

National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association 2014 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Best Western Airport Hotel, Wichita, Kansas
November 18, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A roll call was taken. Delegates for forty-one clubs were present which constitutes a quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2013 meeting as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Presidents Message

President Don Bramwell welcomed the delegates and participants to Wichita and Zenda, Kansas. He stated that Bob Iversen would be giving information about the trial later in the meeting. He thanked everyone for attending.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's 2013 report as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Election of Officers

Paul McGagh gave the report of the nominating committee for John Hall. The committee was primarily charged with selecting the person who would be the president in 2017 when the trial would be held in the Mid West Interclub. He stated that the slate reflected

the choice of the trial being held in the Owatonna, MN region with the Minnesota Heartland club taking the lead in putting on the trial.

President	Paul McGagh
First Vice President	Mark Gebert
Second Vice President	Dean Koehler
Secretary/Treasurer	Mhari Peschel

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers as presented be elected by acclamation.

Motion unanimously approved.

Announcement of Judges for the 2015 National Open Championship

Don Bramwell announced that the judges for the 2015 National Open would be Tom Menzel and Ken Willis.

Member Club Dues for 2015

Motion

It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2015 be \$75.00 per club.

Motion unanimously approved

Presentation of Location for the 2015 National Open Championship

Paul McGagh and Vicky Thomas gave a presentation for the 2015 trial which will be held in the Pescadero, CA region. This is the same area that was used for the 2010 Championship trial. The proposed starting date would be November 17, 2015 which is a Tuesday. This date was chosen in hopes that the trial could be completed prior to the weekend.

Gary Wilson asked if it might be possible to move the trial start date a few days later since the National Amateur would be starting November 9 or 10 and that would not allow much travel time to get from the NAC to the NOC. Discussion included the added cost of hotel rooms in Half Moon Bay on the weekend and the proximity of the dates to Thanksgiving.

After additional discussion

It was moved and seconded that the location of Pescadero, CA and the starting date of November 19, 2015 be approved.

The motion was approved

The closing dates for the trial were discussed. It was agreed that the two tier closing dates would again be in place.

**It was moved and seconded that the closing dates for the trial be 18 days (November 1, 2015) and 11 days (November 8, 2015) before the trial.
The motion was approved.**

Qualification for the 2015 National Open

It was stated that the current number of points for qualification is 2 points.

**It was moved and seconded that the qualification remain at 2 points.
The Motion was approved**

Entry Fees for the 2015 National Open Championship

Vicky Thomas presented a budget for the 2015 National Open Championship. The budget and the expected land cost support and entry fee of \$260 per entry.

Discussion followed which supported the idea of an entry fee based on a budget which may result in entry fees fluctuating depending upon the region where the trial is held. Mike Wallace stated that the entry fee should always be included in the proposal by the trial chairman since the chairman is the one who understands and is responsible for the costs of putting on the event.

It was moved and seconded that the entry fee for the 2015 National Open be \$260.

Motion was approved.

It was moved and seconded that the entry fee be proposed and included in the Field Trial Presentation annually.

Motion was approved.

Time for Annual Meeting for 2015

It was moved and seconded that the 2015 Annual Meeting be held on November 18, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the Best Western in Half Moon Bay, CA.

Motion approved .

Other Business

1. Report of the Scholarship/Financial Committee

Morgan Haglin suggested that Pat Bramwell be appointed to take over the administration of the scholarship program.

It was moved and seconded that Pat Bramwell be appointed to administer the program. Motion approved.

Field Trial Chairman's Presentation

Bob Iversen welcomed the participants. He reviewed the shuttle instructions and noted that only "official" shuttle drivers were allowed to operate the club provided shuttles. The course is approximately 50 flags and is expected to take an hour and ten minutes to complete one round.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously approved.