

## **ECSCA FTC MINUTES – November 7, 2012**

**Present:** Kim Wiley (Chair/Mid-West), Joe DeMarkis (At-Large), Sue Wilson (South), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West), John Dartt (At-Large), Robert Griffin (At-Large), and Sue Rose (Guest)

**Absent:** Terry Oliver (East)

The agenda was reviewed. The NCC Print Protocol was added under new business. The agenda was approved and the meeting began.

### **2012 NCC Recap - Kim Wiley**

Terry Oliver was unable to make the meeting. Everyone agreed that the NCC event in North Conway was well-organized, well-attended and that it was done well in true “Maine/New Hampshire” style.

### **2013 NCC Judges Announced – Kim Wiley**

NCC 2013 will be hosted by the NORTH DAKOTA SPORTING SPANIEL CLUB and will be held October 24-27, 2013 in Menoken, North Dakota.

Judges elected are Marty Knibbs and Mike Noland.

### **ECSCA Director Petition – Sue Wilson**

The petition to add Rumi Schroeder's name to the ballot for the ECSCA Board of Directors election has been emailed to the ECSCA Secretary, Sharon Hartshorn. The field community is seeking representation on the ECSCA Board and has nominated Rumi for a director's position.

### **NCC General Meeting Follow up - Combined Springer/Cocker Field Trials & HOF Questions:**

The committee reviewed comments and feedback from the general meeting held at the NCC.

After more discussion, committee members still could not reach a consensus on a decision regarding combined springer/cocker trials. How we move forward with this will affect our breed for years to come. The committee decided that more input from the cocker field trial community was needed not only on this important topic but others as well. It was suggested that a survey might be helpful. Kim and Olivia have agreed to draft a survey which will be discussed at our December meeting, and hopefully be available for distribution to the cocker field trial community in January 2013.

The committee also reviewed the points that surfaced at the general meeting regarding HOF criteria 1) should British dogs, who are not AKC champions, be eligible for the HOF? Many of these dogs' names appear again and again in our present day bloodlines. 2) Should the people from the UK who are credited with preserving our breed be eligible for the HOF? 3) Should the 65 year old age limit or dead be re-visited? Kim has contacted Dennis and the HOF committee is open to feedback. Please send feedback to Dennis Joannides or any other members (listed on fieldcockers.com) and they will put it on the agenda for discussion in 2013.

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### **Local Clubs to Share in NCC Profits:**

It has been suggested that local clubs who host an NCC event should share in the profits as an incentive for holding the event in order to compensate for the loss of local trial revenue. These clubs and volunteers sacrifice an immense amount of personal time and money, many of which do not own English Cocker, in order to promote our breed and sport. Kim Wiley is working on a proposal for presentation to the ECSCA Board at their January meeting. A draft of the proposal will be discussed at the next FTC meeting.

### **FTC Elections:**

All four (4) regional representative positions are open for election this year. Representatives from the East and Mid-West are eligible for re-election. Representatives from the West and South have completed two (2) year terms for a total of four (4) years and are not eligible for re-election. Nominations along with a short bio must be submitted **no later than Wednesday, November 21, 2012** to Kim Wiley at [stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com](mailto:stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com)

### **2013 Field Trial Dates:**

Clubs are encouraged to submit their requests for 2013 field trial dates now. An unusually full calendar is anticipated. Requests should be submitted to Kim Wiley at [stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com](mailto:stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com) Secure YOUR clubs dates now!

NCC Print Protocol was carried over to next meeting's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2012 7:00PM CST**

Respectfully Submitted ~ Sue Wilson