

08.05.08

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Call

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

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

**Gun Committee Report:** Tom Calabrese reported that the Cocker Gunning Log is waiting on gun staffing from one trial, and then the Spring log will be completed.

The Gun committee is in the process of developing concepts that pertain to recommended qualifications to be invited as an NCC Gunner.

**Judges Committee Report:** The Judge's is in the process of developing a report, which is projected to be presented to the FTC at the next teleconference.

**NCC 2008:** Tawney reported that she had visited the site and found the grounds to be in great condition. Dominique requested guidance on the NCC budgeting process. Rumi will contact Karen Spurlin, ECSCA Treasurer, for past budgets which will be forward to Dominique.

**Hunt Test Report:** Buss Benson (liaison to the HT committee) is evaluating the "Beyond Masters" HT Program. Review of the Springer Spaniel and English Cocker Spaniel programs for comparative interpretation. Sue Rose will send Buzz the write up on the ECSCA guidelines.

**NCC Print Program:** Rumi canvassed the NCC Patrons regarding their preferences concerning the Print Program. 20 of the 40 Patrons responded.....mixed results.....1/3 desired to keep the program, 1/3 favored eliminating the program and 1/3 suggested various changes to the print program. A follow up will be made to increase the response rate. Further discussion is schedule for next meeting.

ECSCA has requested that we find a permanent funding method for the Print Program if we are to continue it.

**NCC 2009:** Balloting closed for at the End of August for the NCC 2009 Judges. The ECSCA Recording Secretary is accumulating the votes.

**FTC Membership:** Status was discussed, currently 2 year plus two year (if reelected) is the standard. All felt that was appropriate. Sue Rose will analyze the Field Trial participants by state in preparation for the 2010 realignment of regions. According to approved ECSCA guidelines the regional make up is to be evaluated every decade.

NCC Balloting: Discussion took place regarding the NCC balloting methodology. Sue Rose mentioned that the method is documented in the Mission Statement. She will email a copy to the FTC members for review.

**H.S. Bixby Award:** Nominations for the H.S. Bixby Award should be sent to Sue Rose. The Award is given annually at the NCC Awards Dinner to individual that has greatly contributed to the growth and well being of the English Cocker Field program.

Next meeting is schedule for 08.26.08.

7 PM Central ..... 8 PM Eastern.

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