

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes 5/31/2011

Present: Buzz Benson, Kim Wiley, Dennis Joannides, Terry Oliver, John Dartt and Sue Wilson

Absent: Olivia Steele-Mortimer

Cocker Field Trial Judge's Criterion:

Buzz announced that the ECSCA Board has approved the Cocker Field Trial Judging Criteria at their May Board Meeting. He will send the FTC members a draft of the letter that will be sent to all cocker field trial clubs. This is for the committee's suggestions and discussion prior to the letter being sent. Once the club letter is finalized, the Cocker Field Trial Judging Criteria will be distributed. Kate Romanski will be submitting the approved criteria to the AKC. We are still on target for electing and announcing the 2012 Cocker National judges at NCC 2011.

Bird Dog Hall of Fame Proposal:

Buzz and Dennis announced that the ECSCA Board unanimously approved the motion to secure space at the Bird Dog Foundation facility in Grand Junction, Tennessee. We will be allotted 25 linear feet of space in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame. The Board has provided funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 towards the total cost of \$65,000.00. Dennis has funds in the amount of \$22,500.00 from individual donations and an additional \$5000.00 in pledges. This totals \$42,500.00 leaving a balance of \$22,500.00 needed.

The Foundation levels are:

Diamond - \$10,000

Platinum - \$5000

Gold - \$2500

Silver - \$1000

Bronze - \$500

Founder's names will be listed on a bronze plaque in the Hall of Fame. Field Trial Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Founders program.

Terry Oliver needed to let his area members know if the (American) Cocker group would be able to participate in our Hall of Fame area. It was suggested that for a donation of

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\$6500 they could share 10% of the space and for \$13,000 they could be afforded 20%. Funds are needed by no later than 6/15/2011.

The next step in the process is to select the Hall of Fame Committee which will be charged with documenting the history of cocker field trials and establishing a criterion for selection to the Hall of Fame.

The English Cocker Hall of Fame Committee (HFC) shall consist of 7 members. Four shall be selected by the FTC from different geographic regions (east, west, midwest and south) similar to the current FTC committee. The chairperson shall be a current member of the FTC and selected by the FTC. Two additional at-large members shall be appointed, one by the ECSCA Board and one by the FTC.

Dennis Joannides in recognition of his efforts in organizing and compiling the necessary information to submit and secure approval for ECSCA funds for the HOF proposal, was nominated (1st Sue Wilson 2nd Terry Oliver) and unanimously elected as the HOF Chairperson.

Characteristics needed by prospective committee members were discussed. They are someone whose integrity is above reproach; someone who writes well, is detail oriented; passionate about field trials, a team player, and knows the history of cocker field trials. Several names were discussed and committee members were asked to submit their suggestions for committee members and advisory committee members.

Other Business:

Kate Romanski has several copies of the Jubilee Books available for \$50.00. The set consists of (4) hard-bound books that contain much of the history of the English Cocker Spaniel in show and field events. These books are only available for a short time, and there is a limited supply left, so those interested should contact Kate Romanski as soon as possible to reserve their copy.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 – 7:00PM CDT (8:00PM EDT, 6:00PM MDT, 5:00PM PDT)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wilson