

ECSCA FTC MINUTES-September 2nd, 2013

Present: Kim Wiley (Chair/Mid-West), Barbara Defalco (West), Buck Grabowski (South)
Joe DeMarkis (At large), Robert Griffin (At large), Rod Beck (guest), Sue Rose (guest).

NCC 2013 Update- Rod Beck NCC 2013 Chairperson

Rod reports that fund raising efforts are going well. So far eleven corporate sponsors have signed on. Six advertisements have been sold. Nine Patrons have signed up.

The details of the NCC are all falling into place. The permit for the use of McDowell Dam is complete. Rod reports that vegetation is quite thick on the grounds. Sue Rose reminded Rod that the parent club needs insurance riders for all grounds used for the NCC. Rod said he would take care of it a.s.a.p.

Training permit clarification – from District Game Warden, Jackie Lundstrom ND Game and Fish Dept. (via email)

If a trainer brings in more than four gun dogs in for training, prior to or after your trial, they would need to be licensed. I clarified this with my chief yesterday and because our law is a little vague right now, as long as they are registered with the trial and have paid any fees they need, they would not need to get a permit to run the trial.

NCC 2014- Joe DeMarkis- Chairperson

He listed what has been accomplished to date;

Banquet facility that can seat 120 people.

Host Hotel chosen.

A photographer has been chosen

There is a Country Club that is close enough that participants can enjoy breakfast and lunch at the Club, or arrangements can be made to have lunch on the grounds.

Joe reports that the cover is 400 acres of fields and ponds groomed for hunting and field trials.

Grounds: Bob Montler has woods available near by to be used for the third and fourth series. The hunt club has ATVs and a dog wagon available for our use. The water series will be at the ponds at the hunt club.

The local group that Joe is working with have hosted several springer nationals on

these grounds and are very experienced and excited about hosting the 2014 NCC. The bird planter, Bruce Kephart, has been chosen who has also planted several nationals in the past.

Denny Merrey has been chosen to be Gun Captain. He will put his team together according to our protocol of representing all regions.

He has contacted Orvis to ask them to consider sponsorship of the Team.

NCC 2014 Ballots

Ballots where mailed September 14th.

1. 135 qualified dogs, ballots mailed to 85 households/owners – 1 ballot per qualified dog.

2. A qualified dog for the ballot is any dog that has placed in 2011, 2012 or spring 2013 in an Open stake and all previous living National Champions.

Ballots must be Postmarked by September 21st 2013.

The nominees on the ballot were: Mike Gilpin, Dave Granatir, Robert Griffin, Mark Hairfield, Dan Lussen, Jim O'Shea, and Rumi Schroeder

Harold Bixby Award

Kim requested that the FTC come up with a voting protocol for the Bixby award. It was decided that committee members are responsible for reviewing biographies of the nominees and be ready to vote at the October 1st FTC meeting. If a recipient is chosen they will be revealed at the NCC banquet.

Purina Trophy sponsor contract with the ECSCA – approved by the FTC and ECSCA Board

August 20, 2013

The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America approves the request for Purina to be the sole sponsor of the High Point Open Dog trophy and the High Point Open Handler trophy for the next five years (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Purina will receive free full page advertising in the National Championship Catalog each year as well as a sponsor listing on the premium. Purina will also receive free advertising on www.fieldcockers.com on the National Championship Sponsor page.

NCC trophies and descriptions

Lisa Brown, 2013 NCC catalog chair, is working on updating the descriptions of all trophies awarded at the NCC. Once updated the FTC plans to review the list for any recommended changes for future NCCs.

Amateur Stakes

Buck Grabowski brought the topic of Amateur Stakes to the agenda. Joe DeMarkis made the observation that a one day Open, one day Amateur does not encourage entries. It was agreed that successful amateur stakes were with clubs that offered a two day Open with a one day Amateur. The majority of folks that can run in Open Stakes only are not as willing to drive the long distances for a one day trial. The FTC will continue discussing what we can do to continue increasing participation in both Open and Amateur stakes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 CST

Next meeting October 1, 2013

Respectfully submitted-Barbara Defalco