



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
August 15, 2017**

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Amy Duncan, Jane Flynn, Janet Gray, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, Anna Quigley, Coleen Raber, Ross Rice, Lori Whorff.

The meeting called to order at 8:06 PM EST.

Janet welcomed Lynda Chase, Amy Duncan, and Lori Whorff to the Board for 2017 – 18.

Regional Vice Presidents' Reports

East Central: The report submitted by John Fabelo reviewed the activities of the Buckeye, Ohio, and Michigamme clubs. This region has been hosting two ESAA regional specialties. Buckeye submitted a check for \$400, but had some initial outlay from ESAA. Our goal is to break even at the ESAA regionals. Lynda Chase reminded the Board that ESAA does have regional specialty guideline available, if other clubs are interested. The report was accepted on a Mates/Kerwin-Bush motion.

Mid Atlantic: Colleen Bell reviewed the success of the York show site for the National Capital English Setter Club. The NCESC/ESAA agility trial's entries were down this year due to another trial in close proximity. That should not happen in the future.

Brandywine had a successful weekend, as did Hudson for their WGS specialty and their May specialty. Janet expressed appreciation once again for the success of the agility trial hosted by NCESC/ESAA. Donna Richardson does a fabulous job each year. ESAA encourages other clubs to consider hosting a regional agility trial. Michigamme hosts one in August as well.

Brandywine members have been working hard preparing for the 2018 ESAA National at Seven Springs, PA. The report was accepted on a Chase/Mates motion.

New England: Jane Flynn Reviewed the number of supported entries as well as the Specialty shows WGS weekend and in June at the Greenwich KC show. They also had a symposium of a variety of activities for English Setters. The report was passed on a Mates/Hunter motion.

North Central: Judi Hunter reported that her NC members are excited about the free Annual to be piloted next year. Kettle Moraine ESC had a nice specialty entry. The report was passed on a Cunningham-Roy/Mates motion.

North Pacific: Julie Brimble reported that their clubs are much more spread out in area, which limits the number of specialties members are able to attend without traveling quite a distance. While this limits entries, all clubs are very active. Willamette Valley, with the aid of Puget Sound, hosted a very nice National in 2016. All clubs made out financially. The report was passed on a Chase/Mates motion.

South Central: Lori Whorff added that the new Blue Bonnet English Setter Club held their sanction B match. The scare over the canine influenza virus kept entries down, but the match was a success. They are waiting for their match to be accepted by AKC so they can continue with their second sanctioned B match next year. Lori also reported there are some new ES exhibitors in the area that should help entries to increase. Once the Blue Bonnet Club gets up and running with regional specialties, there will be three

clubs in the South Central region. Lori started a Facebook page for the South Central region as an additional means of communication and sharing of information.

South East: Amy Duncan reported that the Central Carolina Club remains the most active club in the South East. Atlanta is trying to increase their activity. The Smoky Mountain club is working on their paperwork to hold a sanctioned A match. The Central Florida club looked into reactivating, but the number of core member households needed was out of reach.

Amy reminded everyone that there will be an ESAA Regional specialty in Orlando, FL in December in conjunction with the Orlando Cluster and the AKC National Championship hosted by Royal Canin. We are very excited about this addition.

South Pacific: Susie Kerwin-Bush reported that her members are also excited to be able to receive the Annual free of charge in the future. All clubs in the South Pacific region are doing well. Entries struggle with the amount of travel needed to get to the show sites, which makes it difficult to build majors, especially for those in Arizona.

West Central: Anna Quigley reminded everyone that the 2017 ESAA National is just a few weeks away and ready to go. There will be field, agility, obedience, and conformation events. The trophy donations sky-rocketed this past week. There have been a number of room night sold, and a nice number of comp rooms. Everyone is excited and looking forward to this National.

The last 4 reports were passed on a Quigley/Hunter motion.

Membership: The Board expresses appreciation to the job Rhonda has been doing with the membership chair position. Rhonda had several issues she would like to see considered:

1. A Mates/Cunningham-Roy motion was passed to eliminate the section on the membership form regarding the choosing of the electronic newsletter.
2. The discount coupons issued for the receipt of the ESAA newsletter electronically will be eliminated since we no longer have a printed newsletter.
3. The question of shortening the renewal period was brought up. It is important for the regional vice presidents to receive a list of non-renewals for their region by the beginning of February so they can contact their regional non-renewals. The Board must determine any change in dues by the end of November, but Ronda may send out initial renewal notices when she feels it is the best time, perhaps in January after the holiday rush is over.

🐾 Janet suggested creating an ad hoc committee to increase membership. Julie Brimble volunteered to chair the committee with Ross Rice, and Rhonda Dillman expressing interest in being involved with this committee.

A Cunningham-Roy/Mates motion to accept the report was passed.

Redistricting: John's report reflected the same downward trends noticed in the membership report. Anna noted that a number of WC members are moving to the SE region to Tennessee. A Mates/Kerwin-Bush motion to accept the report was passed.

Regional ESAA Specialties:

The overall report will be tabled, and all reports will be requested to be sent to Lynda Chase. She will summarize a report for the Board, and will send the financial information on to Dave Mates and the finance committee.

Lynda Chase made a motion for the Board to approve two regional ESAA Regional specialties the same weekend at the Michigan Sporting Dog Association Show and the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Show for 2018 as a pilot. It was seconded by Dave Mates and passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 29 at 8:00 ET.

*NOTE: John Nielsen informed the Board that regional clubs may have two *days* of specialties. Each day may have two possible specialties, for a total of four shows. It was brought up to consider limiting sweeps to once per day for a two-a-day show due to how hard it might be on young puppies and veterans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 EDT on a Quigley/Mates motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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