

Minutes from FTC meeting Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Present: Olivia Steele-Mortimer, John Dartt, Buzz Benson, Tony Roettger, Hob Brown, and Sue Wilson

Absent: Dennis Joannides

Meeting started at 8 pm Eastern time.

Cocker Field Trial Judge Criteria –

The committee discussed at length the cocker field trial judge criteria proposed by the McGagh committee, and was in agreement with the proposal with the addition of two points: 1) Encourage clubs to hold judging seminars and 2) Encourage clubs to utilize apprentice judges.

Hob suggested that we encourage judges to remain after an event for questions from participants. Buzz will draft a written proposal, which the committee will review and finalize, before it is sent to the ECSCA Board for their approval at their September meeting.

Buzz Benson will send the committee a final draft of the cocker judging criteria and it will be sent out as a word document attachment to the minutes.

NCC 2011 Judge Selection –

Prior to 2010 NCC judges were selected via a method whereby owners of qualified dogs submitted a judge's name for consideration. The list of names was often quite lengthy and the FTC was responsible for paring down and selecting a final list, which was then put to a vote by qualified dog owners.

In 2010 clubs who had held field trials were solicited for nominations. The club was asked to contact the judge to see if he/she were available and request the judge to submit a brief bio which was submitted with their nomination. The club nominations were then put to a vote by qualified dog owners.

Written proposals and comments regarding the NCC judge selection process were submitted by Tawney Crawford, Dennis Joannides, and Dominique Savoie.

Pros for the 2010 method were 1) encouraged input from clubs actively holding field trials. Cons were 1) Field trial participants who were not members of a club did not have a voice in the selection process 2) Not all clubs were contacted in a timely manner 3) List of nominees was short which presented difficulty in locating an alternate judge. 4) Requirement that alternate judge to the NCC attend the current year event and then become one of the judges for the following year was too long a commitment and resulted in potential judges declining to serve.

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A motion was made to submit the 2010 method to the ECSCA board for approval at their September meeting (Tony Roettger 1st; Sue Wilson 2nd). 5 members were in favor with Olivia not in favor. Buzz will send out an FTC “eyes only” final draft for addition and/or corrections before the final recommendation is submitted to the ECSCA board.

Field Trial Calendar

A voice vote was held to confirm and approve all current cocker field trial dates with the addition of a North Dakota trial on 9/24-9/25/2010 and a change of date to the Maine field trial event in September.

Meeting concluded at 9:50pm Eastern time.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, To Be Determined (Committee Members will be notified in a timely manner)
8:00PM EDT, 7:00PM CDT, 6:00PM MDT, 5:00PM PDT**

Respectfully Submitted ~ Sue Wilson