

## ESSFTA Membership Meeting - Saturday, April 25, 2015 Scottsdale, AZ

President Randy Capsel called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Roll call and sign-in followed.

**Present:** Randy Capsel, Bev Mathews, Kathy Hawkins, Larry Schwartz, Kelly Priestley, Jan Johnson, Mike Leonetti, Peter Renwick, Elaine Vanderslice, Greta Dalrymple, Kathy Patregnani, Mark Haglin, Peggy Presnall, Susanne Burgess, Richard Burgess, David Sanford, Kathy Nestor, Greg Wharton, Don Mock, Bob Beauchamp, Connie Kieckhefer, Dean Reinke

Since there was not a quorum present, President Randy Capsel advised the group that the focus would be on committee reports. He also reported that there would be a quorum of Governors for the Governor's meeting which would be held immediately after the Membership Meeting on April 25, 2015.

### Minutes of Last Meeting

Randy presented the 2014 ESSFTA Meeting Minutes which was held in Charleston, SC and posted on Announce and the ESSFTA website. No changes to the meeting minutes were required and the minutes were accepted as printed.

**Officer Reports** -- All reports will be posted on the Members Section of ESSFTA website

**Field VP Report** – Bev presented the topics discussed at the Field Governor's meeting on April 24, 2015. The report is posted on the ESSFTA website under 2015 Annual Meeting. Below is the summary report:

- Continuing work on guidelines and language involving the Pro to Amateur status.
- Compiling materials for continued work on a Powerpoint presentation for what a National field trial may look like from a grounds standpoint. This would be available for committees investigating grounds and locations for National field trial events.
- Consolidating Interclub (IC) chair responsibilities – discussion is ongoing involving the consolidation and clarification of IC responsibilities.
- The Field Governor group approved the parent club trials and Hall of Fame trial.
- Exploratory disciplinary committee - an update and final report from the committee was reviewed. The recommendation from the committee is that we will use tools already available for dealing with individual disciplinary matters which may arise.
- The Gunning Committee report from Mark Haglin was presented to the Field Governors.
- Online apprentice test – work is continuing on the finalization of an online apprentice judging examination to assist in administration of the apprentice judging program.

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- Field trial judge hiring assistance process and assisting clubs in finding judges. Worked through cleaning up data from the approved judge's database. Available to clubs at this time.
- Hall of Fame committee update and discussion.
- Standard judges seminar – in-depth discussion on this topic and reviewing the apprentice judging program.
- National Amateur resolutions – recently updated and attaching as addendums to original resolution.
- Blue book revision – have revised and will need a vote by the BOG for approval of the revisions. Will need funding for the new printing.
- Hall of Fame – inductions of individuals and dogs occur each year and also nominate patrons which allows for plaques to be displayed at the Bird Dog Museum. Will be requesting funding to support the patron recognition.
- Judging limitation rule – revision discussed to allow for a modification to the current language that will cover interclub boundaries as well as a 400 mile rule.

**Bench VP Report** – Kathy presented the topics discussed at the Bench Committee Meeting from April 24, 2015. This report is posted on the ESSFTA website under Meeting Reports/2015 Membership Meeting. Below is the summary report:

- Regional updates from those governors participating in the meeting.
- Funding request for American Spaniel Club ESSFTA Sweepstakes.
- Membership meeting conduct at the National Specialty and procedures to better handle communication from those calling in to the meeting as well as those attending. Striking a balance and management of discussion to allow for improved meeting conduct.
- Discussion about posting additional materials and specific documents to the Member area of the ESSFTA website to allow easier access and additional information to the membership. Examples discussed included the National Specialty Show Manual, National Specialty Judges Selection Guidelines, and other documents pertaining to conduct related to parent club events.
- Discussion regarding regular updates to the membership and posting to the ESSFTA website.
- Review of upcoming National Specialty events (2015, 2016, and 2017).
- Review and announcement of the National Specialty judge selection voting tallies.
- National Specialty Judge's Selection Task Force – an update was provided by Dana Lodge concerning the status and work conducted to date by the task force.
- Awards Task Force report – discussion involving six suggested changes to the annual awards criteria occurred with a consensus to bring five of the six items forward to the full Board of Governors.

- A review of the Show Governors selection to the 2015 Nominating Committee.

**Membership Secretary Report** – Randy presented information from the Membership Secretary, Julie Roberts, that the 2015 membership listing has been updated and will be posted soon to the ESSFTA website Member's area. Currently have 747 memberships listed.

**Treasurer Report** - Kathy presented the Treasurer report which is posted on the ESSFTA website under Meeting Reports/2015 Financial Statements. Since the report is lengthy, Kathy focused on the summary statements on pages 2-4 for the 2015 budget.

**AKC Delegate Report** – Sue Burgess reviewed her report which is posted with the meeting reports.

**Committee Reports:**

**AKC Gazette Editorial Board** – Sarah continues to interview members on questions for the column. More detailed stories are highlighted in the Spotlight due to the limited space in the Gazette column.

