



**ESAA Board of Directors
Meeting – Via Teleconference
March 7, 2017**

In attendance: Julie Brimble, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Jane Flynn, Janet Gray, Judi Hunter, Donna Jordan, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, BJ Parsons, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Ross Rice.

The meeting called to order at 8:04 PM EST.

NFT – AKC communication:

- ✿ Janet got a phone call from AKC's field/performance representative indicating his disappointment in ESAA regarding the NFT.
- ✿ He received a similar letter from Cindy Findley as the one she sent to the ESAA Board.
- ✿ He had no interest in listening to the "ESAA's side of the story".
- ✿ After Janet explained all the field events that we do offer, Mr. Lundgren indicated that he does not consider any field event without horses to be a viable event.
- ✿ Frank Luksa has been asked if he would be interested in organizing a new National Field Trial Committee, but he is still giving it some thought. Mary Coldiron also offered to help manage such an event.

VP for International and Canadian members

- ✿ Harvey Wooding had taken care of communications with International members in the past, and Lynda Chase had volunteered to do the same for the Canadian members, but neither is currently on the Board.
- ✿ Kathy Cunningham-Roy volunteered to handle communications with both International and Canadian members. Dave Mates made a motion to approve Kathy in this position, and it was seconded by Susie Kerwin-Bush. It passed unanimously.
- ✿

AKC Gazette Report

- ✿ Janet mentioned appreciation to Carlotta Cooper for taking over this responsibility, and to Jill Warren for making the transition a smooth one. Carlotta has been working with the webmaster to get her articles included on the ESAA Web site.
- ✿ A Mates/Kerwin-Bush motion was passed to accept the motion.

Medallions and Bowls reports

- ✿ A Mates/Quigley motion to approve the report from Mary Nowak was approved without objection.

Health and Genetics report

- * It is the feeling of the Board that most of us lack the technical understanding of how the research projects will proceed. We are better served to discuss the generalities and to determine the amount that we want to donate to these projects.
- * As of 12/31/2016, ESAA has approximately \$21,000 in the CHF foundation. There are also some funds in the Dick Fox memorial fund being held by OFA that we might recommend to OFA for one of these projects.
- * **The George Strain research project** needs additional funds for the next phase of their study on deafness.
- * A Cunningham-Roy/Hunter motion was made to donate \$12,000. to the George Strain fund on deafness through the Health and Genetics and/or OFA Dick Fox, and/or Canine Health Foundation funds. ESAA requires that English Setters be an active part of the study. The motion was passed unanimously.
- * **The Michigan State study on thyroiditis** was discussed. This is a study specific to our breed, and we wish to give a significant amount of money. On a Quirk/Quigley motion the Board unanimously voted to donate \$35,000 to this study, provided we can use the Canine Health Foundation fund, with additional money coming from the Health and Genetics, and the general funds, if needed.
- * The Board approved donations of \$1000 each to four of the CHF approved studies, as recommended by the Health and Genetics committee on a unanimous Quirk/Quigley motion.
 - Gastric Decompression**
 - Brucellosis Diagnosis**
 - Brucellosis Vaccine**
 - Tumor Cells in Canine Blood**
- * The Board discussed asking Michelle Raiser to look into what projects and studies are being done by other breeds that might also affect English Setters on which we might be able to “piggy back”.
- * We will also ask Michelle to work with a few Board members to create an anonymous survey about problems that breeders and owners are seeing in our breed that might be of concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM EST on a Hunter/Quigley motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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