



ESAA Board of Directors Annual Meeting – October 21, 2014

In attendance: Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, Tony DiSiena, Janet Gray, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Judi Hunter, Dave Mates, Bob Mellis, Carl Necker, John Nielsen, B.J. Parsons, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Bob Stevens.

The meeting called to order at 8:10 am EDT.

President's Report:

- This has been a year of challenges.
- ESAA continues to be in good shape financially.

Secretary's Report:

- Expenses: \$1,574.21
- Missing minutes from the archives, beginning with 1956: 1957, 1976, 1990, 1993-2006
- Reported on the years the judges' fees were approved:
 - **1990: WGS sweeps \$175 in 1990.The following were approved in 2007:
 - **BOB/Intersex 2 day fee: \$1200.
 - **BOB/Intersex 1 day fee: \$1000.
 - **Dog judging: \$750.
 - **Futurity/Maturity: \$700.
 - **WGS: \$700.

Treasurer's Report:

- January through October income is up 2.7% from last year.
- Paypal has been a great asset, and we hope to continue to move forward with adding paypal options for future endeavors.
- ESAA funds have been used for very worthy causes like the health clinics, junior scholarships, Dick Fox Memorial Fund, AKC Reunite Trailer, funds for Meet the Breeds and judges' education, to name a few.
- Mary Coldiron has been a great help in the transition of the position to Jane Danek.
- ESAA is currently in solid financial position.
- An audit is scheduled for November with a new CPA who will also be doing the ESAA tax return.
- A Kerwin-Bush/ Quigley motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Regional VP Reports:

- South Central: Interest in adding a versatility title.
- Mid-Atlantic:
 - **Request for judge's education/mentoring at WGS.
 - **Feedback requesting expansion of days for the National.
- East Central:
 - **Hats off to Michigamme for the excellent job they do for their independent specialty.
 - **ESCO had expressed concerns for the BOD, but did not submit anything to Tony in writing as requested, so he could accurately represent their concerns.

- New England:
 - **ESCNE had their fall specialty October 4.
 - **Expressed appreciation for the group that attends Meet the Breeds at the Jabitz Center.
- North Central:
 - **A lot of dissention in NC – A letter of concern was presented and read to the BOD from the plaintiffs in the Lloyd case.
- West Central:
 - **Western had a successful Meet the Breeds at the International show in Chicago.
 - **They had a variety of activities throughout the year.
 - **Each year WESC donates items to Veterans at Christmas.
- South Pacific:
 - **Request to look into an expanded National, as well as a fixed location in the middle of the country.

Bereavement: A motion was made by Bob Mellis, seconded by Tony DiSiena to have a bereavement chair for ESAA. It was passed without objection.

Regional Specialty in Michigan: MSDA hires judges for their sporting group show, and picks up the majority of the expenses, if we use one from their panel. A Mates/Quirk motion to accept the report was passed without objection.

Continuation of Committee Reports

Web Site:

**Larry Coldiron does an excellent job. Our web site continues to be very secure.
 **Ethan Petersen update the web site to include specialty winners and pictures through 2013.
 **Junior page has been an excellent addition. The scholarship application is on the web site.
 **In the process of setting up e-mail accounts for the BOD and committee chairs.
 **Proceeding with investigating options for creating a new web site.
 **A Hunter/Quirk motion was passed unanimously to keep the Breeder Listing at \$50.
 **We are working on getting the National show results up as quickly as possible.
 **Web site is currently breaking even.
 The report was accepted on a Mellis/Quirk motion.

ESAA Rescue Trust:

**The name needs to be changed to English Setter Recue Trust, since it must remain separate from ESAA.
 **The trust agreement and the mission was to perform the rescue of English Setters, as well as to fund rescue efforts.
 **Are there more trustees in this rescue organization other than the treasurer?
 **A Kerwin-Bush/Danek motion was passed unanimously to no longer send funds to ESAART.
 **A Kerwin-Bush/Chase motion for ESAA to look at other places for our funds on a temporary basis was approved unanimously.
 **A Quirk/Mates motion was passed without objection to investigate a partnership with a current English Setter rescue organization.

Judges Selection:

**The numbers of participants will be sent to the BOD. A Chase/Mates motion to accept the report pending the numbers was passed without objection.

Standing Rules:

**Suggestion to change the officers' stipends to paid room nights instead of a dollar amount. This will be in keeping with any future changes in the economy. The room nights for the president, secretary and treasurer will be from the night before the Board meeting through the ESAA Annual meeting. The president will have an additional 3 nights possible for attendance at other ESAA events. A Quirk/DiSiena motion was passed without objection, beginning in 2015.

**A request was made that it is a nice show of support for the hard work done by the host club if the Board members could make an effort to stay for the weekend host club specialty.

