



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
September 17, 2019**

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Tony DiSiena, John Fabelo, Jane Flynn, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Sandy Miller, 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 EST.
The Purpose of this meeting is to continue reviewing ESAA committee reports.

Regional VP reports

- ✿ These reports outline the activities that took place in 2018 in each region. A Nowak/Bell motion to approve all as submitted was passed.

AKC Delegate

- ✿ John Nielsen was on hand to answer any questions the Board members might have on his report and involvement as ESAA's delegate to the AKC Board.
- ✿ The Delegates meetings are held quarterly in Newark, New Jersey, and are a very busy three days.
- ✿ The report was passed on a Quigley/Bell motion

Futurity-Maturity

- ✿ Sandy Miller reviewed the Futurity/Maturity entry numbers for the 2019 National as compared to those registered as eligible. The report also includes statistics for the past five years.
- ✿ Paypal has made things much easier with the Futurity/Maturity enrollments.
- ✿ The actual entries are a little low compared to the enrollment this year compared to other Midwest shows.
- ✿ Maturity entries seem to be much more driven by the location of the National.
- ✿ A Kerwin-Bush/DiSiena motion was passed to approve the report

Redistricting and Membership

- ✿ John Nielsen reviewed the mid-year membership statistics for 2019 as well as a comparison for the past five years. There were no suggestions to alter the regions at this time.
- ✿ Our membership is much less than what it was five plus years ago. This seems to be a trend in many AKC specialty and all-breed clubs.
- ✿ A Fabelo/Miller motion to approve the report was passed without objection.

Expense Reimbursement Policy and Form

- ✿ Lynda Chase explained the new expense report policy and reimbursement request form. This helps to expedite reimbursements and accountability.
- ✿ Highlights are the need for a receipt, from whom, and for what purpose.
- ✿ A question was raised about whether pre-approval is required. Lynda clarified that she typically is made aware of the purpose. It needs to be specific to an event or a project on which a member or committee is working on

at the direction of the ESAA Board. The policy includes a statement that any anticipated expense over \$100 must be pre-approved by the Board.

- 🐾 A discussion of mileage reimbursement took place. Julie Brimble volunteered to research where ESAA can find the best information on mileage reimbursement for non-profit organizations.
- 🐾 The reimbursement policy and form were accepted on a DiSiena/Nowak motion, with the understanding that ESAA will revisit the mileage situation.

National Specialty Coordinator

- 🐾 Judi Hunter will be taking over as National Specialty Coordinator beginning with the completion of the 2019 National.
- 🐾 The National Guidelines need to be updated as well. Recent past show chairs will be a great resource in helping to streamline the guidelines.
- 🐾 This report outlined the status of the 2020 National which will be held once again at Pheasant Run.
- 🐾 She also reviewed the situation with Gold Country's search for a west coast location for 2021. There is a deadline of September 20 for a feasible proposal. She will have an update on this at next week's annual Board meeting. Judi has not heard from Gold Country since their scheduled meeting with a facility September 4. Julie Brimble will make contact with Gold Country for a last-minute reminder that September 20 is the deadline for a workable proposal.
- 🐾 A request will be sent to all regional clubs throughout the country to see if there is interest in any club hosting the National in 2022. This will be sent out following the completion of this year's National.
- 🐾 It was suggested that several Board and committee members check available dates at several facilities for 2021. A few suggestions were Pheasant Run, IL, Frankenmuth, MI, Ashville, NC (Irish Setter National was held there). The feasibility of flying dogs needs to be kept in mind when researching facilities.
- 🐾 Donna Jordan will submit her final National Specialty Coordinator's report at next week's annual Board meeting.
- 🐾 The report was approved on a Chase/DiSiena motion.

Regional Specialties

- 🐾 Julie Brimble gave a report on each regional ESAA Specialty that was held since the last annual Board meeting.
- 🐾 Orlando: This large cluster draws great entries, but there are a lot of hoops to jump through when dealing with AKC/Royal Canin.
- 🐾 Ohio/Buckeye: It is becoming increasingly difficult to pay judges. The all-breed shows are getting smaller, so they are not willing to share judges from their panel.
- 🐾 California/Gold Country: They are not asking for reimbursement and have been doing ok.
- 🐾 Michigan/Michgamme (not included in the written report as it just took place last weekend): They will not be offering an ESAA regional in 2020 due to the proximity of dates to the National. They do intend to reinstate a regional in 2021.
- 🐾 Julie Brimble has signs to make people aware of ESAA's presence at a regional specialty. There might be some North Pacific interest in adding a regional specialty in 2021.
- 🐾 Julie has requested that Gold Country be given permission to host an ESAA regional once again in 2020. Permission from the Board was granted without objection.
- 🐾 A Hunter/Nowak motion was made and approved to accept the report.

AKC Gazette.

- 🐾 Carlotta Cooper continues to write article on the English Setter for the AKC Gazette. Her report outlined each topic and a link to the articles which are also included on the ESAA web site.
- 🐾 She believes the article on "No Peas. Please" is the first in AKC publications to call attention to the issue of nutritional dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs and the FDA investigation into grain free dog foods. The AKC's chief veterinary officer put out a follow-up article about the issue soon after this column appeared and suggested that all breeds should read this article.
- 🐾 The Gazette report was approved on a Hunter/Quigley motion.

Rescue

- ✿ There was no activity for ESRT in 2019. However, the Trust welcomed a number of new trustees to its Board. The trustees are: Jan Carlson, Lynda Chase, Brett Cain, Cindy Baatz, and Chris Sandison.
- ✿ Kathy expressed how pleased she is at the new trustees on the ESRT Board.
- ✿ Lynda Chase was able to answer any questions throughout the discussion. Lynda indicated the new Board members have a real passion for rescue. They should be a great resource for helping to find foster homes as the Trust moves forward.
- ✿ The report was passed without objection on a Hunter/Nowak motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 EDT on a Hunter/Raber motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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