

## FTC July 7, 2009 Committee Meeting

July FTC meeting called to order by Tom Calabrese at 7 p.m. CST July 7, 2009.

Present: Tom Calabrese, Sue Wilson, Buzz Benson, Hobson Brown, and Olivia Steele-Mortimer.

Guest: Sue Rose

Tom Calabrese opened the meeting and introduced Paul McGagh present to report on the Judges Committee recommendations.

Paul McGagh commented on the clubs participating in field trials being able to nominate a person to be on the NCC judge's ballot. A question was raised in regard to whom, in the club would be allowed to vote. Would it be only those with qualified dogs or the club voting as a whole? The FTC Committee felt the voting would be as a club and all members regardless of a qualified dog or not.

Paul will take back to the judging committee for more discussion. Tom Calabrese mentioned he believed the Springer Clubs voted club by club with all members able to have input.

Also brought to the FTC from the judges committee, was discussion of those individuals with qualified dogs, needed to be present at the NCC to have a vote for the next years NCC judges. The FTC members felt that it might not really be fare if the person with a qualified dog that was unable to travel to the NCC, not have input for the next year. Paul understood and would take it back to the judges committee for further discussion and get back to the FTC.

Report on the topic of a future Cocker Amateur National. Hob brown reported he had recent discussion with the AKC Field Representatives and has received a letter from them outlining what they think should be the requirements before a Amateur National can be held. In the discussion it was again mentioned of a minimum of 17 amateur stakes in a year, plus having at least 59 qualified dogs. Tom Calabrese thought we would meet the 59 qualified dogs this year. The FTC as a whole expressed concern of the 17 amateur stakes, as we cannot run a Amateur Stake by itself. It has to be tied to an Open Stake. More discussion with the AKC Representatives is in order to see if we options.

Discussion regarding judging criteria for the Amateur Stakes also of concern of the AKC Field Representatives. They have asked us to consider judging seminars and setting criteria for judges to follow. The FTC Judges Committee has worked on this over the past year and has brought forward criteria, such as the judging pair to have at least 12 judged events. One thought by Tom Calabrese suggested for the judges committee to consider is an apprentice program. Paul McGagh will take to the committee for discussion. The idea would be not to have someone go into an event totally new. Tom also thought pairing a experienced judge with a newer judge was a good idea. Paul McGagh thought the committee had the same suggestions and would talk as a committee.

Sue Wilson has sent out he final recommendation on the patron Program for the 2009 NCC. Sue reported she has been in communication with Barbara Haupt and the recommendation by A.R. Ginn for a Gold Patron Plus level at a donation of \$650.00 and if paid by September 1, would be at a discounted rate of \$600.00 for two people. The donation would get you two hand carved whistles, two event catalogs, two patron hats, acknowledgement in the 2009 catalog, 50% discount on advertising in the 2009 catalog, 50% discount on advertising for one year on [www.workingcocker.com](http://www.workingcocker.com), best seats n the house on priority shagging. It is still undecided as to it will include two banquet tickets or welcome dinner tickets. Sue will get that clear before the letter goes out. Will clarify with Barbara Houpe.

Also discussed was what we are doing with the NCC prints that we already have. We are looking at how to advertise them for sale, establish a cost for the prints and start raising some money for the print program. Sue Rose stated the agreed price for the prints is \$50.00 plus shipping. Tom Calabrese sent out a list of the contacts plus a new Cocker group in Central Maine. Buzz Benson reported at the Cocker Trial this spring, we had a silent auction on a framed print and sold it for \$250.00. The money will go into the print fund account. The Club donated the framing for the print. We will get digital images of the prints for display on web sites.

No further discussion, the next meeting set at Tuesday August 4, 2009 at 7 p.m. CST

Minutes submitted by Buzz Benson