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2019 FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

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ECSCA Field Trial Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 16, 2020

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Dawn Schuster at 6:06 PM CST.

FTC Members Present: Dawn Schuster (Chair), Ron Bullock, Chris Dartt, Cheryl Dooley, Jordan Horak, Pat Keliher and Mike Ludwig.

Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2020 –Pat made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Dawn indicated there are three additions to the agenda. The first is a discussion around the 2021 NCC. The second is a discussion regarding an email Dawn received from the ECSCA regarding the 2020 North Dakota NCC Premium. The third item to add is a discussion regarding the potential impacts of COVID 19 on Fall Trials. Chris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Pat seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Update on Voting for Judges for 2021 NCC– Cheryl reported that to-date out of 189 Preliminary ballots mailed out, 96- ballots have been returned. The postmark deadline for returning these ballots is July 17, 2020. A week will be allowed for ballots to arrive. After that, the top 6- vote getters will be determined. Dawn will contact all six to confirm, if elected, they are still willing to Judge the 2021 NCC. Once all are confirmed, Cheryl will prep and mail out the Final ballot where two Judges are selected from the six.

Update on Survey Monkey – Cheryl reported the Survey was entered on line Sunday, July 13th. After the on-line posting, approximately 175- emails were sent to Cocker Enthusiasts Sunday thru Wednesday. As of Thursday morning, 138 responses have been entered on the Survey Monkey link. There is still time for more responses, but a preliminary check of the 138 appears to indicate Folks would like to see a change in dog qualifications. After the survey deadline, Cheryl will compile the results and send them to all FTC members. That should allow time for FTC Members to examine the results and carry on an email discussion regarding any proposals for changes.

Discussion on the Fall Calendar – Dawn reported that to-date there are 20- Open Trials and 13- Amateur Trials scheduled on the calendar.

Revisit ZOOM Meetings – A discussion took place around the possibility of holding FTC meetings via ZOOM. Dawn asked each Member if they had any issues with meeting by ZOOM instead of a phone conference call. No one objected. Pat will set up a ZOOM meeting for the August FTC meeting with a back-up phone number in case the Zoom conference fails.

New Business:

ECSCA emails regarding NCC 2020 Premium – Dawn indicated she received two emails regarding the recent 2020 NCC premium recently posted on fieldcocker.com. The proposal submitted in 2019 indicated the premium would be \$265. The Premium posted on-line indicates the premium will be \$300. There was a discussion around the possibility that the \$300 is just an error where the Trial Secretary did not receive notification on the \$265 fee. The FTC decided to have Cheryl (Western Rep) contact the two NCC Chairs and determine if the premium price is incorrect. If not, the ECSCA will need an explanation as to why the premium has been increased \$35 over the original proposed cost.

2021 NCC Location – A discussion occurred around the fact that no location for the 2021 NCC has been determined. Dawn has been in communication with a Wisconsin group for the past few months, but no firm commitment has been expressed. Recently, Utah offered to host the Trial. A discussion occurred around the location and the distance Folks would have to travel. There was also mention of the fact that 2020 North Dakota NCC is a Western Region Club and holding the 2021 NCC in Utah would mean back-to-back Western Region Clubs. Dawn suggested the FTC allow any interested Clubs to submit a proposal by August 31st. At that time the FTC will review the proposals and determine the location.

COVID 19 Impact on Fall Trials – Pat mentioned some states have reinstated travel bans that could have negative effects on attendance at Fall Trials. There was a discussion the fact that the situation around COVID seems to change daily. So, at this time, it is difficult to predict what the situation might be in late August. Everyone was encouraged to keep a close eye on their individual state and neighboring states. It was also discussed that should a Club choose to proceed with their Trial, the FTC is unable to force a cancellation. The FTC can only suggest Club's be diligent about following their state's rules. Dawn also indicated neither the ECSCA nor the AKC would take authority to cancel Trials.

Adjournment – Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM CST.

The next FTC Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM (CST) on August 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Dooley.