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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

I. Call to order was made at 8:03pm

II. Approval of Minutes Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike seconded

III. Approval of the agenda

IV. Amateur National Championship- A discussion was held regarding the National Amateur Championship. There was a long discussion about how to get more qualified dogs. Either through having more Amateur Trials which some clubs can't muster enough dogs to put on a quality trial or through using Open placements to gain entries. Dennis felt that using the Open Placements with a phased out program would give us more entries. Mike and Terry stated that they would like to see the Open placements used for one year. This would force more clubs to host Amateur Trials. Keith stated that if we don't use a phased program then we might not have enough qualified dogs for the National. A discussion was held as to the benefit of having the National in the Spring. This would free up a week in the Fall and would help defray the cost of having to attend 2 Nationals within the same month. Birds are a concern as hen pheasants will be laying eggs and the national would have to be held in the early spring but not too late in the season when the temperatures start to rise. A discussion was held as to whether we would want to have a water series or use a completed water test in the qualifying time period. Both had benefits. Having a host for the Amateur National leaves us some options we could use the ECSCA as the benefit, The Hall of Fame as a benefit, we could go into discussions with the American Spaniel Club as a host or go the way of the Springer Amateur National and set up a separate club to handle the Amateur National. Deb thought that developing a new club to handle this would be a lot of work. It was brought up that finding enough volunteers to have 2 nationals may be difficult. Also raising money to host a trial will be difficult as we would be pulling money from the same people twice. There was a consensus that we would use Open and Amateur placements as qualifications for at least the first year.

V. www.fieldcockers.com Vicky has spoken with Nadine about some sort of compensation for her work on the fieldcockers.com website. Nadine volunteers 100% in maintaining the website. She feels that this is her way of giving back to the sport. Nadine felt that if we did give her money that it should be donated to a good cause. She also

sponsors a trophy at the national each year. We are all indebted to Nadine for all that she does for the Cocker Community.

VI. New Business:

Gun Committee: Tom Calabrese has given the FTC his recommendations for regional representation, committee qualifications etc... Mike made a motion to not accept the proposal for the changes, Terry seconded the motion. Terry noted that the gun committee has some concerns but those concerns were not relayed to the FTC. It was felt that expansion of the committee was a key part of the changes that the FTC wanted made. During discussions with the gun committee, they suggested we follow the springer guidelines in representation. To accept anything less would be disrespectful to the existing gun committee. The FTC could not accept the changes made by the gun committee without further joint discussion between the FTC and the standing gun committee. A vote was taken and the Gunning Committee changes submitted were not accepted 6 to 1. The FTC would like the Gun Committee to attend an FTC meeting in order to discuss these items.

Wind Patterning: This was tabled until the next meeting.

Seed Awns. There has been a large amount of Springers that have been having problems with seed awns, foxtails. The FTC would like anyone with info on grass awns to contact the FTC so the info can be spread to other trialers. If anyone has had any recent incidents please let the FTC know.

Bixby Award: Nominations for the Bixby Award are due at the end of the month. If you have a nomination for the Bixby Award please send your nomination w/ biography to the FTC.

NCC Judge Nomination update The FTC has received 4 nominations for the 2017 NCC judges. The deadline is August 31st. If any club has a qualified judge they would like to nominate please send your club's nomination with a biography to the FTC.

2017 NCC Proposal Dominique Savoie has submitted a proposal for hosting the 2017 NCC. The FTC will review the proposal.

VII. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Pete.

Next FTC Meeting Wednesday August 31st, 2016 8:00 pm EST