

Minutes from FTC meeting Tues 15th June 2010

Present: O Steele-Mortimer, J Dartt, B Benson, D Joannides, A Roettger

Absent: Sue Wilson, H Brown

Meeting started at 8 pm Eastern time.

1st item: Alternate Judge for NCC 2010

Buzz has been unable to get anybody to commit to be Alternate for this years NCC. This includes two judges who were selected for previous NCCs (2009, 2008) but had to be replaced at the last minute. He mentioned that Mike Delaney was one of the short listed possibilities but the committee decided not to ask him since it would exclude Paul and Vicky, as well as any clients dogs that are currently in training. Given the lack of advance warning it was decided that this would be unfair.

Olivia suggested, and the committee agreed, that the judges committee (chair: Paul McGagh) should be asked to reconsider recommendations re alternate judge. The proposal was that the alternate judge should be present at the National and that they should be automatically one of the two judges for the following year. For reasons that are now obvious people are not willing to commit to this.

2nd item: 2010 NCC

Dennis reported that Donna is working with Dave Barto to get a headquarters hotel organized for the NCC 2010. This is because the original hotel fell through due to fire and delayed rebuilding.

Dennis also requested that the FTC should get more information on how the finances are organized for NCCs. This seems to be something that people are generally not clear about. In particular whether all monies raised have to be sent to the ECSCA. Buzz proposes, and the committee agree, that Karin Spurlin (ECSCA treasurer) should be invited to the next FTC meeting to explain exactly how the monies are accounted for and to summarize previous NCC accounts. Dennis raised the concern that it may be harder to raise funds when these are going to the ECSCA rather than the NCC organizing Club. Other committee members pointed out that the ECSCA provides monies in advance (for birds etc) and also covers any shortfall.

3rd item: Game Conservation

Buzz reported that he had spoken to Tom Meyer (AKC field events rep) to clarify whether the AKC would approve/support the inclusion of sentence(s) in premiums and/or catalogs to the effect that "Every effort will be made to recover shot game" (wording has not yet been finalized). Tom Meyer was supportive of this but stressed that the AKC is taking the subject of Game Conservation

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extremely seriously and that they expect more effort to be made in all field events.

4th item: Qualified dogs list for NCC

Dennis asked if anybody is responsible for maintaining a list of dogs qualified for NCCs. In the recent past the Secretarys for each NCC have had to update the list by going through the results posted on Field Cockers and/or working cockers. Olivia mentioned that in 2008 there was an error in the placements for one FT, so that one qualified dog could easily have been missed, and that it is very important to have accurate records. Buzz agreed to work on finding somebody to keep the records up to date and posted on the websites.

Final questions:

Buzz asked all present if they had any specific issues from their areas for discussion. All said no except Olivia who wanted to bring attention to the fact that the Cascade English Cockers Fanciers Club (CECFC) in Western Washington will be putting on their first Field trial September 4 and 5th. This is an excellent opportunity to bring some new people into the Field trialling group and hopefully will be well supported.

Meeting concluded at 9 pm Eastern time.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 20, 2010
8:00PM EDT, 7:00PM CDT, 5:00PM PDT**