



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
February 4, 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Cunningham-Roy at 8:06 pm EST.

Kathy opened the meeting by welcoming Sue Johnson to the teleconference. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss some suggestions made by the Versatility committee. Sue was included to clarify the committee's suggestions as well as to answer any questions the Board might have.

Point 1: The Versatility committee felt it would be extremely difficult to verify that all owners were members of ESAA at the time of the completion of each leg of the VES.

The board determined that the ESAA Annual membership lists included with each year's ESAA Annual would not be too difficult to use to verify membership, so the Board's original position will remain in effect: All owners of applicants must have been members of ESAA at the time that each credential has been earned as well as at the time of the application.

Point 2: The Versatility committee recommends the chair of the committee send a certificate, once verified, directly to the applicant. It should be the responsibility of the applicant to send the certificate of verification to the Medallions chair. This is in keeping with the procedure for all other medallion applications.

A Quirk/Mates motion was passed to have the Versatility chair send the verification certificate directly to the applicant, as recommended by the Versatility committee.

Point 3: The Versatility committee asked the Board to reconsider allowing owners of deceased dogs to be able to apply for the VES (Versatile English Setter). Since some of the activities needed to qualify have not been available for many past years, it is unlikely there will be a great number of applicants.

A Whorff/Chase motion was made to permit applications for deceased dogs to be submitted as long as all owners of the dogs were members at the time each credential was earned. The motion passed with 12 approvals, 2 nays.

Point 4: The Versatility committee asked the Board to reconsider some form of public recognition at each year's ESAA National for those members who had dogs achieve this medallion within the past year with a cut-off date of June 30. The ceremony would include the name of the dog, owners, breeders, VES level achieved, as well as a rosette. The VES committee felt owners would be willing to pay for the rosette (at cost) given at the National ceremony for the first three years

the program is under evaluation. They would be given only to the owners that were able to attend. They could pay an "entry" fee that would cover the cost of the rosette if you wanted to handle it that way.

A Quirk/Hunter motion was passed to hold a ceremony for those achieving a VES title as part of the ESAA National.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 EDT on a Quirk/Raber motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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