

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – March 6, 2012

Present: Kim Wiley (Chair/Mid-West), John Dartt (At-Large), Joe DeMarkis (At-Large), Sue Wilson (South), Terry Oliver (East), Robert Griffin (At-Large), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West) and Sue Rose (Guest)

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order and the agenda was reviewed. There were no new agenda items introduced.

2012 NCC Update – Terry Oliver

NCC 2012 dates are Tuesday 10/23/2012 thru Saturday 10/27/2012.

Terry advised the committee that the roster of committee chairs for NCC 2012 is now complete. He is moving forward with meetings to secure two major sponsors for the event.

NCC 2013, 2014 and 2015 Applications

The **North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club** is working towards having their NCC 2013 application ready for submission. FTC Chair, Kim Wiley, will be attending the ECSCA Board Meeting on April 30th and hopes to have their proposal for the meeting.

Kim Wiley urged the committee to be more proactive in soliciting interest and applications for future NCC events, with a goal of proposals being submitted two (2) years in advance of the NCC. The committee discussed with Joe DeMarkis the possibility of holding NCC 2014 in Tyrone PA, which is near Altoona. It would be the first time an NCC would be held in that area. The committee agreed to re-visit the idea of Pennsylvania as a possible venue at the November 2012 FTC meeting after Kim Wiley visits the possible grounds with Joe DeMarkis in October. Reedsville, Wisconsin was mentioned as a possible venue for 2015 with the Fox Valley Club hosting. This is a preliminary conversation that will continue throughout the year with the club. California was suggested as a possible venue, but suitable grounds seems to be a constraint. Discussions for possible venues are ongoing and **ALL interested clubs are encouraged to consider hosting an NCC** and are encouraged to contact any FTC member with questions or to express interest about hosting the NCC.

2012 FTC Calendar

The 2012 FTC Calendar was approved with minor changes and will be sent to fieldcockers.com for posting. A copy of the calendar is attached to these minutes.

How to Run an ECSCA NCC FT Manual - Revised

This document is being updated and revised. The committee will review and approve at the April meeting after reviewing the final version. The major revisions are:

- 1) Committee name change from FEC (field events committee) to FTC (field trial committee)

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- 2) NCC judges criteria, as approved by the ECSCA Board in 2011, has been added.
- 3) Added a section for the daily time frame of the field and water events which is consistent with the legal shooting hours in most states. That is: "one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset".
- 4) Updates to the number of entrants and dollar amounts in various sections using information obtained from the most recent NCC.

"Perception" of Conflict of Interest:

A motion was made to accept and endorse the following statement: "This FTC committee agrees that no problem exists and unanimously supports any cocker enthusiast who chooses to participate in any trial process in which he or she is qualified or financially able and willing. We are a small group and without the time commitment or financial support of key people, our sport and breed would not be able to grow and flourish in this country. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication of all those who help this cause."

(1st Olivia Steele-Mortimer 2nd John Dartt – Unanimously Approved)

Eligibility of Amateur Placing Dogs for the NCC:

After months of discussion on this topic, the committee agreed that there was not enough interest or support to make amateur placing dogs eligible for the NCC. A motion was made: "A dog with an Amateur Stake placement would be eligible to run in the NCC." The motion did NOT pass.

(1st Sue Wilson 2nd Robert Griffin – Final Vote was 5 NO: Robert Griffin, Joe DeMarkis, Terry Oliver, Olivia Steele-Mortimer and Sue Wilson; 2 Yes: John Dartt, Kim Wiley)

Statistics Calendar:

It has been suggested that statistics for the year conclude with the last field trial before the year's NCC event, so that high point awards and other statistic related awards may be presented at the NCC banquet. Points earned for the current year NCC would then be included with the next year's statistics. Several members felt strongly that this would be akin to holding the Super Bowl or the World Series at the beginning of the season. Following a good amount of discussion it was agreed by a vote of affirmation to keep the current statistic format whereby the NCC results are calculated with the current year's statistics and the high point awards and other statistic related awards will be presented at the conclusion of the NCC along with the NCC placements.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2012 7:00PM CST

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wilson