

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – March 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

NCC 2011 Update: Kim Wiley

Kim presented a preliminary budget for NCC 2011 prior to the meeting and everything is on schedule for the NCC event in October. The 2011 Gun Team was announced. They are: John Dartt (Gun Captain), Pat Gilligan, Ellen Dryke, Pete Zuleger, Dave Barto, Donny Wagner, Bob David, Paul Mommearts. Gun Team Sponsor: A.R. Ginn and Steve Collins. Ammunition Sponsor: Federal Ammunition.

Agenda Items for ECSCA May Board Meeting

1) Buzz will present a request to the ECSCA Board for a budget and funds for the FTC Chair to attend the ECSCA board meetings.

2) Dennis will resend his proposal for the Scholarship Plan to FTC members. This plan makes use of NCC profits and is geared towards novice/junior/new handler participation in field trials. He would like the proposal presented to the board at a phone conference meeting before their next meeting, so clubs can start making use of the funds this spring.

Cocker Field Trial Judge Criteria:

Members reviewed the Judging Criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials distributed by FTC Chair, Buzz Benson, (dated 3/02/2011), and discussed 3 amendments to the proposal:

1) Apprentice requirement for new cocker judges remained at (2) after a straw poll with four in favor of (2) apprenticeships, two in favor of (1) apprenticeship, and one in favor of either (1 or 2) apprenticeships.

2) A consensus agreement was reached to remove the word “cocker” so that the apprentice assignments can be completed at an “AKC Member or Licensed (cocker removed) Spaniel Field Trial with prior approval from the local field trial committee”.

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3) The sentence “Effective 7/1/2013 an individual must have judged five (5) AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Championship stakes” was removed from the NCC Judges selection criteria.

MOTION: Olivia Mortimer-Steele moved to accept the judging criteria document with the three (3) amendments noted above. **SECOND:** Kim Wiley.

Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and two (2) against and it was noted that Dennis Joannides was strongly against the motion because it did not require a Cocker apprenticeship-judging requirement and felt 2 apprentice-judging of ANY spaniel event would not enhance the prospective judges ability to do a better job at a Cocker trial and it would make it more difficult to bring on new judges.

2012 NCC Judges:

Field trial clubs are encouraged to consider hosting the 2013 NCC event, and start the process now of selecting 2012 NCC judge nominees.

Our next meeting: Tuesday 4/12/2011 – 7:00PM CST

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wilson