

FTC Meeting September 22, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tom Calabrese at 7 p.m. Central

Present: Tom Calabrese, Dede Griffin, Olivia Steele Mortimer, Buzz Benson, Sue Wilson, Hob Brown

First order on the agenda was review of last month's minutes and communications. Tom asked that we be sure to communicate with people in the cocker community, share thoughts and present back to the FTC.

Tom Calabrese e-mailed a NCC check list to the committee to review. It looks like everything is in order for the 2009 NCC and the check list is complete.

Discussion regarding the open meeting at the 2009 NCC. Committee discussion as to when it would be a good time to hold the meeting. We want to pick a time that allows the most participation from those present at the NCC. We will look at possibly holding the meeting before the start of the first day in the field. A time will be decided by next meeting.

Tom Calabrese reported the Euclid Club with George Kittle and Dave Barto as Chairs have requested to hold the 2010 NCC. Location possibilities at this time are Southern Michigan or Central Ohio. More information to follow upcoming meetings.

NCC 2010 Judges Ballots will be mailed out soon, so be on the look for them. Dogs that are qualifiers for the 2010 NCC must have a placement from 2008 forward.

Update on the Amateur Nationals from Hob Brown, at this time we are working with the AKC, but all indications are a go if we can get the number of qualified dogs up and increase the number of amateur stakes being held. Hob noted we really need clubs to include an amateur stake when they are making plans for next year. If we are to make an amateur national happen it is going to take all clubs to hold amateur trials along with the open trials.

Eye wipes discussed and the committee discussed reasons an eye wipe might be used. Evaluating the dog and picking up all game were the two reasons agreed on. It was generally felt that it should be in the hands of the trial committee along with the judges in determining if eye wipes are too used at the trial. Factors such as temperature play a role in deciding along with the time delays, questioning the use of a pick up dog talked about. At this point, should it be left to the local club to include eye wipes and would it need to be placed in the premium the intent of the event committee? Olivia commented clubs should make every effort to recover shot game and allow the local committee and judges decide on eye wipes.

The topic of 4 judges at eh NCC was discussed and a suggestion to get more feedback from the cocker community was felt to be in order. Tom Calabrese asked each of the

committee members to reach out to members and share the comments at the next meeting.

Sue Wilson gave an update on the Patron Program for the 09 NCC. At this time Sue reported \$5200.00 taken in. 3 gold plus, 9 gold, 7 bronze.

Tom Calabrese is asking clubs to start thinking of requesting dates for next year and getting the dates out for people to make plans. For March California, Colorado and Montana are considering cocker trials. Tom Calabrese mentioned double booking dates okay if the distance is at least 800 miles between clubs. Discussion about the cost of trials, and how difficult it can be for new or young folks to get involved. It was recognized important recruiting new people, but the cost of travel and great distances was a factor with people making a decision to participate.

Hob Brown introduced discussion regarding a traveling trophy. Discussion outside the committee has been with Hob Brown, A.R. Ginn and Vicky Thomas on the possibility of a trophy that would travel from year to year with the new NCC Champion. Hob will present more at upcoming meetings.

With no further discussion, meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. Central.

Minutes submitted by Buzz Benson