

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – February 5, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. CST

Present: Kim Wiley (Chair/Mid-West), Joe DeMarkis (At-Large), Buck Grabowski (South), Barbara Defalco(West), John Dartt (At-Large), Robert Griffin (At-Large), Terry Oliver (East). Guests – Rod Beck and Buzz Bensen Guest- Sue Rose

The agenda was reviewed. The agenda was approved and the meeting began.

Unfinished Business

A. NCC 2013 update – Buzz Bensen began the meeting by sharing that North Dakota has reviewed their proposed budget and then presented their position as to why the increase in entry fees from \$200 to \$275 is necessary. They would like to eliminate as much fundraising as possible and still put on a very nice event. Kim asked about cutting expenses in an effort to reduce the \$275 proposed entry and Buzz said they would try but the \$275 entry was still needed. They plan to break even and not make any money.

Hearing from Robert Griffin and Terry Oliver, whose clubs have both hosted past NCCs, they shared with the group that both clubs had done a large amount of fundraising for their events. Kim said that he represented a large number of field trialers who do not support a \$275 entry fee. They would rather see the frills cut than entry fees raised that much. Other FTC members shared that had received mixed feedback on the issue.

John Dartt proposed a motion that the FTC support the \$275 entry fee increase as requested by the North Dakota club, seconded by Robert Griffin.

Vote tally - Kim Wiley-no, Terry Oliver-aye, Barbara Defalco-aye, Buck Grabowski-aye, Robert Griffin-aye, John Dartt-aye, Joe DeMarkis-aye.

Motion approved (6 ayes – 1 no).

Sue Rose asked Kim to have the request for the FTC's recommended \$275 entry fee to the ECSCA board meeting before their next meeting.

B. NCC 2014 – Joe Demarkis is looking into the feasibility of using the grounds where two previous Springer Nationals have been held in Pennsylvania. Kim suggested he review the document "How to run a NCC" Kim also recommended Joe begin work on putting a committee together. Joe will have an outline ready for the FTC meeting March 5th with a goal of a proposal by the April 2nd FTC meeting.

C. Springer/Cocker combined trial survey is completed. We are waiting for it to be posted on fieldcockers.com so everyone can respond to it. A notice will be sent out to alert folks when it is available.

D. NCC judges contract has been updated and sent to Sharon Hartshorn, ECSCA Recording Secretary for future NCCs

New Business

A. FTC 2013 calendar was updated to have the 2014 NCC bid ready for review April 1st , before the next FTC meeting April 2nd .

B. A motion was made to approve the proposal to update “How to run a NCC” – photographer. Proposal: “The ECSCA requires that photos of the placing dogs and any earned ribbons or trophies be taken at the conclusion of the awards ceremony of the NCC. A copy of these photos will be provided to the ECSCA within 4 weeks of the completion of the trial.” 1st Kim Wiley, 2nd Barbara Defalco. Motion Approved - unanimous

C. NCC payment/receipt protocol from the ECSCA in “How to run an NCC” Sue Rose explained that all NCC financials need to go through the ECSCA Treasurer, Karen Spurlin. An ECSCA board member will be present at the NCC to make payments as needed that occur during the NCC. Karen Spurlin has sent Kim her requirements and he will put together NCC payment guidelines for the March FTC meeting.

Adjourn –8:30 p.m. CST

Respectfully submitted by,
Barbara Defalco