

FTC Committee Meeting August 25, 2009.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Central

Present: Tom Calabrese, A. R. Ginn, Sue Wilson, Olivia Steele Mortimer, Hob Brown, Tony Roettger, Dede Griffin, Buzz Benson

Tom Calabrese commented on communication from the FTC Committee to the cocker communities. Important to try to get feedback from members and get out for discussion the FTC is talking about and bringing back to the committee comments and feedback from the cocker community.

Conversation about the eye wipe in progress as Tom Calabrese leading the discussion. Tony Roettger asked to outline what should be considered as we discuss eye wipes. One item of discussion discussed was the time factor of delaying the progress of the trial. In the discussion was the time to complete an eye wipe, bringing up the next dog to find the bird vs. calling the brace mate over to retrieve the shot bird. The Committee also discussed the second dog and what to do if the second dog failed the retrieve. The thought was the second dog would be judged but not eliminated from the trial if it did not come up with the bird. In consideration was the time factor, keeping the field clean of killed game and allowing the judge to determine how much time would be allowed to be used in the process.

Putting a time limit was discussed and it was felt that a specific time was not the answer, instead using a term or phrase such as "find the bird in an n expedient manner" be used. A lot of questions have been discussed regarding eye wipe, and Tom Calabrese suggested we put it out to the community and see what we get back.

It was decided to put together our thoughts and send it out for discussion. Also a question was putting it in the green book and advertising it in the premium so handlers would know what to expect.

The idea is simply to clean the field and not necessarily put the second dog at a disadvantage if it does not complete the retrieve.

The topic of 4 judges at the NCC was addressed. The idea is getting a fair shake and we need to make move to get input on having 4 judges vs. 2 or 3 judges.

A motion was made to have move forward to present 4 judges for 2010. We are aware it will take some time but clearly we have support to move to the 4 judge system.

Tom Calabrese made a comment as to getting approval from the ECSCA Board of Directors and it is needed to be presented the ECSCA Board before we are able to move forward. We are checking with the AKC Field Reps to see if the number of judges other than 2 judges is an issue with them.

A.R. Ginn noted the Judges Committee was in favor of the 4 judge idea with the exception of one of the members.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 22, 2009 at 7 p.m. central.

Minutes submitted by Buzz Benson

