

2.12.08

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Call

Present; Martin Bell, Buzz Benson, Tom Calabrese, Tawney Crawford, A.R. Ginn, Rumi Schroeder

Rumi called the FTC to order at 7PM Central Time. The first order of business was to assign "at Large" committee members to be liaisons to the standing committees. The follow was the consensus assignments:

Buss Benson Liaison to the Hunt Test Committee

A.R. Ginn Liaison to the Judging Qualification Committee

Tom Calabrese Liaison to the Gunning Committee

A review of "Old Business" was prompted by Rumi.

Status of the Judges Qualification Committee was brought up....Martin Bell reported that Paul McGagh, Chairperson for the Judges Qualification Committee held a meeting in December 2007. Most concepts are in the discussion stage, it is expected that a draft report would be presented to the FTC in the May/June timeframe.

Status of the Gunning Committee was the next item on the agenda. The formal Gunning Program was presented to the ECSCA Board for approval in January. It was reported back that the program was approved. Tom Calabrese reported that the next three steps for the Gunning committee are: 1) to expand the committee to seven members from the present four members, 2) Promote mentoring and the availability of the Springer Gun Safety seminar, and 3) Maintain a log of Gunners engagements.

The additional members will be recommended to the FTC at the next teleconference meeting.

Discussion then followed regarding the status of the qualification requirements to serve on the FTC committee. Mike Gilpin, brought forth for consideration requirements that would include 1) being a member of a participating club, 2) Five years of experience, 3) Participate in an NCC 4) have managed field trials and 5) be functional with regard to email etc. Mike had notes from a previous proposal; we would further discuss and review the current document that Rumi would ask Sue Rose to distribute before the next FTC meeting.

Tawney led discussion on the voting and timing of the NCC judges. It was decided that the Names would be submitted in June, review by the FTC by mid-July and voting

to be completed before August 1<sup>st</sup>. This would allow for sufficient time to coordinate the entire process before the NCC 2008.

A request was made to change the date of the 2008 NCC to October 18 – 21, 2008. The change was approved to facilitate the site availability.

There was discussion that members of the FTC have been approached by Fred Bradley and Jerry Cacchio, requesting consideration that the Cocker Spaniel Club of America host the 2009 NCC in Eastern New York State. These interested parties will prepare a proposal that will be presented to the FTC by the next teleconference for consideration.

The final item for discussion was a review of the proposal written by Sue Rose to accept a qualifying score in the Master Hunt Test as a fulfillment of the Field Champion water test requirement. The English Cocker, American Cocker as well as the other spaniel breed parent clubs have approved this change to the AKC rulebook, we are waiting for a response from the English Springer Spaniel Parent Club. Rumi Schroeder said she would get with Sue Rose to follow-up on the status of this proposal.

Next meeting is schedule for 3.11.08

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