

## **ECSCA FTC MINUTES – April 12, 2011**

**Present:** Buzz Benson (Chair/At-Large), John Dartt (At-Large), Dennis Joannides (At-Large), Olivia Steele-Mortimer (West), Sue Wilson (South), Terry Oliver (East), and Kim Wiley (Mid-West)

**Absent:** None

### **NCC 2011 Update: Kim Wiley**

ECSCA has made funds in the amount of \$2000 available to the NCC 2011 committee for preliminary NCC expenses. These funds will be available on a yearly basis to help future NCC committee's with start up costs for the NCC each year.

Services of Julieann Wallace have been secured as the official photographer for NCC 2011. She will be providing a 5x7 photograph of each dog entered, and will make available FREE access to all photographs taken at the NCC event. Thank you to Lisa and Hob Brown who have agreed to sponsor the photography costs.

Discussions are under way to honor Mike Jew at this year's NCC event.

### **Entries for NCC 2011 will close on October 7, 2011.**

Kim will provide Buzz Benson with an up-to-date budget for NCC 2011, which Buzz will present to the ECSCA Board at their May meeting.

### **Cocker Field Trial Judge Criteria:**

Members discussed the comments received from concerned field trial participants, who have strongly voiced an opinion **against** the apprenticeship requirement in the judging criteria. The committee reviewed the AKC recommendation that an apprenticeship requirement **should be included** in the judging criteria. The AKC rationale is that we were the only field events group that does not currently have one.

A decision was made to submit the criteria as approved at the March 2011 FTC meeting, which included an apprenticeship requirement for new judges, with the understanding that the criteria would be monitored and evaluated over time.

Once the criteria have been approved by the ECSCA Board, we can move forward with 2012 NCC judge nominations, and elections. Our target is July 1, 2011, with the goal of announcing the 2012 NCC judges at the 2011 NCC banquet.

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### **2012 NCC Change in Chairman:**

With increased work-related responsibilities, Pat Kelliher has stepped down as the Chairman for NCC 2012. Terry Oliver has graciously stepped up to take his place.

### **Novice Stake or Bird Dog Foundation Field Trial Hall of Fame:**

In an attempt to find the best way to use profit from NCC 2010, the committee favored establishing a scholarship fund for novice handlers competing in field trial events, to help defray the cost of an entry fee. This proposal had to be abandoned when it was discovered that this would be in direct violation of AKC rules.

Discussion about novice stakes with prize money awards followed, however no consensus was met.

The committee agreed to explore the possibility of securing space at the Bird Dog Foundation Inc.'s Field Trial Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tennessee to display field trial trophies and memorabilia. A suitable venue is needed to showcase these valuable items and record the history of cocker field trials in North America.

### **New Gun Captain:**

Pete Zuleger has been added to the list of approved Gun Captains.

### **Transportation Funds Approved:**

The ECSCA Board has approved our request to provide funds in the amount of \$600.00 annually to be used by the FTC Chairperson towards transportation costs in order to attend at least (2) of the board meetings each year. This is the same amount of money made available to ECSCA Board members

### **FTC Agenda Items for ECSCA May Board Meeting**

- 1) Updated NCC 2011 Budget
- 2) Judging Criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials

**Our next meeting: Tuesday 5/31/2011 – 7:00PM CDT**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Wilson