

## FTC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 24, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tom Calabrese at 7 p.m. central time

Members present: Tom, Buzz, A.R., Olivia, Sue W, Hob, DeDe

Members absent: Tony Roettger

Guests: Sue Rose

Minutes from January meeting approved.

Tom announced the alternate judge is Jerry Light for the 2009 NCC. Tom asked each person to pass the word along in the respective regions.

Amateur National pathway discussed. Sue Rose explained she pulled together information from the 1993/94 national as far as number of qualified dogs and dogs entered in the first two open nationals. The information was forwarded to Hob in preparation for his visit with the AKC CEO. Hob indicated he received the info from Sue. Hob noted the information received looked complete and will prepare the information for presentation.

Thank you Sue for the work in pulling together the information.

Sue Rose stated she had sent Buzz information regarding the year and number of prints we have. Sue has a list of prints and numbers we have left. The e-mail was forwarded to the committee members.

A.R. commented that an e-mail was sent out by Vicky Thomas regarding thoughts on the print program. Sue W. will send out the e-mail to the members of the committee.

A.R. thought we all should read the e-mail from Vicky before further discussion.

Tom commented the difficult thing with the print program was to define permanent funding. Tom thought initially the funding would come out of the Patron Program from the NCC. Tom stated he thought that at least was the concept. We agreed to put it on the March meeting agenda.

NCC judging next item for discussion. Tom stated he has talked with Paul McGaugh and Paul agreed to reconstitute the judging committee to look at the pros and cons of 4 judges and possibility of posting scores. No report from Paul at this time. We will look for more information and discussion at a future meeting.

A.R. asked if the FTC appointed the judges committee. Tom explained that the FTC appoints the Chair of the judges committee and the Chair then will select committee members to be on the committee. Paul will communicate with the FTC on the selection of the committee. Tom will make sure Paul understands the process.

New items: Suggestion to give clubs some of the prints to auction at events to raise money for the print program. Positive response as a fund raising idea. More ideas discussed as fund raising ideas for the print program.

The N.D. club would like to give it a try. Buzz thought the club might even pay for the framing. Sue W. commented as the Patron Chair she had some thoughts as well and would e-mail out to the committee.

Tom asked Sue Rose the cost of the prints. Sue stated \$50.00 plus \$10.00 shipping.

Sue Rose also commented to put the prints on the website. Sue stated the ECSCA would like to see the prints for sale on the ECSCA website.

Sue Rose has the electronic images for all of the prints except the last one. She will get that out to us.

A.R. informed us, Tony Roettger's wife, Donna had passed away. The funeral is upcoming. A card will be sent. Tom will send a card to the family.

Sue W. asked us to think about the Patron Program and some concerns about keeping the program viable. Sue commented some of the Patrons were not as pleased what the gift was. Sue is asking input from the committee as to thoughts on revitalizing the program.

Sue asked to make sure a list of the Patrons is included in each event catalog to recognize the Patrons. More thoughts next meeting. Gifts for this year talked about. Hob suggested gifts that are regional in nature. Something specific to the area might be nice. Example, something with a western theme might have been nice from the 08 NCC in Montana.

Tom thought Barbara Haup had an idea that is unique to the area. Olivia suggested a photo book, like she put together for the people that placed in the 08 NCC, as something for the Patrons.

Tom suggested we start putting the ideas together and visit next meeting. It was noted the Patron does not net that much for the amount of work Sue W. put into it.

Meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday March 24, 2009

Minutes submitted by Buzz Benson