable submission form to request approval of a field trial date for a club –take a look at this form on Fieldcockers.com. Deb wanted to remind clubs that in order to get an approval from the FTC to have a Cocker Trial they must fill out the Field Trial Submission Form that is located on the fieldcockers.com website and send it to the FTC for approval

C. Shortening the NCC Qualification Period – Do we want to change the qualifications for the NCC from the current 3 years to 2 years? This will be tabled until the next FTC meeting.

D. 2017 NCC-- Dominique / 2017 NCC, Kansas Chairperson. This will be tabled till the next meeting.

E. Benefits of ECSCA membership--Dennis indicated we have received requests from members of the field to put together a list of the benefits associated with becoming a member of the ECSCA. An initial list was started and further discussion is tabled for the next meeting.

F. 2017 FTC Chairperson--The FTC wanted to thank Deb Strohl for taking over the position of FTC chairperson. Deb has proven to be a great resource for the FTC and we have confidence in her ability to lead the FTC as it's chairperson.

G. Adjournment--Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm EST, Terry seconded the motion.