



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
August 1, 2022**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Rachel Barnes, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, John Fabelo, Tannley Goldberg, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Sandy Miller, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM EDT.

Susie welcomed the Board and expressed her belief that this is a team effort, not micromanagement by her office. She has been making multiple phone calls to get her up to speed and to familiarize herself with ESAA's current initiatives so we can move forward as an association.

National Questions:

- * Julie Quirk reported that things are moving forward with the Top 20, Vet Sweeps, and the ESAA banquet.
- * Colleen Bell indicated we are in great shape regarding room reservations.
- * Trophy donations are trickling in, but we will send out occasional pushes with both mass mailings and Facebook closer to the time

ESAA Stud Book

We are missing quite a lot of stud book information. Coleen processed the change to Carl immediately after it was discussed several years ago. She will try to determine what is missing and ask AKC to send that information to her, along with all future information.

Top 20

- * Kayla Kozak has been working with Amanda to take over the Top 20 responsibilities.
- * Invitations are being designed and will be sent out ASAP once all information has been verified.
- * There are already a number of raffle items secured for this event.

Regional Vice President's Reports

- * Board members had an opportunity to review the reports from each region and ask any pertinent questions.
- * A Quirk/Fabelo motion was passed to accept the report.

AKC Gazette:

- * The articles continue to be available on the ESAA web site.
- * Carlotta Cooper is willing to stay on as columnist but would be happy to step aside if there is someone with fresh ideas who might be interested. Carlotta is always willing to consider any suggestions from members on future articles.
- * It was suggested that a Facebook blast and a newsletter request for ideas could help Carlotta with fresh columns.
- * The AKC Gazette report was approved on a Quigley/Hunter motion.

BAER:

- * The pandemic seemed to have a significant effect on the number of litters submitted for processing in 2020. The numbers for 2021 were equivalent to those of 2019.
- * The transition to the OFA database continues to go smoothly. It was stressed that breeders now have the option of authorizing the inclusion of affected puppies in the OFA database. More breeders are choosing this option which will provide a value tool for breeding healthy puppies in the future.
- * Concern was expressed over the "lag" time regarding the submission of information to ESAA and the appearance of the same information on the OFA database.

- * It was suggested that perhaps Jane would be willing to mentor another member on the BAER process. Coleen Raber will check in to this.
- * The BAER report was accepted on a Quirk/Bell motion.

2021 Health Clinic:

- * The planning for the 2021 clinic had several obstacles to overcome but ended up a big success.
- * Thanks to Paula Spiering, Lisa Moreau, Dr. Ashley Austin, Vicky Kostrotsios, Joan Savage, Kristen Apodaca, BJ Parsons, Marshall Goldberg, and Charnell Bolger for their help!
- * The following tests were administered: 7 OFA Thyroid, 11 Thyroid, 6 DNA, 8 DNA Repository.
- * The overall budget spent was \$275,67. The purchase of lunch for the committee was in addition to that budget.
- * The committee recommended a set of guidelines should be developed to allow the clinic to run more efficiently. There is a certain timeline that is necessary when other organizations like OFA are involved. Paula and her staff will come up with guidelines prior to the 2022 clinic. Such guidelines should be sent to the secretary for distribution to the Board for approval.
- * A Mistler/Hunter motion was passed to accept the report.

Health and Genetics:

- * As of the end of 2021 ESAA had \$19,149.40 in the CHF Donor Advised Fund.
- * An overview was given for research into wobblers/cervical instability in certain breeds. Michelle asked if the Board had information on this being a problem within our breed, as she had not heard of it being a concern in ES. The Board verified that none of us had heard of this being an issue.
- * The Purina Parent Club Partnership Program is down since they no longer accept weight circles. A mass mailing was sent to the ESAA membership last year with instructions on how to get credit for purchases by uploading a receipt. The instructions were reprinted in the Setter Letter just a few months ago. It was suggested to include the instructions in every newsletter as well as on Facebook.
- * Michelle has review 125 pages of grant information to determine which studies line up with ESAA member concern. There are no current studies on deafness, and a current thyroid study is already being included in ESAA's funding.
- * There were 3 studies on hemangiosarcoma recommended, as well as one on osteosarcoma.
 - Study 1: Luteinizing Hormone Receptor Activation in Canine Hemangiosarcoma Cells: \$500 suggested.
Several studies have shown that spayed females have a two-to-ten-fold increase for developing Hemangiosarcoma compared to intact females. It would be interesting to see if there is a link between spay/neuter and hemangiosarcoma.
 - Study 2: Genome-wide Molecular Interrogation of Canine Hemangiosarcoma: \$1000 suggested.
Outcomes from this study may also speed up the development of early detection screening tools for high-risk dogs and help with prognosis in dogs with HAS
 - Study 3: Suppression of Extracellular Glutamate Efflux and mGluR1 Signaling to Impede Canine Hemangiosarcoma Cell Growth: \$1000 suggested.
If there are other drugs that can be found to be effective and stop the growth of HAS cells in tumors, This would be game-changing.
 - Study 4: Characterizing the Immunomodulatory Response of Histotripsy in Canine Osteosarcoma: \$1000 suggested.
If histotripsy can be used not only to reduce tumor size as well as increase an immune response against metastases, it would be a huge strategy in the management of this disease that may be translatable in treatment of other tumors.
- * A Mistler/Chase motion was passed to approve the recommended \$3500 to support these four research grants.

Judges' Education:

- * A summary of all judges' education activities was included for 2021.
- * \$428 was spent in 2021
- * A 2022 budget of \$1,625 is anticipated. This includes the purchase of a new projector that can be used for a multitude of presentations by ESAA.
- * The report was approved on a Mistler/Fabelo motion.

Medallions and Bowls

- * Six championship medallions were awarded in 2021.
- * In 2021 ESAA moved from a silver plate bowl to a nickel-plated bowl for regional club and National Best of Breed.

- * The year is no longer being engraved on the bowls in the event there is a future disaster like the pandemic.
- * A spread sheet was provided that detailed all costs for the distribution of bowls.
- * The report was passed on a Miller/Mistler motion.

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 8:29 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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