

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. CST, by Chairman Tom Calabrese

Committee Members Present: Tom Calabrese, Sue Wilson, Buzz Benson, A.R. Ginn,
Tony Roettger, Olivia Steele Mortimer

1. Amateur Nationals update. Tom Calabrese talked to Tom Meyer, AKC about the issue of having an Amateur attached to an Open field event. It would make it somewhat difficult to reach the number of amateur trials needed in a year to meet the minimum the AKC is asking for. Tom Meyer will check to see what is required by the AKC. Discussions with John Leininger, questioned the understanding and is of the opinion you do not have to attach an Amateur with an Open. Open stakes take priority, but are not a necessary offering. John will investigate further and report back.
2. NCC 2009 Judges update. Tom Calabrese sent the names of proposed judges that Clubs submitted. Tom asked for feedback and the committee as a whole to go with the list. The procedure will be to issue a ballot for each qualified dog. Every qualified dog is equal to one vote. The FTC sends out the ballots and are returned to the ECSCA Recording Secretary for counting. Voting would be for two judges, with the third being the alternate from the 2009 NCC. Bio's will be included in the ballot information.
3. Tom Calabrese commented that Dave Barto and Leininger have been approached about hosting the 20010 NCC and are interested.
Tom looked at some potential dates and stated October 25 thru November 25, is wide open. We looked at the Canadian National date, October 24, the Springer National Open, November 30, and the Springer National Amateur in December.
4. In other business, Tom Calabrese asked for discussion on "Eye Wipes". Tom stated he had a conversation with Paul McGagh, and asked the committee to discuss the option. At this point we have no official rule on "eye wipes", noting some judges will use it and some not. It was mentioned that Game Wardens are asking that the best attempts are made in retrieving game. Discussion of potentially adding more time to the trial, inconsistency of the judges with regard to eye wipes, and no standard to follow with regard to eye wipes.

Tony Roettger explained how eye wipes work in England. We do not play the by the same rules as they do in England.

Tom Calabrese asked Tony to write something on eye wipes and we will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

No other business brought forward and meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 25,2009, 7 p.m. CST.

Minutes submitted by Buzz Benson.