



## ESAA Board of Directors Meeting – Via Teleconference October 9, 2014

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

The meeting called to order at 8:03 EST.

Janet made some opening remarks regarding the outline of this evening's meeting

**Agility Trial:** Motion to accept made by Dave Mates, second by Tony DiSiena to accept the report by Donna Richardson. Passed without objection. The Maryland agility trial produced \$2694.03 income. The Michigan agility trial had an income of \$750.00. The AKC will permit as many as 12 regional agility trials.  
-The MD. Trial for 2015 has already been approved by AKC.  
-Carl Necker brought up the question of whether ESAA has resource committees for some of the performance events.

**AKC Delegate Report:** John plans to attend the ESAA National this year to be on hand to answer any questions any members might have. A Stevens/Quigley motion to accept the report was passed without objection. It was noted that AKC is trying to reach out to a broader and younger audience. John was asked to give suggestion for a similar outreach for ESAA.

**Redistricting Report:** No suggestions for change at this time. There were a few ideas “thrown around” regarding some realignment possibilities for the future. Dave Mates/Bob Stevens made a motion to approve the report, which passed without objection.

**AKC Gazette:** It is noted that ESAA is pleased that Jill Warren continues to do an excellent job at writing the AKC Gazette breed columns for English Setters. The board would like to add the articles to the ESAA web site, perhaps with an introductory statement from Jill. Dave Mates/Lynda Chase made a motion which was passed without objection.

**ESAA Annual Awards:** Judy has asked to make a brief presentation at the face-to-face board meeting to show some possible samples for review. Dave added that ESAA is looking for someone who can make the plaques for the awards. It was moved on a Mates/Cunningham-Roy motion to table the report until the board has a chance to see the samples at the face-to-face meeting.

**Finance:** It was noted that the National is becoming more expensive to put on. Many hotels are not donating as many complimentary rooms, etc. as has happened in previous years. If not for the success of the raffle and silent auctions, the National would have lost money the last few years.

-John Nielsen asked for the board to make a list of concerns to take to AKC regarding ways that they can help the parent clubs to ease expenses and/or requirements.

-Concern was expressed over the lack of a budget for the National. Kathy mentioned that the numbers are in a constant state of flux until close to the last minute. A “proposed” budget is possible early in the planning process, but a final budget is not possible until all plans have been finalized just before the event.

-The report was approved unanimously on a Roy/DiSiena motion.

**Futurity/Maturity:** Sandy Miller has done a wonderful job at making sure the transition as new futurity/maturity chair went very smoothly. Rau will be writing the checks out for the futurity/maturity awards as part of their job as superintendent. ESAA will only have to supply one check to cover the total cost of the awards, and the breakdown for each class. A DiSiena/Mates motion to accept the report was unanimously approved.

**Historian:** The board is pleased that the web site is including so many great dogs from the history of the breed. The board had approved the purchase of a DVD/VHS converter last year, so the conversion of the library of VHS tapes can begin.

-ESAA is interested in seeing if the plates can be safely removed from old plaques that can be reused for the future, in response to Ingrid Fox's generous offer to donate plaques that Dick Fox, of Foxtract English Setters has won over the years. It was also suggested that a sticker explaining the origin of the award would be a nice addition.

-Carl will be bringing a scanner to the National to scan any old pictures that anyone can bring to share.

-The report was approved unanimously on a Mates/Mellis motion.

**Hunt Test:** The Central Carolina and Michigamme clubs hunt test results were included. The report was approved on a Mates/DiSiena motion.

**\*\*Committee chair discussion:** The board would like to see the names and e-mail addresses of the various committee chairs added to the ESAA web site. Coleen will check with the committee chairs and get the information to Dave Mates and Larry Coldiron.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm on a Stevens/Kerwin-Bush motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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