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## Field Trial Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart

I. Call to order was made at 8:03 pm EST

II. Approval of minutes: Mike made a motion to accept the minutes & Vicky seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes

III. Approval of the agenda: Mike made a motion to accept the agenda & Vicky seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the agenda

IV. Unfinished Business

V. Continuation of Amateur Eligibility: There was a lengthy discussion about an amateur running client dogs. No decision was reached regarding any changes. Further discussion was tabled until the November Meeting.

A. Deb, Vicky, Pete, Bethann and Sue Rose will continue to acquire the names and addresses of the dogs that are qualified for the 2018 Amateur National.

B. Ballots for Amateur Judges: Bballots will be sent out as soon as a full list of eligible owners is completed..

C. Open Judges Ballots: Have been mailed and winner will be announced at the NCC:

D. FTC At-Large Nominees: The FTC At Large Nominee's ballots will be sent out in November and to be returned in mid-December. The new At-Large members terms shall start in January 2018.

E. Regional Trophies - The Regional High Point Trophies are completed and traveling cases for the trophies have been made. Pete will take care of transporting them to the 2017 National in Kansas. Pete and Deb will host an unveiling of the trophies at the FTC meeting at the 2017 NCC. Robin Putnam is acquiring all of the points from each region to calculate the High Point Regional Winner. Deb would like to thank Pete and Vicky for working tirelessly on procuring the New Regional High Point Trophies for us.

F. Bixby Award The FTC discussed Bixby Award nominees and the scope of work for English Cockers that each nominee has performed.

### New Business:

A. Who will be attending the Cocker National? Deb, Vicky, Pete and Dennis Mike? will be attending the 2017 Nationals. Keith and Terry will not be attending the 2017 NCC. The FTC would like to have Mike Ludwig give a presentation on the 2018 National in NY

B. ECSCA – Board of Directors The FTC is looking for nominees for the 2019 slate of directors for the ECSCA.

C. SPRING 2018 – Cocker Calendar Deb is working on compiling a calendar for all of the Cocker trials in the U.S. for 2018. If your club is planning on having a Cocker Trial in 2018 please contact Deb with your dates.

D. 2019 Open National – The FTC is now looking for clubs who would be willing to host the 2019 Open National as well as the 2020 Amateur National.

E. How we choose National Judges: After getting several complaints about how judges are nominated for the Cocker National, Keith stated several people commented to him that they would like to see changing National Judge qualifications so that each National Judge must be a senior cocker judge with a minimum of 12 cocker events under their belt. There was concern expressed about us possibly not have a large enough pool with this new criteria. Vicky explained how the Springers go about getting their nominees for their National. A list of all qualified judges is sent out to the trialing community, each person gets 4 choices that list is then narrowed down and sent out again and each person chooses 2 nominees. The nominees with the most votes at the end of this process are chosen to judge the NCC. Vicky will prepare a presentation to for the general FTC meeting at the National.

a. Vicky suggested we need a contract signed by the winner of the NCC, NACC, High Point Trophies etc. This would help us to keep track of the trophies and we would not have to search for trophies in future years. It would also explain the responsibility of holding the trophy for the year, shipping the next year and in the event of damage. A unanimous vote was taken. Deb and Chris Dartt will work on preparing the documents for the trophy release.

F. Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm EST

G. Next FTC Meeting: October, 31, 2017 at the NCC

H. Next regular FTC Meeting November 14, 2017