**Archive Committee** – Connie Kieckhefer reviewed the Archives report and reminded everyone to encourage members to donate artifacts. The report is posted accompanying the annual meeting minutes at the ESSFTA website member's area.

**Awards Committee** – Kathy Patregnani presented information related to recommendations from the Awards Task Force. Six recommendations were discussed. Further discussion and voting to be conducted at the Board of Governor meeting.

**BERP** - Current process seems to be effective and the audits have been ongoing.

**Communications Committee Report** – Randy reported that regular updates to the ESSFTA website continue to be conducted by Cathy Lewis and thanked Cathy for her continued work. Please remember to keep Cathy updated on anything that needs to be posted to the website.

**Field Trial Gunning** – Mark Haglin presented a report from the Field Trial Gunning committee. The full report is posted to the ESSFTA website member's area.

**Genetics and Health Committee Report** - Larry Schwartz submitted a detailed report which summarizes all of the Foundation research grants. The report is posted on the ESSFTA website under Meeting Reports/2015 Membership Meeting.

**Hunting/Working Dog Test Report** – Randy presented a report summarizing the WD and WDX titles awarded during the 2014 calendar year. The summary can be found posted on the ESSFTA website under Meeting Reports/2015 Membership Meeting.

Pheasant Fest will be February 19-21, 2016 in Kansas City, KS. Randy thanked Deb Schoene and Cathy Lewis for their continued support of the event and organizing the 2016 booth. Randy thanked those who assisted at the 2015 booth and to \_\_\_\_\_ from the Canine Health Foundation who also assisted.

**Judges Education Committee** – Lauren Howard forwarded a full report from the committee. Highlighted activities included:

- At the 2014 National Specialty the committee hosted the largest attended Breed Education seminar ever presented.
- Compliance form has been put into effect for members of the Judges Education Committee.
- Working on publishing the Illustrated Standard to the ESSFTA website.
- A letter has been submitted to the AKC judge's magazine, *The Standard*, for inclusion in the spring issue.
- Discussions ongoing regarding a mentoring program.

**Legislative Report** – Special thanks to Tracey Johnston for her work throughout the entire year. She has asked that we all encourage members in our states to contact with information about Legislation in your State and she will send letters on behalf of the Parent Club.

**Marketing Committee** – Sarah Ferrell continues to manage the ESSFTA Store for the club.

**Pro Plan Allocation Committee** – Elaine Vanderslice has been appointed committee chairperson. Randy will work with Elaine to appoint two additional committee members. Elaine updated the status of the request for funds for various activities.

**Seed Awn Committee Report** - Cathy Lewis noted that we are still seeing cases and need to continue to provide education on this topic to vets and land owners. Pheasant Fest is a great venue for education on this very important topic to our breed. Additional information can be found at <http://www.meanseeds.com>.

**Spotlight** – Terri Hallman continues as editor of the Spotlight. Due to changes in career issues timelines have become increasingly difficult, but work is being discussed to remedy the situation. Randy will discuss further with Terri to establish specific deadlines and if specific assistance may be of value.

**National Specialty** - Kathy Hawkins referenced information previously discussed and the information contained in the Show Governors meeting minutes. Discussion involving scheduling and time availability for various activities was conducted.

**Foundation Report** - Kelly Priestley, President of the Foundation submitted the Annual report which is posted on the Foundation website and the ESSFTA website under Meeting Reports/2015 Membership Meeting. Annual meeting was conducted at the end of February.

**Rescue Committee** – Randy provided a summary provided by the various Rescue organizations. The summary is included with the meeting report.

**Election of Board:**

**Nominating Committee Report** - Randy reviewed the report of the Nominating Committee and expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Governors. Since the report of the Nominating Committee was not contested, it was approved and the Governors, Class of 2018, were seated: Janet Johnson (F, R), Greg Wharton (F, R), Elaine Vanderslice (F, AL), Erin Kerfoot (B, R), Marilyn Burke (B, AL), Carol Jansen (B, R), and Randy Capsel (B, AL)

The committee also arrived at the following slate for the Officers whom will be seated at the Board of Governor meeting:

President: Randy Capsel  
VP/Field: Bev Matthews  
VP/Bench: Kathy Hawkins  
Treasurer: Kathy Nestor  
Corresponding Secretary: Barb Granatir  
Membership Secretary: Julie Roberts  
AKC Delegate: Sue Burgess

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business was brought forward for discussion.

**New Business:**

- Randy reviewed the summary of the Open Forum conference calls.
- ESSFTA Management Directory – a draft will be forthcoming for review in the next four to six weeks.
- Peggy Presnall brought forward the question if there has been any thought of listing Breeder of Merit status for members. Discussion ensued as to if this is listed as a “qualification” or “recognition” of an individual rather than an interest.

Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 10:46 AM.