

## **ECSCA FTC MINUTES – February 09, 2010**

**Present:** Buzz Benson, Hob Brown, Dave Barto (NCC 2010 Chair), John Dartt, Tony Roettger, Olivia Steele-Mortimer, Dennis Joannides, Dede Griffin, & Sue Wilson

**Absent:** Sue Rose

### **NCC 2010 Update:**

Buzz Benson called the meeting to order and welcomed the Chair of NCC 2010, Dave Barto, who provided an update on this year's NCC event. The host club is the **Euclid Field Trial Association**, hosts of the first NCC. The dates will be 10/28/10 (Thursday) until conclusion with a Welcome Party to be held on Wed evening (10/27) and the Banquet on Thursday evening (10/28). Details regarding the trial headquarters hotel are still being finalized. The trial grounds are near Jackson, Michigan. Closest airport will be Detroit Metropolitan (DTW). Co-Gun Captains are John Leininger and Dave Proctor. Field Trial Secretary is Rumi Schroeder. Further details will follow once the proposal has received final approval. Dave may be contacted at [dave.barto@verizon.net](mailto:dave.barto@verizon.net) or cell phone 216-244-2828.

### **NCC Judge Selection:**

The judges' sub-committee, assembled by the FTC, delineated the process implemented for NCC judge selection for 2010. The FTC committee seated at the time approved the selection process. A discussion about the process ensued with concerns expressed about the possibility of an alternate judge who received only a few votes ending up as the judge for the following year's NCC. It was also agreed that the alternate judge was being asked for a 2-year commitment, which seems to be an inordinate amount of time. The committee unanimously decided to confirm the selection of the judges elected for NCC 2010 and to move forward with the selection of the alternate judge from the remaining list of nominees. Buzz Benson will take care of securing an alternate from the list of nominees. As a group we agreed to review the process of NCC judge selection further at a future meeting. The finalized process will be submitted to the ECSCA board for approval at their fall board meeting.

### **FTC Liaison Position:**

Dede Griffin asked the committee to address her position on the committee. Due to a full agenda, the discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

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### **Weighted High Point Stat in Addition to current High Point Stat:**

Robin Putnam submitted a request to the committee to consider the addition of a “weighted high point stat” with a sponsored trophy. This would be in addition to the current high point trophy. Due to a full agenda, this discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

### **ECSCA Proposed Code of Ethics:**

The committee discussed the draft of the ECSCA Code of Ethics and it was decided that area representatives should encourage ECSCA members in their area to send individual comments to the email as directed on the ECSCA website. Buzz will be sending a letter on behalf of the committee and will provide members with a copy of the letter once it has been completed.

### **Amateur NCC Update:**

Discussion regarding NCC 2010 ran longer than anticipated, and the update for the Amateur NCC was postponed to a later meeting.

### **Approval Mechanism for Field Trial Dates:**

It was pointed out that there might be some conflicts in spring trial dates, which result in trialers having to “choose” which trial to attend. Buzz reiterated the current procedure as follows:

- 1) Club submit dates to the FTC Chair
- 2) Chair at his/her discretion approves dates and alerts the clubs if there appears to be a potential conflict.
- 3) Chair submits finalized dates to ECSCA & AKC

Tom Meyer (AKC) and Paul McGagh (FTC Judge Sub-Committee Chair) will be invited to attend our next meeting. Tom would like to express the AKC point of view as to why a judging criterion for cocker field trials should be developed.

**Our next meeting: Tuesday 3/09/10 – 8:00PM EST**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wilson