

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – August 7, 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 agenda was reviewed and approved and the meeting was called to order.

2012 NCC Update – Terry Oliver

Terry advised that Cabelas was onboard as a corporate sponsor with sizeable donations in both cash and merchandise. He has personally visited the trial grounds for the NCC and reported that the grooming of the fields is moving forward.

HOF Advisory Panel Update – Sue Wilson

Much of the early cocker history has been made available to Advisory Panel members, who have been reading, reviewing and sharing with their constituents. Nominations of persons or dogs to the English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame must follow the guidelines outlined in the HOF By-Laws (found on fieldcockers.com under Hall of Fame), and must be submitted on the HOF nomination form (found on fieldcockers.com under Hall of Fame) and are **due no later than Friday, 8/31/2012**.

Nominations may be submitted to the Advisory Panel Chairperson, Sue Wilson suezannebwilson@yahoo.com or any Advisory Panel member. The Advisory Panel will meet via telephone conference call on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 and Wednesday September 12, 2012, as needed, to collect, discuss, and organize all nominations. The Advisory Panel Chairperson will notify the committee members via email when a meeting is scheduled. The Advisory Panel will submit nominations to the English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Chairperson by no later than Saturday, 9/15/2012.

NCC 2013 Judge Nominations – Kim Wiley

There has been a good response from field trial clubs and to date seven (7) nominations have been received. Ballots will be mailed on September 1, 2012.

Harold Bixby Award - Nominations Due by Wednesday, August 28, 2012

The Harold S. Bixby Service Award was dedicated to a person, Mr. Harold Bixby, who has given an immense amount of time and energy to cocker field trials. This award had gone unnamed until 2005. The award now honors Mr. Harold Bixby, a true gentleman of the game. The official wording for this award, which will continue to be awarded at the National Championship Field Trial, is this: *The Harold S. Bixby service Award recognizes the individual who has continuously, unselfishly, and distinctly given of themselves to advance the cause of English Cocker's field work. The winner is selected to exemplify the high standards set by Harold S. Bixby, whose generosity and unselfish support of English Cocker's in the field has contributed enormously to the success in all field events.*

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The Harold S. Bixby Service Award may be given annually at the discretion of the ECSCA FTC in recognition of the individual who has continuously endeavored to promote the spirit of English Cocker working in the field. The recipient will be nominated and selected by the ECSCA FTC members and awarded at the National Cocker Championship banquet of that year. Nominations may be submitted via email to: FTC Chairperson, Kim Wiley stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com

All Variety Spaniel Stakes:

The committee held an informative discussion regarding an “AKC All Variety Spaniel Stakes” where ECS and ESS would compete together in a field trial format. Committee members reported mixed reviews from the field trial participants in their areas. It was agreed that with the greater distances, and fewer trials, this type of format would be most beneficial to the Western states. The East Coast currently has plenty of cocker field trials to choose from, and there would be participants, but not to the exclusion of cocker trials. It has been suggested that there needs to be “checks and balances” and that a “win” in a cocker breed trial be a requirement for a field championship title, but that points from an “all variety spaniel stake” count towards the overall championship point requirement. One committee member posed the question “would this be in the best interest of the breed? Or will it simply be a platform for A-type personalities wanting more competition?” This discussion will be carried over to the next FTC meeting and will be a topic on the agenda for discussion at the general meeting at the NCC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 4, 2012 7:00PM CDT

Respectfully Submitted ~ Sue Wilson