



**ESAA Board of Directors
Meeting – Via Teleconference
August 16, 2016**

In attendance: Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Flynn, Janet Gray, Judi Hunter, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, BJ Parsons, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Ross Rice.

The meeting called to order at 8:07 PM EDT.

The meeting is as continuation of committee reports.

Agility:

- ✿ Dave Mates made a motion, seconded by B.J. Parsons, to perpetuate the March agility trial in partnership with the National Capital English Setter Club without annual Board approval. Coleen will contact Donna and NCEC to express the Board's appreciation on this partnership.
- ✿ A Mates/Cunningham-Roy motion to accept the report was passed without objection.

Winter Garden Specialty:

- ✿ The WGS group continues to grow, which helps with facility costs.
- ✿ In 2017, ESCNE will be holding back-to-back specialties the Friday of WGS, Hudson will be holding a specialty Saturday, ESAA will be holding the traditional "Combined" specialty Sunday, with judge Greg Browne from Australia. Kevin Flynn will be judging sweepstakes for ESAA.
- ✿ A raffle is being planned for 2017.
- ✿ A Mates/Quigley motion to accept was passed unanimously.

Membership

- ✿ Our membership was down for the 2016 renewal period. The Board expressed how much Ronda Dillman's hard work is appreciated as membership chair.
- ✿ Janet suggested we might want to create an ad hoc committee to look for ways to increase and maintain our membership.
- ✿ A Mates/Hunter motion was passed to form an ad hoc committee to look at membership.
- ✿ A Mates/Hunter motion was made to approve the membership report and passed without objection.

Regional VP Reports

- ✿ The new format for the VP reports was a challenge, but was designed to save time at the face-to-face meeting.
- ✿ Having the reports in drop box gives other VP's a chance to refer to events and communication tools from other regions.
- ✿ A Quigley/Mates motion was passed to accept the reports.

Hunt Test – ESAA H.D./HDX

- ✿ This committee reports specifically on the ESAA formatted Hunting Dog and Hunting Dog Excellent tests.

- ✿ The Board defined a need to broaden the scope to include AKC hunt tests and field trials activities and decided to create a Standing Committee for such purpose. A Mates/Parsons motion passed without objection.
- ✿ A Hunter/Mates motion to accept the ESAA Hunt Test Report was passed unanimously.

Judges' Education

- ✿ The Board is pleased that 60 prospective judges attended various judges' education seminars. Coleen will send the names of those individuals to the Board.
- ✿ A Mates/Cunningham-Roy motion to accept the report was passed unanimously.

Web Site Report

- ✿ Most of the web site report was discussed and approved last October.
- ✿ ESAA has updated contact information for committee chairs.
- ✿ A Mates/Parsons motion was made to suggest the following change to the 2013 guidelines: I would like to recommend a small change to Item 3 –Regional Clubs page to: "it is the responsibility of the Regional Club President/Secretary to notify **the ESAA Secretary**, secretary@esaa.com to update their Club's listing". This will help keep the Secretary and the web site committee updated at the same time. It was passed without objection.
- ✿ Some discussion occurred regarding putting the AKC/ESAA Breed video on the web. Dave will investigate the details.
- ✿ Dave would like to revise all personal email addresses for officers and regional vice presidents to esaa.com. The web site will be updated and the addresses will be given to Lisa Leaville for the ESAA facebook page.
- ✿ A Quigley/Cunningham-Roy motion was passed to accept the web site report.

Newsletter

- ✿ Kathy will be happy to work with anyone interested in taking over the newsletter. It is important to have a quality printer close by who can work with the mailing of the hard copies.
- ✿ Lisa Moreau has been doing much of the work on the newsletter, and has the printer nearby that ESAA has been using. Janet thought the Board should reach out to Lisa for input going forward.
- ✿ A Mates/Flynn motion to accept the report was passed without objection.

Junior Showmanship

- ✿ Julie Bremser does a great job on organizing the Juniors activities and coordinating the scholarship recipients.
- ✿ ESAA had representatives at Eukanuba and Westminster in both conformation and agility.
- ✿ A Cunningham-Roy/Mates motion to accept the report was passed unanimously.

ESAART Report: This report will be deferred until the Annual Board meeting September 27 in Portland.

A Mates/Quirk motion to adjourn was made at 9:31 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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