



ESAA Board of Directors Meeting – Via Teleconference October 15, 2014

In attendance: Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, Janet Gray, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, Carl Necker, John Nielsen, BJ Parsons, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Bob Stevens.

The meeting called to order at 8:08 EDT.

The National Field Trial committee has requested approval from the Board on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding so they are able to proceed with planning for the 2015 National Field Trial. Their procedures are very well defined. The NFT committee will contribute up to 10% of the net income to the ESAA general fund. There was a question about a prior logo on which time and money had been spent, but it was determined that it can be looked into at a later point in time. Chair Cindy Findley has prior experience running a very successful field trial for ESAA.

Concern was expressed over ESAA taking liability, legal, and financial responsibility without direct control. It was clarified that ESAA will not be “funding” this activity; rather, the NFT committee will be managing an account specifically set up for the NFT, and will be monitored by ESAA. ESAA’s insurance will require a rider for the NFT which will be paid for by the NFTC. Language regarding the reimbursement of seed money to the donors will be clarified.

A motion to approve the NFT proposal was made by Lynda Chase, seconded by Dave Mates. It was passed without objection.

Judges’ Education: Reimbursement is available, and there is a form to be submitted indicating what specific reimbursements are needed. The Board would like a report on these reimbursements. The Board would like to know the dates of the presentations, as well as how many prospective judges attended these seminars. Joan Savage made the presentations at the ESAA National; Tony and Penny DiSiena made presentations as part of the Michigan Sporting Dog Seminars. Julie Brimble will check into having some of these questions answered for the Board meeting at the National. A motion to table the report until the Board meeting at the National was made by Lynda Chase, seconded by Bob Stevens and passed.

Juniors: A motion to accept the report was made by Julie Brimble and seconded by Jane Danek. It passed without objection. John Nielsen shared positive comments coming from AKC about the quality of the ESAA Junior program. The scholarship forms are now available on the ESAA web site.

Medallion/Revere Bowls: A Stevens/Mates motion was passed to accept the report on medallions and Revere bowls.

Membership: Membership numbers are down this past year. Regional vice presidents are sent a list of members in their region who have not renewed so they can be contacted before the deadline. We are also hoping the regional VP’s might be able to contact local club members who are not ESAA members to encourage them to join ESAA. Many of the regional VPs already do this. Some breeders pay for a year of membership to ESAA for their puppy buyers. Julie Brimble offered to head a brain storming session of regional VP’s to talk about incentives. A Mates/Stevens motion passed to accept the report.

National Specialty Coordinator: It was pointed out that item #3 is in error. The increase in hospitality is to be \$2.50 per entry (not \$2.50 per dog). Concern was expressed over the “anonymous” donation for the CHIC certification of sire and dam of the Futurity winner. We need to be sure such “requirements” are not a conflict of interest from the donor.

It was brought up that the Top 20 for 2014 was to be done on a trial basis. Once the financial resolution has been determined, the future of event will be revisited by the Board,

A Mates/Quigley motion was passed to table any discussion regarding the Purina Farms Event Center until New Business at the meeting at the National.

A Mates/Quigley motion to accept the report with corrections was passed unanimously.

Public Education: Julie Brimble elaborated on the finalization of the AKC Complete Dog Book. Shawn Bennett has been great to work with on the printing of the Breed cards. S.G. Bennett Marketing has offered to do the design work on the new ESAA English Setter Booklet, along with the printing. Carlotta Cooper will be writing the text, and Carl Sillman will be helping with the historical pictures. An estimate for the printing will be presented to the Board prior to production, as well as the format/text of the new booklet. A Mates/Chase motion to accept the report was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 on a Kerwin-Bush/Quigley motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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