**Beginning in 2015, the host club may use the "attached" weekend specialty as an additional show, and will not have to cancel one of their annual specialties.

Newsletter:

**Social media has eclipsed the timeliness of the newsletter. It has been suggested that perhaps the newsletter be a bi-monthly publication. The money that might have been spent on continuing a monthly issue could be put toward keeping the costs of the Annual down. The next issue, therefore, would be a November/December issue.

**It was suggested to put a link on the web to the most current communications.

**A Kerwin-Bush/Quigley motion was passed without objection.

Annual:

**We are looking for ways to keep Annual costs in line. A committee will be created to look at the information that is currently in the Annual, and investigate options for some of the information. A motion to accept the report and the formation of the committee was passed on a Kerwin-Bush/Stevens motion.

Annual Awards – continuation of tabled discussion from October 9: Judy Mates showed the Board a sample of the current awards. She showed us a plaque to be presented to Stan Richey for his many years of doing the ESAA awards. Judy presented ideas for future plaques, since Stan is no longer able to do them. The Board voted unanimously on a Chase/Kerwin-Bush motion to begin using a new plaque for the 2014 Annual awards to be presented in 2015.

Old Business:

Winter Garden Specialty:

**The WGS show in 2014 worked really well. There was a late change in leadership last year, but everyone pitched, and things ran smoothly. Several breeds are picking up an extra day for 2015.

**The committee got some corporate sponsorships that helped with last year's expenses, so each club will be guaranteed to make a profit per entry in 2015. Plans for 2015 are progressing nicely.

**NCESC is Friday with Mary Ann Alston judging; HESC is Saturday with Gloria Owens judging; ESAA is Sunday with Debra Davis judging breed.

National Judges Selection Criteria Ad Hoc Committee:

**The proposal has the following suggestions:

- Nominee must have judged 50 English Setters over the previous 5 years.
- Breeder-judges are always eligible.
- There will be a bonus round of points to be added to prioritize the list of nominees.
- Attending ESAA judging seminars and participating in ESAA mentoring programs are part of the bonus system.
- The Board discussed that a judges' education presentation be part of every ESAA conformation event....the Annual National, WGS, and any regional specialty. A Mellis/Quirk motion was passed to put this in effect for 2015.
- The proposal includes pulling the WGS judges out of the criteria, as a trial for 2017.
- A Danek/Mates motion was made to accept the report with revisions.

New Business:

Discussion of options for future National site locations.

- Purina Farms, near St. Louis, has a facility that has hosted many National breed club specialties. The site includes facilities for every type of event associated with a National specialty club. There are a number of relatively inexpensive hotel options with shuttle service to the venue.

**There are many things for which Purina Farms does not charge.

**RV rentals are available.

**RV charges for full hook-ups is \$25.

**There are shuttles to and from many local hotels.

- The Eukanuba Roberts Center near Cincinnati is another facility that can be checked for possible future consideration.
- There was great interest in having a National at the Purina Farms as a trial for a future year.
- A Stevens/DiSiena motion was unanimously passed to look into revising specifications for future Nationals, including setting up an ad hoc committee to look into moving to a 4 day National Specialty (and what that would look like) and also to consider a default location (such as Purina Farms or Saw Mill Creek) should no host club put in a bid.

Versatility Title:

- Interest was expressed in adding some kind of ESAA versatility title.
- The Board wanted to know what kinds of requirements/guidelines members who are involved in various events think should be included.
- A Quirk/Mellis motion was passed for Carl Necker to put an ad hoc committee together from the various performance areas to come up with a proposal.

2015 National:

- Everything is on track and in good shape.
- Once the host club has decided on a judge for veteran sweeps, the Board will be asked to approve their choice.
- A Tuesday evening Breeder's Roundtable is being planned.
- They are trying to schedule Dr. Hutchison to speak on reproduction Thursday evening. They might also be able to provide someone from their clinic to be available for semen collection. They are the Mid-West ISCB facility.
- There are still a few chair positions available.
- Dates are October 6 – 9 for the National, and October 10 and 11 for the Michigamme specialty.

BAER Database:

- There was discussion regarding the BAER database, and having some kind of back up of the data so it is not lost should there be a catastrophe.
- Putting the BAER data on the web site has been on a timely basis.
- It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate back-up programs.
- A motion was made by DiSiena/Quirk and passed without objection for all ESAA chairs to put all data on a flash drive and send it to Jane Danek.

ESAA NFT Logo:

- ESAA had a logo prepared for the National Field Trial that should be used every year for the NFT. A Quirk/Chase motion was passed that the NFT must use the logo already created.

Health Clinic Costs: A Quigley/Chase motion was passed to fund an annual Health Clinic at each National at a cost of \$3,000.

At 3:30 the Board went in to executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm EDT on a Kerwin-Bush/Quigley motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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