

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – November 9, 2010

Present: Buzz Benson, Hob Brown, Dennis Joannides, Olivia Steele-Mortimer, & Sue Wilson.

Absent: John Dartt, & Tony Roettger

Follow Up Discussion NCC 2010:

FTC committee members received feedback on NCC 2010 from members in their areas. The feedback was generally positive however a couple of items were brought up and committee members feel that they need to be addressed. The first concerned **gallery etiquette**. Gallery participants need to be encouraged to keep quiet, with no loud talking and laughing while walking in the gallery. Judges should not have to approach the gallery and request silence. This is distracting to dogs/handlers and other gallery participants. Field marshals should be encouraged to stress the need for silence in the gallery and enforce that it is maintained. The second concerned **recovery of game**. All field trials, especially future NCC events need to find ways to recover game by way of pick up dogs or some suitable method. Further discussion on ways to accomplish this will follow.

NCC 2011 Judges:

Clubs who held a cocker field trial in 2010 are being solicited for their nomination for NCC 2011 judges. Buzz Benson is in the process of sending letters to all of the field trial secretaries for the clubs involved. Nominations require approval of the nominee and a short bio to be included with the nomination.

NCC 2011 Judge nominations are requested no later than 11/30/2010. Nominations should be sent to Buzz Benson
Email: bbenson42@bis.midco.net

Nominations for 2011-2012 FTC Committee Members:

FTC members who have completed their 2 year term are Tony Roettger (Midwest), Hob Brown (East), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West) & Sue Wilson (South). Nominations are being accepted for new committee members.

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Hob Brown stated that he is not seeking re-election at the end of his term since he no longer resides in the East. Committee members who have held only one two-year term are eligible for a second term if elected. Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West) and Sue Wilson (South) have agreed to a second term if elected.

Committee members present all congratulated Hob Brown on his NCC championship. He encouraged the committee to continue to lead and not get bogged down in the smaller details. He asked committee members to not lose site of the amateur program and its potential contribution to field trialing.

Approved Field Trial Dates for 2011

18Feb & 19Feb – Heart of Texas (Fri-Sat) – Open/Open

25Feb 26Feb & 27Feb – ECSCA (Fri-Sat-Sun) – Open/Open/Amateur

10Mar & 11Mar – So CA Sporting Spaniel (Thu-Fri) – Open/Open

25Mar 26Mar & 27Mar – Fox Valley (Fri-Sat-Sun) Open/Open/Amateur

16Apr 17Apr & 18Apr – ND Sporting Spaniel (Sat-Sun-Mon)
Open/Open/Amateur

16Apr & 17Apr – Spaniel Assoc of Western NY (Sat-Sun)

29Apr 30Apr & 01 May – MN Hunting Spaniel Assoc (Fri-Sat-Sun)
Open/Open/Amateur

30Sep 01Oct & 02Oct – Fox Valley (Fri-Sat-Sun)

Further discussion will be held regarding cross-dating of field trial events and encouraging clubs to publish their trial dates as early as possible.

Our next meeting: Tuesday 12/07/10 – 7:00PM CST

Agenda to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wilson