

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION  
2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegates  
Riverwoods Conference Center  
615 South Riverwoods Parkway, Logan, UT 84321  
4:00 pm November 28, 2017

Minutes

Roll was determined, and a quorum confirmed: 44 clubs paid dues, 38 delegates attending

There was a motion to approve and accept the 2016 Delegates' Meeting Minutes.  
Motion approved.

There was a motion to approve and accept the 2016 Financial Report.  
Motion approved.

General Chair Gary Riddle thanked Bob Child and Joshua Riddle for all their hard work to obtain grounds and organize the trial.

Report of nominating committee

2018 – Russ Smith

2019 – John Meyer

2020 – Bill Cosgrove (Bill will either be the chair of the ME 2020 trial or find someone who will take that position by the next delegates' meeting).

Presentation of 2018 NAC

- 2018 will be held in Ohio near and around the Deer Creek Lodge facility. Jim Keller said there was Canadian Wild Rye in one of the fields in that area that was used for the NOC in 2016. Russ Smith said they do not intend to use that field.
- Start Date will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Much discussion regarding moving that date to be later. Due to the work and arrangements already done, Russ Smith did not want to move the date.
  - A vote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 19 yes, 21 no. The date was not passed.
  - Discussion was had regarding why the date could not be moved and a question was asked whether Russ would try to renegotiate the arrangements to move the date out. He said he couldn't and discussed the work that had already been done regarding permits, vehicle commitments, and other commitments to the venue.
  - A revote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 17 yes, 19 no. The date again was not passed.
  - More discussion regarding dates in general particularly the fact that the disapproval of the current plan was too close to the trial date. Also, the current rule, which Russ used when planning the event is that no trial may begin prior to 11/15 and no closing date could exclude qualifications earned during the AKC week 44.
  - A revote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 29 yes, no opposition.
  - The date was passed.

Qualifications:

- Dean Reinke moved that the qualification be changed to 3 points. His reason was that people may attend more local trials if they needed to get more points to attend the national and that local clubs need to have more entries each year. Other discussion brought out that many amateurs new to the sport might not be likely to attend the

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national if the requirement to attend was greater as the cost to get that many points may be exclusive.

- A motion was made and seconded to have the qualification points to be 2. This was passed with 28 yes and 10 no.
- Entry fee
  - The proposed fee of \$230 was deemed inadequate by the delegates. A motion was made, seconded and approved to raise the entry fee to \$250. Discussion included the loss that the NOC incurred at the same venue with a \$235 entry fee. The increase to \$250 was passed.
- The proposal for the 2018 trial was passed with the amendments stated above.

Coast to coast:

David Sanford presented the new rotation that was developed by Daryl Johnson that would alleviate the opposite coast problem that occurs every five years with NOC and NAC.

The NOC had already approved the change contingent on the NAC also approving it.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the new rotation beginning in 2020.

The new rotation beginning in 2020 will be:

	NOC	NAC
2020	W	ME - First year on new rotation
2021	RM	E
2022	MW	W
2023	ME	RM
2024	E	MW
2025	W	ME
2026	RM	E

Date survey:

- Steve Beyer presented the results of the survey taken this year regarding starting dates.
- Jim O'Keefe and Dean Reinke questioned the assumptions made based on the results and expressed their opinion that the majority (55%) actually agreed that the trial should start later than 11/15. Steve's assumption was that the survey indicated that there was not sufficient votes among those that thought the date should be controlled (there were 86 respondents that wanted no control at all) to make a change. A motion was made and seconded to move the earliest date to 11/21. This was seconded and passed with 29 yes and 9 no.

Placement Information for Statistics and Other Reports

- Jan Johnson asked the delegates to encourage the FTS' to send marked catalogs to her or at the least use the recommended template for placements. Clubs have become lax in getting full

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information to her, [essft.com](http://essft.com), and Mhari. Holly Boggess ([essft.com](http://essft.com)) requested that the MS-Word templates be used when submitting placements to her as it was easier to process.

Requirements to be on the ballot to judge a national:

- The BOG recommended to both delegations (NAC & NOC) to increase the number of trials judged from 6 to 12 to qualify to be on the ballot to judge a national. These 12 trials were to be US only and only Springer Spaniel trials (no Canadian trials or Cocker trials would qualify). The 12 trials translate into 24 stakes. This was approved the NOC earlier this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved.

2019 National Amateur Championship

- John Meyer presented his plans for the 2019 trial that will be held in Kentucky and begin on 11/21/2019.
- There will be 6500 acres available to use. The grounds are within 10 miles of the lodging. Average weather there this time of year is a high of 50 degrees and lows in the 20s.

Peter Renwick presented information about dogs at hot trials and how we all need to be more cognizant about the effect of high temperatures is on dogs.

2020 National Amateur Championship

- Peter Renwick was also slated to make a presentation on the Eastern Interclub plan for the 2020 trial but determined that with the change in rotation that moves Eastern Interclub's event to 2021 and the change in start date made the current presentation outdated. He would work with Tim Edwards to devise a new plan for 2021 and present at a later meeting.

The original agenda included an item regarding amateurs handling dogs belonging to others at a NAC and the role of professionals at a NAC, however, that item was not brought to the floor.