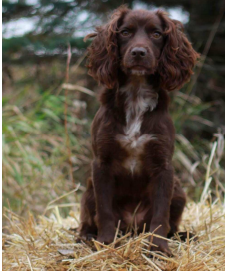


Field Trial Committee Minutes



NFC, FC Absolute Winnie

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"Doing My Part"

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart

**The National Amateur Cocker Championships (NACC)
has been APPROVED by the AKC**

- I. Call to order was made at 7:04pm
- I. Approval of minutes Vicky made a motion to approve the minutes and Dennis seconded the motion, all were in favor
- I. Approval of the agenda Vicky made a motion to approve the minutes and Dennis seconded the motion, all were in favor
- V. Unfinished Business
- V. Amateur Status – There was a lengthy discussion regarding the status of Amateur Field Trialers. Pete proposed a rule that family members of Professional Handlers or Trainers will not be allowed to handle a client's dog in the Amateur Event for a period of at least 1 year after the training has concluded. This rule is in effect for judging / professional trainers and has worked in the past.
 - A. Revised Gunning Program – Cocker Parent Club Board of Governors has recently adopted the gunning structure of the Springer parent Club. Up dated wording CONFIRMED. The Gunning Program will be sent over to the Springers for their approval.
 - B. Regional Trophy's – Pete and Vicky update. The AKC and ECSCA doesn't permit traveling trophies. Any traveling High Point Trophies will have to be paid for with donations and cannot be given out at the awards ceremony. They can be given out at the banquet however. Pete & Vicky are working on securing the Regional High Point Trophies. Vicky likes the idea of using the Regional High Point Trophies and when they are filled up they would be donated to the Hall of Fame and new trophies would be purchased. Thanks to Terry Reckart for offering to donate the Mid-East trophy and to Vicky Thomas for offering to donate the

east and western regional trophies. Vicky also noted that several trophies that are given out at the National are not included in the list of trophies for the NCC. She will continue to work on researching the missing trophies as well.

C. Amateur National 2018 The National Amateur Cocker Championships (NACC) has been APPROVED by the AKC.

Qualifying Dogs for the Amateur National. Vicky made a motion that any dog that has qualified at any time up until the running of the Amateur National in 2018 is qualified to run the Amateur National. Dennis seconded the motion and a vote was taken and all were in favor. The FTC will review the qualifications for further Amateur Nationals. Dennis would like a point system qualification for the future versus a shorter qualification period, Vicky suggested we discuss this at the Field Trial meeting during the 2018 Amateur National in April. Dennis stated that using a multiple point system would encourage more people to enter Amateur Trials, especially during years in which there is no amateur national

D. Judges nomination form. Terry had developed a National Judges Nomination form and will submit it to fieldcockers.com to be posted on the website. A copy of the Nomination Form has been attached to the minutes.

- i. Anyone who has a dog that is qualified for the Amateur National will be sent a ballot to vote for the judges for the Amateur National.
- ii. Anyone who has a dog qualified for the Open National will be sent a ballot to vote for judges for the 2018 Open National judges.
- iii. ECSCA members with a field interest will be sent a ballot to vote on the FTC members.

E. The deadline for nominations for the 2018 Amateur National judges is August 14th

F. The deadline nominations for the 2018 Open National judges nominations are due by August 31st

G. The deadline for nominations for the FTC members are due on August 31st

New Business:

A. Review policy about number of trials in a geographical area. Deb stated that WI has had 5 trials in a 6 week span. Dennis and Mike stated that with more trials week after week it lowers the number of entries at other trials. Deb stated that there are several clubs hosting trials after the National. Vicky stated that the more trials there are hopefully it will help to draw more people to the local trials due to the less travel time.

B. 4 at-large FTC members are retiring this year / start thinking of new members. Below are the requirements for the nomination.

C. CRITERIA FOR ECSCA FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The person shall desire to serve for the betterment of the breed (English Cocker Spaniel) and the growth of the field trial activities for the breed (English Cocker Spaniel). Any ECSCA member that is (or has been) working, training, or handling an English Cocker Spaniel for field trials can be on the committee. Regional Representatives must live in the region they are to represent. At Large Representatives can be from any area of the country. The person shall have at least five (5) years experience in field trial training or hunting with an English Cocker Spaniel.

**The person shall have experience in organizing/running English Cocker Spaniel field trials.
The person shall be comfortable with use of e-mail and conference calls as the basic committee
correspondence and communication vehicle.**

- D. Bixby award Tabled till the next meeting
- E. SPRING 2018 – Cocker Calendar Tabled till the next meeting
- F. Meeting Adjourned at 10:10pm EST
- G. Next meeting scheduled for August 15th 2017