

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – June 5, 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

There was no meeting in May 2012 in order to permit committee members to give their full attention to discussing and obtaining feedback among their constituents regarding the Cocker Judging Criteria (3-15-2011). The AKC has requested that we revise the criteria to include a requirement that cocker trial judges attend a judge's seminar.

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

2012 NCC Update – Terry Oliver

Terry will distribute copies of the finalized NCC 2012 budget to FTC committee members. Plans are moving forward smoothly and LL Bean will be hosting a flushing dog training seminar sometime in August. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the NCC. Benelli shotguns will be holding a shooting demonstration on Thursday afternoon during the NCC event. Negotiations with Orvis and Cabelas, as corporate sponsors, are moving forward but have not been finalized.

NCC 2013 Application

Copies of the **North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club 2013 NCC Application** were distributed to FTC members. The committee discussed "The Grounds" section as outlined in the application and agreed that only neutral grounds, such as the Wolbaum Farm were appropriate. Buzz Benson emailed Kim and told him that the Wolbaum Farm was the grounds of choice and will continue to update the FTC as needed.

NCC 2014 Update

The venue for NCC 2014 is still open and committee members are encouraging **ALL interested clubs to consider hosting an NCC**. Clubs are encouraged to contact any FTC member for further information or to express interest about hosting the NCC. Tyrone, Pennsylvania is still being explored as an option and Joe DeMarkis and Kim will be visiting grounds in October with the possible host club.

AKC Requested Amendment to Cocker Judging Criteria Approved

The AKC has to date **not** approved the Cocker Judging Criteria (dated 3/15/2011) as submitted by ECSCA because they would like the criteria to be amended to include the requirement that cocker judges must attend a judging seminar. This would align the cocker judging requirements more closely with the springer judging requirements

We continue to hold field trials without criteria in place, which leaves the potential for having the AKC approve anyone submitted by a hosting club to judge a field trial; regardless of experience.

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The criteria submitted 3/15/2011 was the end result of a lot of hard work and compromise by two judges committees. It has been suggested that we re-convene the judges committee to consider the AKC request regarding a judge's seminar requirement. Several committee members felt that it was time to put this "to bed" and bring this to a vote.

It was agreed that seminars provide an opportunity for education and that is a good thing; and that we should all be more familiar with field trial rules. There has been positive feedback about the AKC moderated judging seminar held in Northern California earlier this spring. Plans are in place and moving forward to hold a judging seminar on Monday, October 1, 2012 in North Dakota the Monday following the NDSSC fall cocker trial.

With the clarification that all judges with prior AKC Field Trial Spaniel Championship stake judging experience will be grandfathered in and only new or prospective individuals interested in judging be required to complete an apprentice program and attend a judging seminar, a motion was made to revise the cocker judging criteria to include the requirement that prospective judges must attend a judging seminar (1st Sue Wilson; 2nd Joe Demarkis). The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor with 2 opposed. (In favor, Wiley, DeMarkis, Oliver, Wilson, and Dartt. Opposed, Steele-Mortimer and Griffin.)

The revised judging criteria will be distributed to FTC members for review prior to re-submission to the ECSCA Board at their June meeting.

Hall of Fame Nominating Committee Update

The committee to nominate dogs, handlers, etc....to the Hall of Fame is now in place with John Dartt, Robert Griffin, Terry Oliver, Sheryl Mayo, Kim Wiley, and Sue Wilson, so far, participating. Current FTC members and past NCC winners are eligible to participate in each year's nominating committee.

Sue Rose will contact Kate Romanski and will make available to the committee a lot of the early cocker history.

Moved to July Agenda due to lack of time:

- 1) Combined cocker/springer field trials – further discussion
- 2) Amateur National Championship - AKC response to questions posed by Lisa Brown

Next meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2012 7:00PM CST

Respectfully Submitted ~ Sue Wilson