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"Doing My Part"

ECSCA Field Trial Committee

Meeting Minutes: March 22, 2016, 8:00 PM EST

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart

1. **Call to order:** 8:03pm Eastern Time
2. **Approval of Minutes** Mike moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Deb. Unanimously Approved.
3. **Approval of the agenda:** The agenda was approved.
4. **Unfinished Business**

A. **NCC Up-Date:** John Dartt is not able to join us this evening. We will postpone meeting with John to a later date.

Deb updated NCC plans. John Dartt has invited Bob David from ND to be a Gunner. A very pretty barn (part of the hotel facilities) is reserved for the Welcome Party & Banquet. Chris is looking for a Hospitality Chair. The grounds look good with no shooting obstructions and will be revisited in the next few weeks. There will be no woods series, but the 3rd and 4th will be in an area with small fir trees. The committee is also looking for another alternative. The FTC has been provided a preliminary budget and the final budget is expected within the next month.

B. **Judges List:** The FTC would like to thank Cheryl Dooley for taking over the approved judges list. All of the current information has been sent to Cheryl and with the input from individuals inspecting the current list, we hope to get a completed list posted to fieldcocks.com by the end of April. We've identified 2 AKC errors on the list. Please notify the with any additions or corrections.

C. **ECSCA Membership Drive:**

1. **New Trophy: Dennis Joannides** Dennis has suggested the ECSCA offer a trophy that would only be available to ECSCA members. The thought is to make trialers more aware of the ECSCA and induce field trial people to join the Parent Club. Some of his ideas would include offering double points to ECSCA members when attending an ECSCA sponsored trial, hoping this would add appeal for boosting attendance at smaller, newer ECSCA sponsored trials.

It was noted that it would be hard to keep track of the points in this system. We questioned calling or referring to it as a “High Point” Trophy as we already have a High Point Open, Amateur, and Puppy Trophies and the effect of an additional High Point Award may water down the value of those already awarded. The idea was then tweaked to award points for participation, giving an ECSCA member a point for every field trial they attend as well as placement points. We might wish to award double points to ECSCA sponsored events as an incentive to attend the ECSCA trials. To earn points, the handler would need to be an ECSCA member but the dog he was running did not necessarily need to be owned by an ECSCA member. It was thought this would encourage Professional Handlers to join the club. This award would be for the handler, not for the owner. Dennis is going to continue to develop the idea to be reviewed in future meetings.

2. **Membership Chairman** Vicky pointed out that so far this year we have not recruited any new Field Members to the ECSCA wondering if we were doing a disservice long term to the breed? She suggested we try to find someone interested in becoming “A Membership Chair” to garner enthusiasm for membership, helping facilitate the membership process and to recruit members. Dennis felt that we shouldn’t have a membership chair, that it’s every member’s job to recruit new members. The idea was dropped for lack of enthusiasm.

D. **Gun Committee:** Mike Schroeder & Terry Reckart Mike had circulated six points that were added to the 2007 Gun Program. Terry stated that we need to have a “Charter” in place for the Gun Committee so that they know what the committee is responsible for. He questioned why we don’t have reciprocity with the Springer world pointing out we have Cocker Guns that cannot shoot at Springer trials and Springer Guns that are allowed to shoot Cocker Trials. We pointed out that in the original 2007 Gunning document it was a goal to have our Cocker gun teams earn parity with the Springers, but it appears we’ve not made much headway.

The FTC would like to continue with the current gun committee but expand the committee to add more representatives from across the country. With the parity goal in mind, it’s suggested to use the Springer Gun Regions as our model for representation expanding our committee in the areas that are not currently represented.

There are still a lot of questions how those representatives will be selected and what their terms will be. There’s concern that the “Trial Reporting” system outlined in the 2007 program is largely ignored and this reporting system is advantageous to know how many trials and locations a Gunner has shot, especially if that individual wanted to become a Gun Captain. We debated on delegating this task to the Field Trial Secretary asking her to send the Gunning Report at the same time she reported back to the AKC. Deb felt that this should be the Gun Captains responsibility not the secretary’s duty and we don’t want to add to the work load already placed on Field Trial Secretaries. Should we track down those Gun Captains that had not reported noting that the Gun Captain’s names are posted on the premium? It was considered that this should be a task of the Gunning Committee to be sure reports are timely so a comprehensive list of gunners could be compiled.

Terry suggested a “Charter” to include: “Guns should educate newer developing guns, evaluate old guns, correct gunning complaints or issues, review NCC Gun selection and meet with the FTC to discuss.” Everyone liked the direction and language and we

decided to send the 2007 document pertaining to the Gunning Committee to Terry and make some appropriate updates. We all agreed that the current Gun Committee would need to again attend an FTC meeting so they could review the document once we get it a little more refined to give us their input.

E. Mentoring 20-30 year old trailers Tabled to the next meeting

F. Minutes responses:

1. Certificate of Merits awarded at trials over 30 tabled to the next meeting

Hi Vicky,

I read your idea for the Judges Award of Merit in the FTC minutes. However, it already exists in the AKC rules... Chapter 13 which is on page 14 states:

"At any licensed or member field trial the Judges may make a Judges Award of Merit in any stake to any unplaced dog for particularly excellent work. The name and registration number of each dog to which such as award is made shall be noted on the back of the page in the judges' book for the stake in which the award was made."

Maybe the FTC could just inform clubs of this rule so they can let judges know that if they want to do this they can. A ribbon does not need to be given but if it is it needs to be dark green. (another AKC rule). In Minnesota we just have a few CM ribbons made with no date on them so if a judge does happen to award one we can give it but you wouldn't have to do that. Bethann Wiley

G. Trial clubs using ECSCA License and money to stage trials. tabled to the next meeting

5. New Business:

- a) Other FTC Issues and Concerns tabled to the next meeting
 - 1. HOF- Only one person at induction tabled to the next meeting
 - 2. Update/create the Spaniel Test for Cockers after the AKC Seminar? tabled to the next meeting

6. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm Eastern Time

Next FTC Meeting April 5, 2016 8:00 pm EST