

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – September 4, 2012

Present: Kim Wiley (Chair/Mid-West), Joe DeMarkis (At-Large), Sue Wilson (South), Terry Oliver (East), and Robert Griffin (At-Large)

Absent: John Dartt (At-Large), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West)

The agenda was reviewed and approved and the meeting was called to order.

2012 NCC Update – Terry Oliver

NCC arrangements are moving toward completion. Grounds are in good shape. Sponsors for trophies are coming together.

HOF Advisory Panel Update – Sue Wilson

Nominations were submitted for four (4) dogs and three (3) individuals, one of whom was a married couple.

Several committee members on the HOF Advisory Panel have urged caution in moving forward with inductions to the Hall of Fame this year. There is a strong sentiment towards better establishing our history. It has been suggested that:

“Let's finish our history, get a display of our history and photos in the hall this year. Next year or two then review the history and bring in 10 figures from the various time frames of the cocker history (late 1800's and separation from the springers, formation of trials, the early trials, the dark ages, rejuvenation of trialing in the U.S. to today). Table for five years or so bringing in any people or dogs from the modern era as our current history is so short.”

The other train of thought expressed was:

...“any decision to delay the process of voting people and dogs into the HOF is an ECSCA board decision and not the decision of the HOF nominating committee. I see no reason why we would want to delay this process. Dennis and his team have done a tremendous amount of work raising the funds necessary as well as establishing the procedures with a goal of establishing a HOF now, not 5 years from now.. There is a process and people in place to move forward as well as an ability to amend by-laws when it makes sense in the future. We will never all agree on procedures or criteria and it would be wrong to delay the process and deny families and dogs worthy of HOF acceptance because we can't all agree.”

After reviewing the HOF By-Laws, we were able to answer the question as to whether or not foreign dogs were eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame. The By-Laws clearly state that the dogs nominated must be AKC Champions.

The nominations submitted will be forwarded to the Hall of Fame Committee along with a cover letter from the HOF Advisory Panel listing additional points they would like considered.

Harold Bixby Award – Kim Wiley

The recipient has been selected and the presentation will be made at the NCC.

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All Variety Spaniel Stakes:

The committee revisited the discussion from the previous month regarding an All Variety Spaniel Stake. Several members found Robert Griffin's query as to whether these types of stakes would truly be in the best interest of our breed insightful and after careful consideration over the past month had to agree that they probably would not. Robert expanded on his ideas and explained that he felt a lot of time has been spent on competition issues and that we should spend additional time discussing ways to promote our breed. Terry Oliver pointed out that we are the overseers of our breed, and that we should move forward carefully with a good deal of consideration before making changes to the current field trial format. This topic will be on the agenda for further discussion at the general meeting at the NCC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 2, 2012 7:00PM CDT

Respectfully Submitted ~ Sue Wilson