

Field Trial Committee Minutes



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"Doing My Part"

Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2017

In attendance were Deb Strohl, Terry Reckart, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Joannides, Vicky Thomas, Mike Schroeder, and Keith Meissner

1) Meeting was called to order at 1904 CST

- a) Last meeting minutes were approved
- b) Agenda approved

2) Unfinished Business

- a) Gunning Committee
- b) Is there an issue with current Cocker Gun Captains (GC) that are not Springer GC's?
- c) Current Gun Committee members felt that all current Cocker GC's should be "Grandfathered" into the existing Springer Gun Program.
- d) A motion was made by Terry to "Grandfather" current GC's. Motion was passed. Dave Barto needs to be contacted to move this issue forward with the Springer Gun Committee.

A) NCC Qualification

- a) Discussion centered around putting a question to the Cocker trialing community via Survey Monkey as to changing the current three-year certification period to something less than that (1 yr., 2 yr.)
- b) What is the reason for instituting a change?
To increase local field trial participation. Currently it is believed that many dogs are "Put on Ice" (not run) after they have qualified for the NCC.
- c) At this time, there will be no qualification change for the ACC, however, this may be revisited in the future.

Each FTC member should propose a question for Survey Monkey concerning the proposed change in qualification years. The question to be presented will be voted on by the FTC at a future meeting.

B) Timeliness of posting to fieldcockers.com web page was discussed

C) Judges Questionnaire

a) FTC felt that the questions on the form that Dennis presented were very good

b) Should there be an area for separate nominating club comments?

Dennis felt that if there is a club comment that it should be on a separate form, leaving the Judges Questionnaire strictly for the nominated judge's use.

c) Terry will work on getting Dennis' questionnaire into a fillable .pdf form

3) New Business

A) 2017 NCC

a) 2017 NCC initial budget looks good

b) Dominique will join the FTC meeting to discuss 2017 NCC progress in May

c) Bob Iverson has agreed to be the Gun Captain

B) Patrick Keliher (Maine Spaniel Club)

a) Are Amateur trials hurting the entries in Open trials when run on the same day?

b) How many dogs are double entered to make the Amateur trial viable?

4) Tabled for future meeting

A) Policy for number of trials in a geographical area

B) ECSCA membership drive – 2016

C) Clubs putting up judges for the 2018 Cocker Open

D) Reginal High Point Dogs?

E) There will be a April 18th meeting

5) The meeting was adjourned at 20:41 CST