

ECSCA FTC Meeting Minutes 7/26/011

Present: Buzz Benson, Kim Wiley, John Dartt, Terry Oliver, Sue Wilson, and Dennis Joannides, Olivia Steele-Mortimer

2012 NCC Judge Selection:

Buzz reported that the letters have been mailed to all qualified clubs seeking nominations for judges for NCC 2012. Nominations are due by: 8/15/2011

2011 NCC Update:

Kim Wiley reported we are on target with this year's NCC event. There is a lot of new information posted on www.fieldcocker.com with further details.

To date there are 126 qualified dogs for NCC 2011. Buzz complimented Nadine Kohn, Bethann Wiley and Sue Rose for all of their efforts in compiling this information.

Judging Criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials:

Brett Edstrom contacted Buzz for clarification on the cocker judging criteria. He wanted to know if judges being nominated for an NCC judging assignment needed to have fulfilled the requirement of having judged a minimum of twelve (12) AKC Championship Spaniel Field Trial stakes at the time of nomination or before they judge the event.

The committee discussed and agreed that the 12 stake requirement needed to be met at the time of nomination, as the purpose of the NCC judge selection process was to secure only the most senior AKC judges.

Brett also wanted to know why the requirement to have "actively handled a spaniel in an AKC field trial in the past three years" didn't also include having handled a gun or shot a bird. The committee agreed that handling a dog in a field trial situation was sufficient.

Bird Dog Hall of Fame (HOF) Update:

Ways to raise the remaining funds and maintain an ongoing annual contribution for the ECS area at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame were discussed. Olivia favored more input from the field trial community and it was decided that this topic would be included on the agenda for the annual meeting to be held at this year's NCC event. Olivia also suggested we discuss an "All Variety" spaniel stake to encourage more participation.

Buzz will clarify with the ECSCA Board regarding the balance of "line item" funds being held aside for the field trial group so we know what funds are available.

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Amateur National Championship:

Buzz will include on the August meeting agenda a discussion of the Amateur National Championship Field Trial. He asked all committee members to discuss ideas and suggestions with their area members and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

FTC Committee At-Large Election:

At-Large FTC committee members will be up for re-election later this year. Buzz Benson has completed two two-year terms and will be leaving the committee. John Dartt and Dennis Joannides will be eligible for a second two-year term. Members were asked to speak with their area members and solicit nominees for the available at-large positions.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – 7:00PM CDT (8:00PM EDT, 6:00PM MDT, 5:00PM PDT)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wilson