

08.26.08

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Call

Present; Martin Bell, Tom Calabrese, Tawney Crawford, Mike Gilpin, Rumi Schroeder

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

The meeting was opened with a discuss of the new **"Addition to Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels, Chapter 5, Section 1, effective January 1, 2008"**

"Paragraph 4. A professional dog trainer with an ongoing business relationship should not be allowed to judge his client with one year of their relationship."

"Paragraph 5. The definition of a professional relationship is on where the professional dog trainer or a member of the trainer's household is compensated for the training of a client's dog for field trials or hunting tests, or the handling of a client's dog in a field trial or hunting. It would not include the purchase or sale of a dog, attendance at a seminar or the purchase of dog training equipment, or other business transactions that may occur not related to the training of dogs."

The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association has made further definitional requests with the AKC regarding 'trainer & client' not to judge one another within one year of their relationship and also further definition of 'professional'.

Rumi contacted the AKC and stressed the ECSCA FTC and the Cocker community needs to be in the review loop of all AKC rules that impact field cockers.

FTC Regional alignment: Sue Rose emailed a realignment scenario that would place approximately 20 field ECSCA members in each region. FTC members will review and send comments to Rumi. Any changes in regional alignment would have to be approved at the Sept. 6 ECSCA Board meeting.

NCC Judge nominations: Specific wording in the guidelines for nomination of NCC judges shall include "surveying" from the Cocker community for recommendations.

Gun Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Judges Committee Report: Nothing to report.

NCC 2008: Nothing to report.

NCC Print Program: Rumi extended the canvassing of the NCC Patrons regarding their preferences on continuing the Print Program. The results favored the continuation. Now a financing mechanism needs to be put into place, before the ECSCA will reinstate to program. Martin Bell recommended a Ten Year financing pledge for participants who would continue the program. Another possible financing would be to auction the extra NCC Prints on E-bay. Estimated value would be \$25-40 each. That sum could be dedicated to the program.

Next meeting is schedule for 09.09.08.

7 PM Central 8 PM Eastern.

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