



**ESAA Board of Directors
Meeting – Via Teleconference
September 15, 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, Carl Necker, John Nielsen, BJ Parsons, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Bob Stevens.

The meeting called to order at 8:06 EDT.

Janet opened the meeting by reminding members not to interrupt the speaker. Also, please limit the amount of time for one person on a specific topic. Coleen reported that some of the reports will be moved to calendar year end reports to make the teleconferences more spread out throughout the year.

ESAA Reports:

- August Agility 2014 and 2015 with the Michigamme English Setter Club: The profit for both ESAA and Michigamme for each of the two years was \$750 per year. Janet thanked both the Michigamme Club and Jill Boback for their efforts in this partnership. Michigamme has already voted to host this agility trial again in 2016. A Mates/Quigley motion was made to accept the report. It passed without objection, following a correction to the total income to \$1500 instead of \$1400. Once again, Janet would love to see more regional clubs hosting an ESAA sponsored regional agility trial. It was mentioned that a regional club needs to have someone with a real passion for agility to make this a success.
- March Agility 2015 with the National Capital English Setter Club: The profit for both ESAA and NCESC was \$1,105.76. Again, Janet expressed her appreciation to NCESC and Donna Richardson for putting on this event. Donna Richardson was concerned that all runs didn't fill due to competition with so many other trial choices. Donna has been a great resource for ESAA in reviewing contracts for other regional clubs that express interest. For 2016 they will try adding an extra class to see if that will fill all the runs. A Quirk/Cunningham-Roy motion to accept the report was passed without objection.
- Annual Awards: All awards for 2015 have been sponsored and paid for. Peggy Dunsmuir was a great help in tabulating the reports, and also sent out a reply to each person so they knew their report was received. Dean Miller is hand-making the lovely new plaques. This will allow the winners name to be added to the plaques for the first time ever. It will also result in a reduction in the cost for 2016. Coleen Raber will mail out the runners-up certificates that are not able to be handed out at the banquet. The report passed unanimously on a Cunningham-Roy/Chase motion.
- BAER discussion: Tabled until further information can be requested.
- ESAA Regional Specialty in Michigan: The net income for this specialty was \$368.04. There were a lot of positive comments from the exhibitors who attended these shows. Appreciation was expressed for the great job Dave and Judy Mates have done as stewards for this event. MSDA also welcomed any judging suggestions ESAA might want to submit. The report passed on a

Mates/Fabelo motion. The Board voted to approve this show for 2016, on July 8, 2016 on a Mates/Quigley motion.

- ESAA Store: There has been no activity for the past 2 years. Nothing had been passed on, and no new initiatives had been started. Janet will pursue more information regarding the store. Dave Mates made a motion to table the report, seconded by Bob Stevens, which passed.
- Health & Genetics:
 - Health and Genetics Grants/Studies: The report summarized all the initiatives to which ESAA has donated funds throughout 2015. This report was approved on a Mates/Stevens motion.
 - Health Clinics: The report broke down the initial expenses to ESAA, as well as what funds were reimbursed to ESAA by the owners. The final estimated cost to ESAA is \$3,034.15. A Quigley/Quirk motion was passed without objection.
 - Michelle Raisor, Dee Verti and Kathy Mellis attended the Canine Health Foundation conference. Dee Verti made contact with someone from Michigan State who expressed interested in pursuing additional research for an English Setter specific thyroid study. Janet recommended that ESAA donate \$5000 from our health and genetics fund toward this study. They will be attending the ESAA National to draw samples free of charge. Dave Mates made a motion to donate the funds to Michigan State for the study. It was seconded by Jane and passed unanimously. A check will be given to them at the National.
 - Future BAER reports will be given in conjunction with the Health and Genetics category.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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