

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
Field Trial Committee
Meeting Tuesday April 1st, 2014
7pm CST

Members Present: Kim Wiley, Terry Oliver, Barbara Defalco, Robert Griffin, Keith Meissner, Joe DeMarkis,

Absent : Buck Grabowski

Call to order at 8:05 pm Terry Oliver made a motion to accept the agenda and Joe DeMarkis seconded.

Unfinished Business:

NCC 2014 Update – Joe DeMarkis

a) Hotel

The Days Inn & Suites is the Headquarters Hotel (Altoona, PA) and has been secured with a special rate for \$109 a room (pet friendly w/pet fee waived), a 30 room block has been reserved until 30 days prior to the event. There is a 5 acre field behind the hotel to let dogs out. The hotel is within 2 miles of the banquet facilities. There is a large restaurant and shopping selection in Altoona PA which is approx. 15 miles from the grounds.

b) Banquet, Welcome Party, & annual FTC meeting will be held at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. in Altoona, PA

c) Series

1st, 2nd & 5th series will be held on Tom Crawford's Hillendale Hunt Club Grounds. 1st and 2nd series will be open grass fields and the 5th series will be an area w/varied and broken cover. 3rd, 4th & Water series & awards will be held on Bob Montler's property which is near the Hillendale Hunt Club. The woods are typical ruffed grouse cover and there is a large technical pond for the water series. Bob has also graciously allowed the use of his indoor riding arena for the awards ceremony. Bob has also generously donated the use of several ATV's and an aluminum trailer for use as a dog shuttle at the NCC. Terry Oliver said that the Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club has extra flags and radios that can be borrowed for the event.

d) Gun team will be Denny Merrey (Captain), Dave Barto, Donnie Wagner, John Dartt, Vern Knapp, Dave Proctor, John Leininger, Paul Van Houten

e) Bird Planter will be Bruce Kephardt

f) Chairs – Joe DeMarkis, Chairperson

a. Trophy Chair--Chris Dartt

b. Patron Chair--- Sue Wilson

c. Hospitality Chair—Dawn Schuster, Mary Lou Dunn, Vickie Dahlk, Bethann Wiley

d. Fundraising Chair—Terry Oliver

e. Secretary – Bethann Wiley

f. Catalog – Susan Sarrencino-Diehl

g. Head Marshal – Patti Simmons

h. Bird Stewards – Steve & Karen Rodock

i. Photographer – Claire Podlesick

j. Judges Steward – Sheila Courts

- k. Guns Steward – Paul Mommaerts
- g) Fundraising
 - a. Terry is sending out letters to previous past NCC sponsors asking for donations. Terry has approached Benelli for a donation. Joe will contact Cabelas. We will be looking for Series Sponsors as well.
- h) NCC 2014 Tyrone, PA Budget - Joe DeMarkis and Kim Wiley gave a detailed account of the budget after spending time touring the grounds and meeting with local vendors last week. All committee members were satisfied with the budget which was very conservative and in the black. The entry fee is set at \$225.00 which includes a catalog. This budget will be presented to the ECSCA board at the April 28th meeting for their approval.

ECSCA Versatility Award - Barbara Defalco

Barbara presented a proposal for an ECSCA Versatility Award. A dog would need 1 Championship Title (CH, FC, AFC, MACH, OTCH, CT) and 3 other titles in the following; Breed, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Hunting, Field and Tracking. Four different venues must be represented and one must be hunting or field. One of the other titles must also be the highest title in that venue (i.e. Master Hunter) in order to receive the award from the ECSCA. The FTC agreed to endorse the proposal and Kim Wiley & Kate Romanski will present the proposal to the ECSCA board at the April 28th meeting.

- 1) No new Business
- 2) Meeting Adjourned 8:57pm (Joe DeMarkis made a motion and Barbara Defalco seconded)

Next FTC meeting will be June 3rd 2014 (No May meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Meissner