

ECSCA FTC MINUTES – May 11, 2010

Present: Buzz Benson, Hob Brown, John Dartt, Dennis Joannides, Tony Roettger, Sue Rose, Olivia Steele-Mortimer & Sue Wilson

Meeting called to order 8:10PM.

NCC 2010, 2011 & 2012 LOCATIONS

Buzz Benson recently attended the ECSCA Board Meeting and announced that the Board has approved **NCC 2010** to be held in Jackson, Michigan with co-chairs Dave Barto & Ernie Hasse. They also approved **NCC 2011** to be held at the Little Moran Hunt Club in Staples, Minnesota with chairperson, Kim Wiley. A proposal has been received for **NCC 2012** from the Maine club. It was not sent to the FTC Chairperson and has been inadvertently misplaced. Buzz will be contacting the Maine club and is trying to receive another copy of their proposal. Bids are still open for NCC 2012 and clubs are encouraged to **submit proposals by no later than September 1, 2010**. Most committee members felt it was impractical to ask clubs to host an NCC in the Midwest just for the purposes of being centrally located. Final proposal(s) for NCC 2012 will be reviewed in September and submitted to the ECSCA Board for their approval at their fall meeting.

NCC 2010 Alternate Judge Assignment

Buzz has been in contact with Roger Houk and is awaiting his final decision.

English Cocker Gunning Program Criterion

The ECSCA Board has approved the English Cocker Gunning Program Criterion dated 6/20/2008.

NCC Prints Available for SALE ONLINE

Buzz has assembled all of the past NCC prints and they are now available in an electronic format. He is sending them to Sue Rose for posting on the ECSCA website where they will be available for sale.

Game Conservation

Buzz shared with the committee a conversation he recently had with Tom Meyer, and in that conversation, Tom made it clear in no uncertain terms, the importance of recovering game at AKC Hunt Tests and Field Trials. Buzz showed Tom the FTC April 2010 minutes that outlined the steps we had taken towards this end, and he encouraged us to move forward and make certain that all clubs focus on

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the importance of recovering game at AKC events. Buzz is working on a draft of a letter to be sent to all clubs hosting ECS AKC events.

Future Agenda Items:

1) Cocker Judging Criterion

Buzz will be distributing the cocker judge's criteria, as developed by the sub-committee chaired by Paul McGagh, to all current FTC committee members. He has asked us to review the report and explore pathways towards the development of more qualified cocker judges. We will be discussing how to encourage more apprentice judges, how the pairing of an experienced judge with a more junior judge has worked, and ways of encouraging feedback and the sharing of information among clubs.

2) Weighted High Point Stat

The committee in general felt that the size of the trials we have now does not dictate a need for this type of stat. However we agreed that Robin Putnam should be asked to put together a more detailed proposal. Buzz will contact her in this regard.

3) Field Trial Calendar

Buzz has encouraged the committee to explore ways to extend our current field trial calendar out for a (2) year period. This should prevent conflicts as the number of ECS field events increases.

Our next meeting: Tuesday 6/15/10 – 8:00PM EST

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wilson