

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
Field Trial Committee

Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Walt Leytham, Robert Griffin, Keith Meissner, Joe DeMarkis

- I. A call to order was made at 8:05pm EST
- II. Two items were added to the Agenda and the Agenda was approved by the committee
 - 1) Discussion and Complete Review of the FTC Mission Statement
 - 2) Approval of the Feb. 3rd 2015 minutes

A side note was made that Vicky Thomas has been awarded English Cocker Spaniel Breeder of the Year by the AKC. Congratulations to Vicky

III. Unfinished Business

- a) Vote on the wording of the Mission Statement Voting Process

There was a discussion of the Mission Statement especially the section on how the FTC Chairman is selected. The FTC strongly felt that a letter needs to be sent the ECSCA BOD in order to ensure that we the FTC, have the right to select and vote on our FTC Chairman as has been done previously since 2008 when the FTC was separated from the FEC. Mike Schroeder motioned that we send the Statement in a letter and include a portion of the 2008 Mission Statement as well as the present Mission Statement wording so the BOD can see the differences and understand our concerns. Statement #2 is to be included in the minutes of this meeting. This Agenda item will be tabled until Vicky can reword the Statement and get approval from the other committee members via e-mail and be brought to an electronic vote.

- b) Field Trial Game Utilization and Recovery Plan

It has been brought to our attention by both the Field Trial Community and the AKC that we need to work on having plans in place concerning Game Utilization and Recovery. There were several concerns from the committee including Respectful handling of shot game, How do spectators view our sport, Use of shot game. Walt noted that he was approached by someone interested in Field Trialing and was dismayed at the fact that shot game was being left in the field. Vicky had a concern that as Field Trialers we are not showing the amount of respect that the game deserves.

The committee felt that clubs applying for a Field Trial date with the FTC Chairman should have a Game Recovery and Utilization Plan in place. Guidelines for Game Recovery and Utilization Plans will be provided to all Clubs hosting Cocker Field Trials.

All dead game needs to have every possible effort made to remove it from the field after the trial & then a plan in place on how the game will be processed for consumption and or other uses.

Robert & Keith both agreed that all clubs should have a recovery plan in place, but as to how the birds are processed that should be left up to the individual clubs. Suggestions would be Game can be processed for Families, Sportsman Club Game Dinners, Zoo's, Homeless Shelters etc....

Deb would like to see some more discussion from clubs and others as to how recover and utilize their shot game after field trials.

It is the FTC members feeling that all clubs hosting Cocker Field Trials have a Game Recovery and Utilization Plan in place.

New Business

- a) How to increase ECSCA field trial interest membership was tabled until the next meeting
- b) Coordinating Field Trial Dates to improve participation was tabled until the next meeting
- c) NCC judges nomination process was tabled until the next meeting
- d) NCC Liaison discussion was tabled until the next meeting
- e) 2016 NCC Bids was tabled until the next meeting

IV. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm EST a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Walt

V. Next FTC Meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2015 8:00 pm EST