



**ESAA Board of Directors  
Meeting – Via Teleconference  
September 23, 2015**

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

The meeting called to order at 8:04 EDT.

Janet opened the meeting with a request for stating your name before speaking.

**ESAA Reports:**

- **Judges Education:** This will be Joan Savage's final report. Greg McCarthy will be the new Judges Ed chair beginning with this year's National. Thanks so much to Joan for her 10 years of service with this committee.

There were 4 seminars for English Setter judges education, all of which were well attended.

Greg McCarthy will be conducting the seminar at this year's National, as well as the AKC Advanced Sporting Dog Institute held in conjunction with Eukanuba. A Mates/Hunter motion was passed to accept the report.

- **2014 Juniors Addendum:** We had a report for activities prior to the 2014 National, so this report includes activities through the remainder of the 2014 calendar year. The Board was pleased to see that Jennifer Necker attended and participated in the World Dog Show. A Mates/Parsons motion to accept the report was passed.

- **Membership:** The Board was pleased to see the increase in membership. It also reflected an increase in the number of members receiving the electronic version of the newsletter. The report was passed on a Quirk/Chase motion.

- **Public Education:** Representatives of local clubs have been requesting copies of the new English Setter Breed cards to hand out at events such as Meet the Breeds.

Julie Brimble and her committee are updating the English Setter Breed Book. Carlotta Cooper will be doing the writing, and Shawn Bennett will be printing and publishing the booklet. An idea to make the booklet available electronically was also suggested. Julie wanted to know what the Board's thought on the need for this booklet.

John Nielsen reported that AKC is beginning to work on the breed fliers for hound and sporting breeds. This might be an opportunity for ESAA to give input to that revision.

ESAA's reimbursement for Meet the Breeds was very much appreciated by the Puget Sound English Setter Club. Western reported the same gratitude for their booth at the International show.

The report was passed on a Mates/Quigley motion.

- **2017 National at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.** It will be an indoor show, with Dave and Judy Mates and Mary Nowak serving as show chairs. The facility has experience with running dog shows,

with ample electricity, and indoor bathing. The hunt test location is just over an hour away from the facility. Dates are September 12 – 15 of 2017. The report was passed on a Quirk/Stevens motion.

- ESAA Newsletter: This will be Kathy Cunningham-Roy's final year as newsletter editor, after 20 years of dedicated service. The BOD cannot sufficiently express their appreciation to Kathy for taking on this huge volunteer task for so long! Kathy expressed appreciation to Lisa Moreau for her expertise in the electronic lay-outs of the newsletter these last years. The new editor will need to be well versed in graphic design, with a reliable printing and mailing service available. The report was approved on a Quigley/Parsons motion.
- Winter Garden Specialty: Kathy reported that each year the Winter Garden Specialty has been improving. Corporate sponsors allowed additional lighting and complimentary coffee to be added last year. Several additional specialty clubs have been added for 2016.  
Collecting trophy fund donations are difficult at this time of year due to the ESAA National being only a few months prior, and the holiday season being so close. Several ideas were discussed by the Board for funding, but it was decided to see what the budget needs might be, as well as what donations we received toward trophies last year. The funding will be revisited at a future meeting. The report was accepted on a Stevens/Mates motion.
- AKC Delegate: John Nielsen will not be able to attend the National specialty for the first time in 29 years, but will be available by phone for any needs or questions that might arise.  
John attends 4 meeting per year, which are now multiple day events, as well as a number of electronic consultations between meetings.  
John will suggest that the updated breed pamphlets that will be coming out from AKC in the future be sent to English Setter breeders to be passed on to puppy buyers, with the encouragement to join the parent club.  
Several of the Board members will be sending John a list of concerns regarding the AKC, particularly regarding the web site.  
The report was accepted on a Mates/Parsons motion.
- A new business item was introduced for approval beginning with this year's upcoming National. It has been suggested to increase the portion of funding for hospitality from \$2.50 per dog that was approved several years ago, to a more appropriate portion of \$5.00 per entry toward hospitality. A Mates/Cunningham-Roy motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to dispense with next week's tentatively scheduled teleconference meeting and complete the remainder of the reports at the face-to-face meeting in Ohio October 6. There will be a breakfast buffet set out by 7:30 am, so that Board business will begin at 8 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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