



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
August 14, 2018**

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Amy Duncan, Jane Flynn, 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 opened the meeting with mentioning that Rhonda Dillman would like to send reminder post cards at membership renewal time. Estimates are being sought, and a proposal will be brought to the Board in the near future.

AKC Gazette: The report submitted by Carlotta Cooper was accepted on a Mates/Bell motion. Most of the articles are on the ESAA web site following an approved time period by AKC.

BAER Database: There was a question on the comment regarding testing before 6 weeks being too early, where retesting unilateral and deaf puppies later resulted in a normal result. Coleen Raber will follow up with Jane to see if she has some statistics. The Board will consider a recommendation based on Jane's response and recommendation. The report was tabled on a Mates/Nowak motion until we hear from Jane.

E-Newsletter: Several Board members have had complaints about members not getting a printed version. One explanation given was that printing a newsletter is very expensive, and the membership will be getting a free ESAA Annual instead. Discussion followed which clarified that ESAA is not required to send a printed newsletter. The report was approved on a Mates/Chase motion.

2017 ESAA Scholarships: The requirements for the Academic scholarship were listed, along with the 2017 applicants and recipients. A reminder will be sent to include the Courage scholarship requirements as well in the future. The report was approved on a Kerwin-Bush/Flynn motion.

Facebook: This is Lisa Leaville's final report, since she resigned from this position. The Facebook page will be taken over by Lisa Moreau. The report was accepted on a Mates/Nowak motion.

Field Events: We are pleased to have Frank Luksa heading this committee, with Jane Danek's assistance. The report is very complete including events from around the country as well as a list of new titles earned. We also appreciated the judge's comments being included from the Hudson ESC trial. The report was passed on a Chase/Bell motion.

Health and Genetics: Michelle Raisor's report is very complete, as always, with details on each research project funded by ESAA as well as the latest progress of each project. A Mates/Bell motion passed without objection.

Historian: The 2017 ESAA Annual Article will include part 3 of tracing the development of the English Setter family tree through the key productive sires and dams who form the foundation for today's kennels. The historian's report was passed on a Flynn/Mates motion.

Junior Report: The breakdown of Juniors involved in the 2017 National was summarized. An outline of the transition of responsibilities was shared. The report included pictures taken of the National activities for 2017, as well as thank you notes written by Jennifer Necker and Abigail Van Meter for ESAA's stipend supporting their involvement in the AKC National activities in Orlando, FL. Following discussion of the committee positions, the report was passed on a Kerwin-Bush/Nowak motion.

Medallions and Bowls: Mary Nowak summarized the number of bowls ordered, the cost of the bowls, as well as the medallions sent and a spreadsheet of all costs. The report was passed on a Whorff/Mates motion.

Public Education: Julie Brimble's report summarized the activities from 2017. We continue to have the excellent breed cards available. Kate Simon completed the digitizing of the ESAA logo. Julie expressed concern regarding the failure of a Judge's Education report the past few years which should have included budgetary needs. She will be working closely with new Judge's Education chair, Penny DiSiena, to be sure a budget is included in the future.

Kathy expressed disappointment in AKC for changing the date of the Meet the Breeds from the former October date at the Javitz Center to the weekend of our WGS shows immediately prior to Westminster. Julie Brimble did mention that ESAA is able to submit our booklet for public display, even though our members are otherwise unavailable.

Julie Brimble suggested that ESAA might consider having a re-useable banner to be displayed at our ESAA Regional Specialties, which have been increasing in number.

The motion to approve the report was passed on a Nowak/Chase motion.

Store: The year-end report summarized the expenditures and sales for 2017. Our net 2017 profit was \$515.84. The 2018 mid-year report indicated a profit so far of \$278.50. Susie Kerwin-Bush is doing a great job! The report was approved on a Mates/Whoff motion.

Susie Kerwin-Bush did have a pre-paid order that was returned as undeliverable, but Lori Whorff will be able to get updated contact information for this order.

Membership: The Board is pleased to see an increase in overall memberships, particularly of household memberships. Rhonda Dillman is doing a great job as chair of this committee. Julie Brimble reported that the Membership Improvement committee has been working on recommendations that will be presented to the Board at our Annual meeting in October. The report was passed on a Chase/Bell motion.

2018 March Agility: This event continues to be a very successful venture between ESAA and NCESC. Donna Richardson is second to none in her organization and running of this event each year. Each club made over \$1800 in profit. This report was approved on a Mates/Nowak motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 EDT on a Quirk/Bell motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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