



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
June 7, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM EDT.

4 – 6 Puppy Class:

Julie Quirk reviewed her reasons for concern with the Board having previously cancelled the 4 – 6 puppy class in the March 23 conference call, since we already had everything in place including the extra charge for the judge.

Julie Quirk made a motion, seconded by Donna Jordan, to reinstate the 4-6 puppy class for 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Improvement Committee:

Julie Brimble presented the suggestion to provide name badges once again at the ESAA National for the future, which is in the National Guidelines. Kathy Cunningham-Roy volunteered to contact Rau to see if they will provide them as they do for the WGS club officers.

Ross suggested we might want to consider business cards for each of the officers that can be handed out with name and contact information to constituents and others interested in English Setters and ESAA.

2019 ESAA National

Dave Mates and Donna Jordan put an incredible amount of time in looking at proposed venues for 2019, along with a core group of Janet Gray, Sandy Miller, Deb Jauron, and Susie Kerwin-Bush.

Donna Jordan submitted a comparison of two sites to the Board for consideration and discussion for the 2019 ESAA National. The sites were Purina Farms in Missouri, and Pheasant Run in Illinois. Dates for both locations would be the week of September 24, 2019. She also has a list of ESAA members who have been willing to volunteer if ESAA is the “host club”.

Dave outlined the details of the Pheasant Run site, and the possibility of having the field events the Saturday and Sunday following the National, September 28 and 29, or the Monday and Tuesday, September 30 and October 1 following the National.

Donna outlined some of the details of Purina Farms. She reported that there are no longer hunt test sites near Purina Farms. The cost to *rent* an RV is about \$225/night inclusive for a 28’ unit. Some of the clubs that use and like Purina Farms do not have a host hotel with multiple events as has been the tradition of ESAA.

The shuttle from the airport to the hotel is a reasonable fee but is reported to be a much longer trip than advertised by the shuttle company. The shuttle from the hotel to the Purina Farms is \$40/day which can add up very quickly.

Since there is not currently a “host club” for the weekend dates, two different clubs could host one specialty show on each of the two weekend days. They would have to be considered ESAA Regional Specialties in order to be approved by AKC.

Each site has pros and cons which were discussed by the Board.

- ✿ Several members who have attended events at Purina Farms indicated how exhausting it is to have to load dogs at the end of each day to travel back to the hotel, and load again for travel in the morning.
- ✿ Purina Farms has multiple charges for security, per entry charges, room rentals, etc. which added up to a minimum of an additional \$2900.
- ✿ Pheasant Run had a larger entry in 2017 than for many years.
- ✿ Both ESAA and WESC made a nice profit at Pheasant Run in 2017.

Julie Quirk made a motion, seconded by Anna Quigley to have ESAA serve as the “host club” for 2019 at the Pheasant Run Resort from September 24 – September 27, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued regarding the logistics of getting judges, logo wear, etc. for consideration at a future meeting.

Regional Vice President Reports

Julie Brimble reported that Gold Country is actively pursuing hosting the 2020 ESAA National.

A Quirk/Bell motion was passed to accept all Regional Vice Presidents’ report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 EDT on a Mates/Quigley motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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