



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
August 29, 2017**

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

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

Janet opened the meeting with a request for a donation to hurricane Harvey animal rescue efforts. ESAA has historically given money whenever there has been a disaster somewhere in the nation that involves animals in need. The Board approved a donation of \$7,500 on a Mates/Quigley motion to the Texas A & M Veterinary school's veterinary emergency team. They have a team in place to provide medical care to the service dogs and the search and rescue dogs, as well as to any animals that might be rescued from the hurricane area and be in need of veterinary care. Julie Brimble amended the motion to \$10,000, seconded by Anna Quigley. The amendment passed with 2 objections. The amended motion to donate a total of \$10,000 to the TAMU Veterinary Emergency Team passed with two objections.

Ross Rice brought up the issue of an inaccurate e-mail that was sent to the full Board, rather than checking with Ross personally for the accuracy. The situation was clarified and the misunderstanding put to rest.

ESAA National Issue with canine influenza

- ✿ Janet will have something to be placed on Facebook announcing that, in light of the canine influenza outbreak, any dog who might be showing any signs of illness will be asked to be removed from the grooming and ring area.
- ✿ All Board members will be asked to be diligent in monitoring the public canine areas.
- ✿ Judges will be asked to have exhibitors show the bite.
- ✿ Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available as well.

Juniors Report

- ✿ Julie Bremser has done a wonderful job as the Junior Coordinator with stipends, scholarships, and junior activities at the ESAA National. She always includes pictures, which allow Board members to be able to identify our juniors. This is very much appreciated.
- ✿ A Kerwin-Bush/Flynn motion to accept the report was passed without objection.

Public Education/Publicity Discussion

- ✿ Ross Rice is in contact with the local CBS network for exclusive television publicity of our National.
- ✿ He and several other Board members will host a "Meet The Breeds" session for the media. Julie Brimble will provide breed cards.
- ✿ More off-line brain-storming will take place, and the discussion will continue at a later time.

- 🐾 Julie Brimble has put a lot of effort into contacting AKC to update the English Setter breed book, but has not been notified that the book has been published. The print-out that AKC sends to new English Setter registrations is boring and uninteresting. Julie will contact John Nielsen for help in improving that document.
- 🐾 Julie B. will have breed cards with her at the National, for anyone who needs them.

AKC Delegate Report

- 🐾 John Nielsen works with an active group of delegates from other clubs, but there are a lot of decisions made by the Executive Board without input and/or sharing with these delegates. It was noted that it is not always appropriate for every decision to be shared.
- 🐾 John does a wonderful job of helping ESAA members, clubs, and officers navigate the tricky waters of AKC.
- 🐾 The report was passed without objection on a Mates/Chase motion.

ESAA Annual Awards

- 🐾 Maddie McCue has volunteered to become the Annual Awards Chair. She was approved on a Chase/Bell motion.
- 🐾 Dean Miller has been doing a great job of making the wooden plaques, and Peggy Dunsmuir has been wonderful at tabulating.
- 🐾 There are two award sponsorships open for next year: The Canadian Regional Award and the Open Junior, Junior Handling Award. Julie Brimble volunteered to sponsor the Open Junior Award for next year.
- 🐾 There will be some new wording for the Heathrow Rainbow Robber award beginning with the 2017 application.
- 🐾 The report was passed on a Bell/Chase motion without objection.

August Agility Report

- 🐾 Michigamme and Jill Boback do a wonderful job in putting on this agility trial.
- 🐾 This year it made \$675 for both MESC and ESAA.
- 🐾 ESAA is very supportive of any regional club who would be interested in putting on regional agility trial.
- 🐾 The report was passed on a Mates/Brimble motion.

The hunt test report, public education report, and regional ESAA specialty reports will all be given as part of the Annual Board meeting.

The financial report will be presented at the Annual Board meeting, as will the officers' reports.

Ross Rice expressed concern about having an anonymous donor supporting an event. Dave explained that the donation would only be given if needed to balance the budget. Ross's concern is that it is a sanctioned AKC event that ESAA is not fully funding. Janet explained that ESAA is fully willing to fund the event, and we have accepted anonymous donations for things in the past. Ross is concerned about the perception of the membership. This will be discussed privately, and it will be under new business at the Annual Board meeting, if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 EDT on a Brimble/Mates motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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