

04.22.08

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Call

Present; Martin Bell, Buzz Benson, Tom Calabrese, Tawney Crawford, Mike Gilpin,
A.R. Ginn,
Rumi Schroeder, Sue Rose

Rumi called the FTC to order at 7PM Central Time.

Sue Rose offered a report on the most recent ECSCA board meeting. All of the FTC recommendations regarding clarification of the requirements to be elected to the Field Trial Committee were accepted.

Mike Gilpin presented to the ECSCA Board, on the hosting of the 2009 NCC by the Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Club of America (CSFTCA). The Board welcomed that this National would be hosted by one of the oldest Cocker clubs in America. It was noted that the NCC Chairperson must be an ECSCA member and Mike acknowledged that this will be resolved. Mike g. also pointed out that an outline proposal has been drafted, that the grounds have been secured and that people are currently working on finalizing the details of the proposal, including trial headquarters, meal arrangements etc. He indicated that this activity would be concluded within the next few weeks and the formal proposal would then be submitted. Mike also requested the Board if access could be provided to the accounting for the past five Nationals in order to assist the CSFTCA in putting on a cost effective event without in anyway detracting from the quality deserving of a National. Next ECSCA board meeting is September 2008.

Tom Calabrese gave a Gun Committee report, announcing that the Gun Advisory Committee has been expanded to include Tom Ness from North Dakota and Dave Proctor from Ontario, Canada.

From the committee a question arose as to whether there exists a qualification requirement in the ECSCA Gun Program for invitation to the NCC gun team. Tom stated that general Gun Program guidelines currently pertain, but would explore the concept with the Gun Advisory Committee.

Finally, the Spring Cocker field trials management has been forwarding the gunners participation log for accumulation. The log would be offered for posting on the website.

Tawney and Martin, who are also members of the Judges Committee, reported that a lengthy teleconference meeting was held last night and that the committee had come up with a plan. A written copy will be presented to the FTC as soon as possible so that the concept can be disbursed to the general cocker community for their review and comments.

Tawney, commented that the organization of the NCC2008 in Montana is coming together well. The arrangements for the ATV's, Bird Planters, various equipment and catering have been completed. Meetings with the land owners are ongoing.

There was discussion regarding the NCC Print program. Last year it was decided to discontinue the program. There is renewed interest in continuing the prints and for NCC 2008 the owner of 2007 winner would like to offer a print. For 2009 it was decided to request input from the Cocker committee.

It was reported by Rumi that Vicky Thomas has been approaching the Springer board of directors regarding the concept of a completed Master Hunter leg would suffice as qualification for the FC water test. More on this next meeting.

Suggestions for 2009 NCC Judges are due in by June. Get with it.

Next meeting is schedule for 05.06.08 same time, same place.

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