

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

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 01, 2017

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Terry Reckart

Absent: Dennis Joannides, Pete Rizzo

I. Call to order was made at 8pm eastern time

A. Topic of discussion – **GUNNING**

The issue of having the Springer Gun Program combined with the Cocker gunning program was discussed in length. Mike moved and Terry seconded

*“The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America (ECSCA) officially accepts the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (ESSFTA) Springer Inter Club Gun Program, its Committee and Regional Chairmen. The Springer Inter Club Gun Program will have the same individual people and training seminars, but will function as two separate groups; one for the Cockers and one for the Springers.*

A vote was taken and all were in favor. We now need to send this to the ECSCA BOD for approval along with an explanation of the change since last May. Vicky has been asked to draft the explanation. If this is approved by the ECSCA BOD it will then be sent to the ESSFTA for their approval.

There is a concern for that the ESSFTA will not approve the combination of training and individuals. If we can't get the ESSFTA to accept combining the programs, the FTC will go back to the prior program already approved by the ECSCA BOD. But, it was felt by the FTC that the best option was to combine both programs. We've had some assurances that the ESSFTA is also in agreement by the president of ESSFTA.

B. General discussion A discussion was held about liability at field trials and insurance coverage. The FTC is generally sure most Field Trial Clubs carry insurance, but there has been some question about Hunt Tests.