

**English Cocker Spaniel Club of America**  
**Field Trial Committee**

Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, October 7, 2014  
7:00 p.m. CST

Members Present: Kim Wiley, Terry Oliver, Barbara Defalco, Buck Grabowski, Robert Griffin, Keith Meissner, Joe DeMarkis

- I. Call to order at 8:07pm EST
- II. An approval of the Agenda and the Minutes was made, Kim was driving so Joe agreed to chair the meeting
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a) **NCC 2014 Tyrone, PA update** – Joe DeMarkis Everything is going according to schedule with no problems, Silent auction donations are coming in and Terry has a meeting with Benelli this week to discuss the possibility of a donation of a shotgun. 70 entries have been received so far and several more dogs have qualified just before the closing date as well as there could be more new qualifiers at the Minnesota and Pennsylvania trials coming up. New Qualifiers have until Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to enter the NCC.
  - b) **NCC 2015 – Update** – Kim Wiley/Joe DeMarkis Kim and Joe attended the Heart of Michigan trial this past month which was held on the grounds proposed for the 2015 NCC. The fields for the 2015 NCC in Ohio have been determined to have grass awns and therefore are a safety concern for the dogs. A decision was made to move the 2015 NCC to grounds in Ohio that will be safe for the dogs. The grounds used for the 2014 Amateur Springer Nationals is a possibility. Permission to use the fields has been granted and the landowners are excited about the possibility of hosting the 2015 NCC. Jim Karlovec, 2015 NCC Chairperson, plans to look at the grounds in late October.
  - c) **Harold S. Bixby Memorial Service Award** vote - A discussion and vote was held for the Bixby Award and the results will be announced at 2014 NCC banquet.
  - d) **ECSCA membership by region.** A discussion was continued from the prior meeting regarding the reorganization of the regions from 4 regions to 3 regions with the addition of an At Large committee member in order to maintain the seven member committee and allow for more representation across the U.S. A motion was made by Joe to vote on the reorganization of the regions and seconded by Kim. A vote was called and it was unanimously decided to reorganize the regions. The committee decided that a review of the regions and membership should take place in 2 years to decide if additional modifications are necessary.

East Region: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia

Central Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee

West Region: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, California, Oklahoma

This will be proposed to the ECSCA Board for immediate approval so that the upcoming election will reflect this change. The fourth AT-Large position will be a 1 year term in this election so that the following year all four At-Large positions can be elected together.

#### IV. New Business

- a) **NCC judges voting protocol.** Current protocol is that all qualified dogs (their owners) for the upcoming NCC receive a ballot for the following year's NCC judges' selection. (i.e. Dogs qualified in 2012, 2013 and spring of 2014 received a ballot this year for NCC 2015). The ECSCA recording secretary tallies these votes and contacts the FTC Chairperson with the results of the election. Then the FTC Chairperson contacts the top 2 vote getters and verifies that they are willing to judge. If one declines the Chairperson moves down the list in order of the number of votes received. The 2 judges are then sent a contract to sign. Existing protocol is that if a NCC Judge has to excuse him/herself then the next highest vote getter would be contacted and asked to judge. This would continue in the order of votes received until the position is accepted. A discussion was held regarding the protocol and it was unanimously agreed to leave the NCC Judges Protocol as is. This has worked for us very well and we will continue to use this protocol in the future.
- b) **NCC Judges Nomination.** A separate discussion was held concerning the way that the NCC Judges are nominated. Due to time constraints a decision was made to continue this discussion at the December FTC Meeting.
- c) **How to increase ECSCA Field Trial Membership.** Due to time this was tabled to the December meeting.
- d) **2014 Annual Meeting** – Tyrone, PA Tuesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (prior to Welcome Party)

V. Adjournment – Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kim seconded at 9:16pm EST