

# ESAA Board of Directors Teleconference October 11, 2018

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, Amy Duncan, John Fabelo, Jane Flynn, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, Mary Nowak, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Lori Whorff.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Cunningham-Roy at 8:05 pm EDT.

Kathy welcomed guest, Rosemary Wheatley to the beginning of the conference call. Rosemary had submitted a proposal to the Board for a possible educational presentation at the 2019 ESAA National on the correct positioning for OFA hip x-rays to be presented by Dr. Lonnie Davis. Rosemary fielded questions by Board members on her proposal. Rosemary explained that this was initiated by a situation she had experienced where her vet had a poor result with a very poorly positioned dog, whereas she had a much better result with the positioning of Dr. Davis. Rosemary very graciously answered any questions the Board members had.

The Board continued the discussion once Rosemary had ended her presentation. The Board's feeling is that this presentation is more targeted toward veterinarians. Even though we, as breeders, can be educated about correct positioning, it is difficult for us, as lay persons, to educate our veterinarians. The Board discussed the possibility of publishing something in the newsletter regarding the correct positioning for OFA x-rays. A motion was made by Mary Nowak, seconded by Lori Whorff, to publish an article from OFA that includes their recommendations for correct positioning for hip x-rays. The motion passed without objection.

A Nowak/Fabelo motion was made to decline investing in an ESAA 2019 educational seminar by Dr. Lonnie Davis on the correct positioning of hips for OFA x-rays. The feeling was that this presentation was targeted more toward veterinarians, and the ESAA educational seminars are traditional not well attended to justify the expense. The motion passed without objection.

#### **AKC Delegate Report**

John Nielsen's report indicated that the decline in registrations in recent years seems to be improving. The report was accepted on a Mates/Hunter motion.

#### **Annual Awards Report**

Maddie Mc Cue reported that all awards are in good shape for 2018. Mary Kay Iverson will be the tabulator beginning in 2019. The report was passed on a Mates/Flynn motion.

#### **Redistricting Report**

This year the membership numbers stayed about the same as last year. John Nielsen asked if his report is slightly redundant with the membership chair's report.

A Chase/Nowak motion was passed to accept John's report and ask the membership chair if she is willing to submit a midyear report which is similar in content and format to the current redistricting report each September which tracks the last five years.

### **Web Site Report**

Dave Mates reviewed the contents of the web site report, as well as items that are updated on the web site each month. Dave expressed the complexity of the privacy policy, but he believes we are in good shape.

There was discussion of how to make approved Board reports available to our members. Larry Coldiron has proposed creating a drop box folder labeled Approved Board Reports, with a link to that folder being available in the "Members Only" portion of the web site for any ESAA member who wishes to view any report. We have tested this procedure and it will work.

Dave also pointed out that we are working on adding free advertising of litters to those members who subscribe to the Breeders' Listing.

The web site is running at about a \$3000 loss.

The web site report was approved on a Hunter/Nowak motion.

## **Secretary's Report**

Coleen summarized the number of electronic ballots voted on by the Board so far in 2018, as well as a few expenditures and updated procedures.

The report was passed on a Hunter/Fabelo motion

#### **Health Clinics**

A Quirk/Nowak motion was passed to table this report until our face-to-face meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 EDT on a Quirk/Quigley motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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