

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America

Field Trial Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

7:00 p.m. CST

Attendance: Kim Wiley, Joe DeMarkis, Terry Oliver, Back Grabowski, Barbara Defalco, Keith Meissner
Absent: Robert Griffin

- 1) A call to order was made at 7:03 CST
- 2) Terry made a motion to approve the agenda & Barbara seconded it.
- 3) NCC 2014 Tyrone, PA update – Joe DeMarkis
 - a) Joe has met with the land owners and confirmed details of the trial grounds
An RV camping site has been located on the grounds and the bird prices have been agreed upon. Everything is falling into place nicely. Joe has been in touch with all committee chairs and the all aspects of the NCC are coming together. Terry & Joe both reported that donations for the silent auction have been coming in, but more are always needed.
 - b) Premiums for the 2014 NCC have been sent to owners of qualified dogs either through e-mail or the US Postal Service.
- 4) Harold S. Bixby Memorial Service Award nominations are due on Sept. 15th
Nominations should be sent to area FTC representatives by the deadline. A description of the recipient should be *“This award recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to our sport over many years and exemplify the high standards of Harold Bixby. It is presented at the discretion of the Field Trial Committee of the ECSCA which selects the recipient after reviewing nominations from the field.”*
- 5) NCC 2015 Judges Ballots were mailed out today (Tuesday, Sept. 2nd) to the owners of qualified dogs. The ballots must be postmarked by Saturday, Sept. 20th. The following nominees and bios were received and included on the NCC 2015 Judges Ballot:
(revised 9/3/2014 due to omission)
 - Tim Edwards (Pennsylvania)
 - George Kittle (Michigan)
 - Dean Koehler (Minnesota)
 - Brent Lemaster (Ohio)
 - Dan Lussen (New York)
 - Tom Menzel (Wisconsin)

- 6) A review of the ECSCA field membership by region was discussed. A discussion was held concerning the amount of dogs & members w/ Field Trial Interest in each region.

The definition used for “ECSCA Field Trial Interest” defined as: A person who is a current member of the ECSCA and regularly participates in field trials by owning and/or handling and/or training dogs for the purpose of field trials or supports the operation of field trials on a regular basis such as being the secretary, chairperson, etc...

The purpose of this list exists for the purpose of electing FTC regional representation and at-large members. At this time there are 13 ECSCA field trial members in the North East, 27 in the North Central, 20 in the West, and 11 in the South.

There was a conversation about restructuring to three regions (west, central and east - vertically) and adding another at-large member. This would create a better representation of the number of people in each region and the number of trials in each region. This will be discussed further at the October FTC meeting.

- 7) Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm CST, Joe seconded
- 8) Next FTC Meeting October 7, 2014 7:00 pm CST